

*A Celebration of the Life For*  
*William M. Chase*

Sunrise  
January 12, 1953

Sunset  
May 24, 2020



*Service*

*Friday, June 5, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.*

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## Obituary

On a cold winter day, January 12, 1953 a beautiful baby boy was born to the union of Bernard L. and Pearl G. Chase. They named him William McClain Chase he was the fifth child in the Chase Family. His parents and two sibling Bernard Chase Jr., Ida Marie English (Chase) and his Eldest Daughter Felicia Purdie all Preceded him in death.

William (AKA) Mack, Mackey, Chase, and Will grew up in North Newark, NJ in the Walsh Bishop Home on Mc Carter Hwy where he attended Broadway Junior High, Following Barringer High School all located in Newark, NJ. All through his life Mack was known for his caring personality, and his love for laughter. He always found a reason to see and hear others laughter by telling his jokes and being the center of the party, wherever he showed up laughter always followed. No matter what life challenges came his way, he always found humor in them all, including your life challenges.

Mack later decided to serve his country by joining the United States Army in the 70's, which he served for 3 years with an honorable discharge. He later had 3 beautiful children whom he loved dearly, they were his heart. In 2007 he became a counselor, which he fully achieved and became a very successful Peer Counselor as he served his peers with such compassion and dedication for 12-13 yrs at The Lyon V.A. in New Jersey until his death.

He later met the love of his life, July 2012 his loving wife Catherine E. Wiley-Chase they were inseparable. After so many years of such a beautiful and loving relationship, they joined in Holy Matrimony May 27, 2019. There were no children from this union, but the love for each other was birth through this union from the beginning until the end. After a long battle with Diabetes, William McClain Chase was called by the Lord to rest on May 24, 2020 at the V.A. Hospital.

To Celebrate his Life he leaves behind his Loving Wife Catherine E Wiley-Chase, 2 sisters, Yvonne Delores Shomo, Pastor Mabel R Lallo, two Children DaJuana Purdie (Detroit), William Purdie, 9 grandchildren, 3 great grands, 12 nieces and nephews total. He also leaves behind numerous family members and friends.

*John 14:1-3 (NIV) Let not your Heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*





## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **William M. Chase** wishes to express our sincere thanks for the prayers and other expressions of love during our time of bereavement.

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