

*The family wishes to express their warmest and sincere thanks for the cards, flowers, food, visits and other acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement.*

*God bless you all*



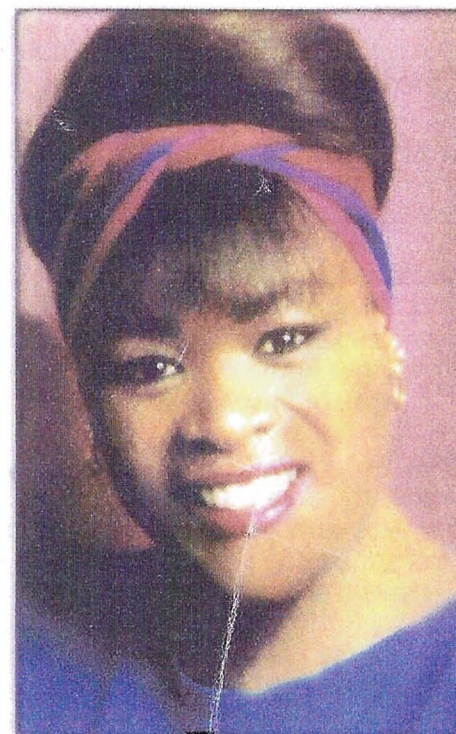
### Funeral Arrangements

EATON FUNERAL HOME  
513 12th St  
Modesto, CA 95354

Internment  
OAKDALE, CA

## *Sonya Marie Thompson*

Sunrise  
October 11, 1962  
Sunset  
May 4, 2005



Services  
Saturday, May 14, 2005  
11:00 a.m.

*Progressive Missionary Baptist Church*  
*530 4<sup>th</sup> Street*  
*Modesto, CA 95351*  
*Dr. Joe W. Tyler, Pastor*

## *Admiration for Sonya*

With a vibrant smile Sonya would say graciously "Thank You. Thank you for loving me, for your presence here and the prayers and encouraging words to my family."

She would also shout, "Celebrate! Celebrate my life with song and love for one another."

## *Life of Sonya Marie Thompson*

Born on October 11, 1962 in Nashua, New Hampshire to Barbara Baker-Williams and Pierce Thompson (deceased). Son Frederic Roberson and sister Laverne Baker precede her.

An enthused athlete and vocalist, Sonya participated in her high school gymnastic team and chorus. She also sang in the choirs of the churches she attended in New Hampshire, New Orleans and California including her home church, Progressive Missionary Baptist Church in Modesto.

A phlebotomist by profession, Sonya worked in various health facilities throughout the Stanislaus area. During her career she touched many lives with her attentiveness and charitable personality. Unfortunately, Sonya's career was ended by a serious and debilitating injury.

Sonya's devotion to the Lord allowed her to be a caring and loving daughter and Mother. She was a strong supporter of her siblings and other family members. Sonya reached out to her community tirelessly to bring joy to neighbors as well as strangers in spite of her health limitations. She will be remembered for her beautiful smile, infectious spirit and unconditional aid to others.

Sonya leaves to inspire her daughters, Sonfre Roberson of San Diego, CA and Stephonia Terry of Ceres, CA, mother Barbara Baker-Williams and step-father Alvin Williams; brothers Pierce Baker of Oakdale, CA, Gregory Thompson of San Jose, CA and Christopher Baker of Sunnyvale, CA; sister, Velma Campbell of Grovetown, GA; great aunt Olivia "Mamie" Landers and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

In memory of my sister, Sonya

## **Moments**

Your moments were His gift to us  
Moments of your laughter and joy  
Moments of your sorrow and pain  
Moments that brought life into this world  
Moments of bad cooking and burning  
Moment of your support and giving  
Moments of your wit and wisdom  
Moments of toughing so many hearts  
Moments of your songs and dance  
Moments of your creativity and artistry  
Moments of your faith that shaped you  
Moments that will never leave us  
These moments will ease our suffering  
For they were Sonya's Life  
Thank God for these moments  
Since they were yours to share

**Ganthony, your brother**



## Who will Cheer

There she was  
on the sidelines, cheering me on.  
I was 10 and she was 12.  
Wearing her cheerleading uniform, pompoms  
and the biggest smile  
as she watched me score a touchdown after I ran.

There she was  
on the sidelines cheering me on.  
I was 17 and she was 19.  
Wearing her new jeans and white blouse and the  
biggest smile as she looked at me with my  
high school diploma in hand.

There she was  
one the sideline cheering me on.  
I was 22 and she was 24.  
Wearing her blue dress and the biggest smile  
as she kissed me after I gave my wife  
her wedding band.

There she was  
one the sideline cheering me on.  
I was 30 and she was 32.  
Wearing her white sweat suit and the biggest smile  
as I told her about my new promotion at work, and  
she replied with her typical, "You the man!"

There she was  
on the sideline cheering me on.  
I was 40 and she was 42.  
Who will cheer for me now?

by Christopher Baker, Sonya's brother

## Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading

Old Testament . . . . . Reverend C. Fisher  
New Testament . . . . . Reverend R. Hollins

Prayer . . . . . Reverend H. Clark  
Selection . . . . . Voices of Progressive  
Acknowledgements . . . . . Sister R. Hollins  
Resolution . . . . . Sister L. Guilford  
Poem . . . . . Gregory Thompson

Chris Baker, Velma Campbell and Dante Baker

Solo . . . . . Isereal Gray  
Words of Expression/Expression.. (Open, 2 minutes)  
Selection . . . . . Voices of Progressive  
Obituary . . . . . L. Theresa Landersjonez  
Solo . . . . . Sister Patricia Woods  
Words of Comfort . . . . . Dr. J. W. Tyler

Parting View

Recessional

## Pallbearers

Eddie Dorsey      David Gibbs

Deacons

P. Peterson	C. Atterbury
V. Jones	C. Rattler
P. Wells	S. Bailey
C. Garrett	J. McClain