



## Yita Baker

February 2, 1924 - May 20, 2006

Leota Baker went to be with her Lord on Saturday May 20, 2006. Services for Leota Baker, 82, of Tyler, will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 10:00 at Stewart Family Funeral Chapel with Reverend Dr. David Dykes and Reverend Dr. Darryle Dunks officiating. Burial will follow in Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mrs. Baker was born on February 2, 1924 to the late Ezra and Sallie Garrett in Anson, Texas. She retired from McAllen Independent School District in 1988 as the bookkeeper of Federal Programs for 25 years. She was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church and a member of the Son Shine Sunday School class. She was involved in Women's Ministry, intercessory prayer and Shepherding. She taught Sunday School and a leader in Training Union for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, A. G. Baker, her parents, and one sister. Survivors include her daughter, Darlene Hobby and husband Ted of Tyler; grandson, Tim Hobby and wife Darcy of San Antonio; two great grandchildren, Hannah and Andrew Hobby of San Antonio; brother, J.E. Garrett; sister, Mary Hoffman and husband Junior. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 P.M. Monday at Stewart Family Funeral Home 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas 75703. Pallbearers will be Leo Glover, Tom Kelly, and Herbert Franks. Honorary pallbearer will be John Robertson. Memorials in honor of Leota Baker may be made to: Green Acres Baptist Building Fund; 1607 Troup Hwy., Tyler, TX 75701. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com)



# Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Leota was a wonderful lady! I recall when we visited her and Uncle Chink at their home a few years back. She insisted on us staying to eat. So we did and had the best visit. My thoughts and prayers are with you all, as she will be missed greatly!

Love,  
Laurie

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**Laurie (Hoffman)Graham** - May 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Dear Darlene,

*We were so in love with your dear mother. She was such a good friend to Suzanne's mother Eleanor Scott. She called her to encourage her almost every day and brought food to them frequently.*

*Suzanne and I were impressed with her spiritual life, that she was unembarrassed to "walk to the beat of a different drummer," as she let Biblical values influence her outlook on life and how she spent her time.*

*May we all learn from her example!*

*Richard and Suzanne Handley*

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**Richard Handley** - May 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“*Darlene and Teddy.....I looked at Leota and saw a much-loved child of God and I know, beyond a shadow of a doubt where she is today. What a wonderful blessing she was to everyone she met. She was the most spiritual person I have ever known. To know her was an honor and to say she was "my dear friend" was a true blessing from God. She walked with God in every way possible. I will truly miss our talks and her spiritual guidance that she gave me. Praying the Lord will comfort you with His peace, surround you in His love and encourage you with His presence. Thinking of you in love.....Beth Ridenhour*

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**Beth Ridenhour** - May 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JS

“*My prayers are with you in this difficult time. May God's peace sustain you.*

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**Judy Soules** - May 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“*Darlene & Teddy: Just found the tributes for Leota and wanted to tell you how much we loved Mr. Chink & Mrs. Leota. We moved into our new home next door to them at the same time. They were such great neighbors, even though it was only for a short time, before we had to move back to the Dallas area. We will always remember them for their willing to help in any way possible. Our prayers are with you all in this difficult time.*

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**Billy L. & Kathleen Thompson** - May 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was so sadden by Leota's death. When we both lived in the Union Community near Anson, TX we were very close. I loved her dearly. We always kept in touch even though we married & had a lot of distance between us.  
Sorry I was unable to attend her funeral and be with the family. My prayers are with you all but we know she is free of any pain now, that she was well prepared and in a much better place.  
My love to all. God Bless.  
Viva

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**Viva Louise (Hellums) Mayfield** - May 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM