

Mrs. Ruby Baker is being recognized by the Ocean City Juneteenth Organization with the Family Values Award during the Inaugural Juneteenth Celebration & Brunch, June 17, 2017. The love for her family and community was without boundaries. Known as Aunt Ruby to friends and strangers alike, her doors were never closed and a good meal was always on the stove. Love, laughter, and discipline were staples in the Baker household. We are all better because she reached beyond the threshold of her doors.

Mrs. Baker was born to Benjamin and Martha Davis on October 18, 1934 in Fork, SC. At an early age she professed faith in Jesus Christ and united with the House of God in Mullins, SC. In 1957 she moved to Ocean City, NJ with her first born son, Eugene Davis. There she married Homer Baker, Sr. and through this union 3 children were born, Homer, Jr., Barbara and Charles. Mrs. Baker loved the Lord and she loved people. During her life she was an active member of the Shiloh Baptist Church and also St. James AME Church both located in Ocean City, NJ. When she moved to Egg Harbor Township, NJ in 1995, she transferred her membership to St. Paul AME church in Pleasantville NJ. Until her illness prevented her from being as active, she was known for singing on the Senior Choir and with the Gospel Chorus, leading fundraising drives such as State Rally Day, South Carolina Day and being chairperson for Women's Day. Mrs. Baker was recognized by her St. Paul AME church family with an appreciation dinner for her valued contributions. No one ever felt unloved or unwanted in her presence. She was known for being an excellent cook and took great delight in preparing delicious meals for all who entered her home. She had a gift for making each person feel special, loved and cherished. She was a mother figure to many. Mrs. Baker helped to raise every child in Pecks Beach Village. She kept their secrets, shared with them her wisdom, and would discipline them if she deemed it necessary. Her selflessness was legendary, her love was enormous, and her generosity was unparalleled. She never met a stranger and treated everyone she encountered as if she'd known them forever. Although the entire community regarded her as family her four children, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two special nephews and their families have continued her legacy.