

*Celebrating the Life & Legacy
Of
Berkley McIntyre
"Mr. Mac" or "Mac The Barber"*

Sunrise
July 18, 1925

Sunset
August 3, 2019



Service:
Saturday, August 10, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

575 E. 18th Street

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Randall M. Lassiter, Pastor

Precious



Memories



Reflections of Life

Berkley McIntyre, affectionately known as “Berk, Mr. Mac, Mac the Barber, Mac Daddy and Uncle Mac” by many, was born to Bessie (Hickman) McIntyre and Edgar McIntyre on July 18, 1925 in Whiteville, North Carolina.

After attending high school, he enlisted in the United States Army during World War II and reached the rank of Sargent. After his honorable discharge from the United States Army, Berkley attended school in Wilson, North Carolina where he became a licensed barber. Subsequently, he relocated to Paterson, New Jersey where he continued to hone his skills as a Master Barber and eventually worked for Charles Higgs at his shop on the corner of East 18th Street and 12th Avenue. After the untimely death of Mr. Higgs in the early 1970’s, Berkley became the sole proprietor of the barbershop, which he renamed “Mac’s Ideal Barbershop”.

Mac or Mr. Mac, as known by many of his customers, ruled his shop with humor and laughter. Always known to crack a joke and speak bluntly about any and everything, he was loved and admired by many whom sat in his chair or just came through to just shoot the breeze while he listened to Jazz 88 on the radio.

Berkley, who’s career as a barber exceeded over 60 years, continued to work until March 2015, when he retired at the tender age of 89.

FAMILY LIFE

Berkley married the love of his life, the late Cora Lee McIntyre in September 1958. Out of this union came two daughters Karen and Ida. Berkley had an undying love for his family. Anyone who came through his

barbershop knew about his daughters “Karen and Ida”, whom he raised with a loving heart, a stern hand and strong sense of independence.

Berkley was a sharp dresser and very loyal to those he loved. He was member of the Calvary Baptist Church Paterson for over fifty years. He joined under the leadership of Rev. C.C. Currin. While a strong Christian, he was known to speak his mind, whether you liked it or not. This was his way of letting you know he only wanted what was best for you. He did not have the patience for foolishness and believed in taking responsibility for oneself. One of his favorite sayings was “Self-preservation is the first law of nature”. He said what he meant and meant what he said; which was one of the many things people loved about him.

As he underwent numerous hospital stays over the last few years, Berkley was known as the “King of the Come Back”. If he went down, it was not for long. However, his health began to decline this year and he gained his angel wings on August 3, 2019, just a little over two weeks after his 94th birthday.

Berkley was predeceased by his parents, Bessie and Edgar McIntyre; his wife, Cora Lee McIntyre; his brother Arthur McIntyre; and his sisters, Ida Brown; Daisy Canady; and Corina McIntyre.

He leaves to cherish precious memories: his daughters Ida L. McIntyre of Piscataway, New Jersey and Karen M. LaBerth and her husband Alvan of North Plainfield, New Jersey; his grandchildren Alexandria, Andrea and Alvan LaBerth Jr; his sister Ella Mae Ormond of Williamston, North Carolina; his sisters-in-law Vesta Jordan of Hattiesburg, Mississippi and Valeria Anderson and Miriam Frazier of Paterson, New Jersey; and last, but not least, his faithful friend and caretaker Frederick Epps; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Invocation/Prayer

Hymn of Praise“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament-Isaiah 41:10

New Testament-1 Peter 5:6-7

Words of Comfort.....Jeanette S. Lyde
Chairwoman, Calvary Baptist Church
Deacon Board
Annabelle Jones
Chairwoman, Calvary Baptist Church
Deaconess Board

Reflections.....Dr. Dorothy Carolina
Rev. Sarah O. Faison
Deaconess Valeria Anderson

Reflections of Life/Acknowledgements . . Helene S. Anderson

Solo

Eulogy Pastor Randall M. Lassiter

Benediction/Recessional

Interment

Monday, August 12, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

Fairlawn Cemetery
22-21 Maple Avenue
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

To My Nieces:

“God is Good!” Berkley was a Rock, a Fighter, a Warrior., Karen and Ida were his “cut men and coaches in his corner.” “Berk” answered each time that bell rang...he kicked that stool out of the way, took a deep breath and went another round....then another and another and another....then one day he said “I think it is time to hang ‘em up”. “Berk” did it his way with with God’s Grace, his girls and Fred. I am gonna miss Berkley and was glad to have been there for part of his journey. He ran a good race, fought a great fight, stayed the course and stood the test of time. Now that is a Winner ! God is good and his mercy is everlasting! My eyes are filled with tears, but my heart is filled with Love. You know I wish I could be there with you but my spirit and heart are always wherever you girls are...Rejoice in his Love!

Vesta Jordan
Sister in Law

Acknowledgment of Appreciation

The family of **Berkley McIntyre** wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation all acts of kindness extended during their bereavement.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Mr. Frederick Epps for his unconditional love, devotion and gentleness in taking care of our beloved Berkley during this difficult time of his death. Fred was a good friend and truly a blessing.

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