



## Mrs. Vanessa Baker-Rose

October 11, 1967 - May 19, 2022

Vanessa (Vino) Baker-Rose, 54, of Chicago, Illinois, passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 19, 2022.

Vanessa was born on October 11, 1967, to Mary Smith and Arthur (Tommy) Baker in Chicago, Illinois. Vanessa was a beautiful, strong, tenacious, supportive, loving, and caring person. She took in everyone around her including family, her children's friends and spouses. Everyone knew if you needed a place to eat, sleep, or gather the door was always open. Vanessa provided unconditional love and support to everyone within her reach.

Vanessa was also an amazing chef, loved fashion, poetry, the arts, preparing floral arrangements, and party planning. She had a passion for creating one-of-a-kind events. She married her love of cooking and decorating to create unique experiences. Some of the events she cultivated included her eldest daughter's Angelica (Jelly) Baker-Hernandez wedding, the weddings of the friends of her eldest daughter, and her eldest grandson's Arthur (Jay-Jay) Robinson prom.

Vanessa did not live a traditional life. She left home at an early age, was a single mother and postponed her dreams to raise her children Angelica Baker-Hernandez, Aaron Gilbert, Elvina McMillian, Elvin McMillian, Orellano McMillian, and Stella Baker. She did an amazing job raising her children and

she was still able to accomplish her goals later in life. She valued education and always taught her children to value it as well.

Vanessa received her High School Equivalency Certificate from Dawson Technical Institute in 1994, after receiving her High School Equivalency Certificate she enrolled and completed her CNA certification in 1996. Years later, she went on to study Culinary Arts at Kennedy-King College. While attending Kennedy-King College Vanessa worked two jobs, helped to babysit and raise her grandchildren. Vanessa was determined to show her children and grandchildren that they could accomplish their goals at any age, it is never too late.

After graduating with a degree in Applied Science Culinary Arts with Honors, she started her first job at Northshore Hospital as a Grill Cook, kickstarting her career in “the” Culinary “Arts”. Vanessa went on to have a number of roles at different organizations. “Ar the time of her passing”, she was currently working at The Shirley-Ryan Ability Lab which she loved.

In 2012, Vanessa met Israel on an online dating website. Vanessa and Israel went on to get married in 2015. Although Vanessa and Israel did not have any children together they had a blended family with Vanessa’s five children Angelica Baker-Hernandez, Aaron Gilbert, Elvina McMillian, Elvin McMillian, and Stella Baker and Israel’s two children Anelia Rose and Zinedine Rose. Israel and Vanessa enjoyed traveling and cooking together. The two of them planned to open a restaurant in the near future.

Vanessa was preceded in death by her (mother) Mary Smith, (father) Arthur (Tommy) Baker, (sister) Stella Smith, (brother) Julius Addison, (brother) James Johnson and (son) Orellano McMillian.

She is survived by (husband) Israel Rose, (daughter) Angelica Baker-

Hernandez, (son) Aaron Gilbert, (daughter) Elvina  
McMillian, (son) Elvin McMillian, (daughter) Stella Baker, (daughter-in-love)  
Jasmin McClain, (son-in-love) Genaro Hernandez, (son-in-love) Kelley Lowe,  
(step-daughter) Anelia Rose, (step-son) Zinedine Rose, (grandson) Arthur  
(Jay-Jay) Robinson, (grandson) Aaron McClain, (grandson) Armani McClain,  
(grand-daughter) Aaliyah McClain, (grandson) Aidan McMillian, (grand-  
daughter) Christina Wells-Baker, (grand-daughter) Alyssa Hernandez,  
(grandson) Kristian Wells-Baker, (grand-daughter) Crystal Wells Baker,  
(grand-daughter) Aniyah McClain, (grandson) Jarrod Hubbard, (grandson)  
Karter Baker, (grand-daughter) Ariel Lowe, (grandson) Lamir Gibson,  
(grandson) Zerian Baker, (grandson) Aces McClain, (sister) Vounda Levy,  
(sister) Wanda Washington, (sister) Donna Rodgers, (brother) Darryl Johnson,  
(sister and life-long friend) Tonya Turner and a host of nieces, nephews, great  
nieces, and nephews that she loved dearly.

# Previous Events

## Service

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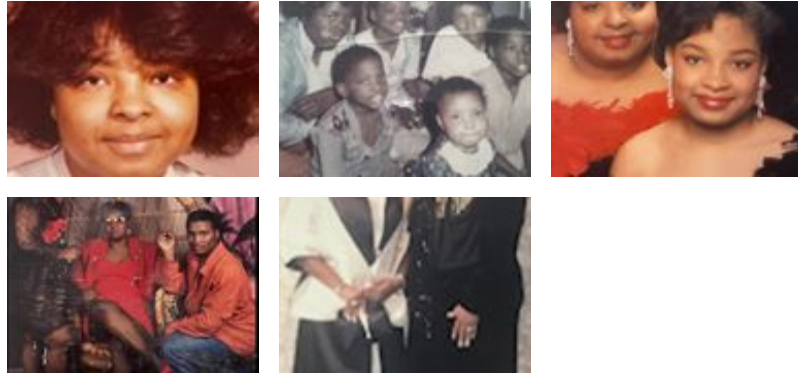


“ *I remember when I didn't have anyone to help me decorate for my at home wedding dinner. Me and my Aunt hadn't spoken in months, however, I asked her and she was right there for me. She did a beautiful job too! Perfect example of loving from a distance... but loved nonetheless! I love you my beautiful Aunt!*

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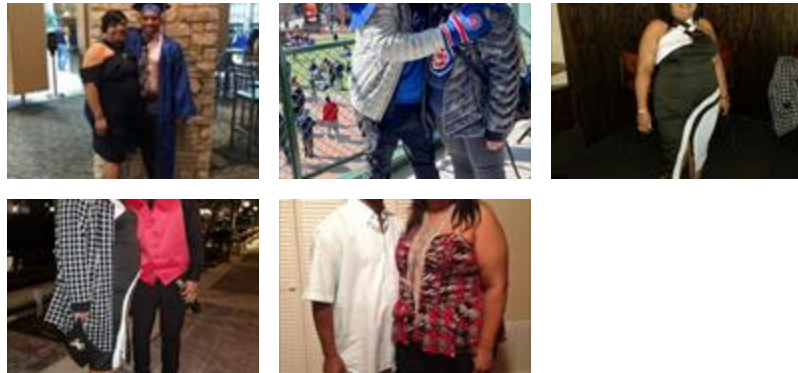


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