



# MHA Women's History Month 2019



## **Almeda S. Baker**

Almeda S. Baker always had kind words for me and my pitifulness. More than that, whenever I asked her how any one of her kids were doing, she could answer... no matter how near or far they were from her. I remember she would hang meat in her kitchen to dry (she would even let me sneak a piece every now and again). Another time, one of my nieces asked her to mend her jeans because they had a rip in them. When she finished sewing them, my

niece and I were both amazed at her work. When we looked at them, they looked as if they had never been ripped.

I'm sure there are way more noteworthy accolades that she achieved in her life. However, I chose to share these stories because it is the homemakers, first-teachers, mothers, grandmothers and keepers-of-love (or women) in general who get overlooked in this modern age. To make a house a home is "remarkable" to me. To care for the little keepers-of-love (children) is "remarkable" to me. To care for family is "remarkable" to me. To be a modern indigenous woman is "remarkable" to me. In my eyes, Almeda S. Baker was all of these things and more.

Almeda S. Baker was an amazing woman to me. Oftentimes, we overlook the women close to us. It only felt right to choose a matriarch of my family who had a direct positive influence on my life.