

*Celebrating the Life of
William Henry Macklin, Jr.*

Sunrise: October 21, 1940 - Sunset: August 29, 2021



Saturday, September 11, 2021 - 12PM

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Obituary

William Henry Macklin, Jr., known to many people as “Mack” or “Big Junior” was born on October 21, 1940 in Harlem Hospital, to the late William Henry Macklin, Sr. and the late Mary Logan. William departed this life on August 29, 2021 at 3:40pm.

William attended Public School 186 and George Washington High School in New York. However, he graduated from Laurinburg Institute High School in North Carolina on May 28, 1961. William also attended and graduated from two years of college.

In 1980, William moved from Manhattan to Long Island, he resided with his mother and helped care for her. He also worked on Wall Street for many years, where he retired and continued to work. Mack received his CDL license, and he started working for IMI Transportation as a dedicated worker for 10 years; making sure people had transportation to their dialysis appointments.

In 2005, William met the love of his life, Cynthia L. Leggett, they were married on May 29, 2021. Cynthia expressed, “William was such an inspiration in my life. We fell in love with each other. Not only was he my husband, but he was a father figure and mentor to me as well. I will forever miss him, I will forever be his wife and I will forever cherish him. He was a wonderful man.”

In addition to his love for his wife, William loved spending time with his family and friends in Virginia, and he certainly enjoyed spending time with his wife’s children and grandchildren. He was the best father and grandfather that anyone could have asked for. He loved fishing, basketball (he played for many years when he was young), he loved attending his grandchildren’s basketball games, and plenty of family events. William also enjoyed music such as R&B (The Whispers), Jazz and much more. Most importantly, William loved the Lord, he attended Convent Baptist Church for many years.

William is survived by: his wife, Cynthia L. Macklin; his children, William, Kimberly and Tiffany; his grandchildren, Brook, Chloe, Chaize, Sterling and Zeuri; his stepchildren, Dominique, Curtis, Sherelle, (Antoine, deceased), Andrea, Audrey, Anthony, Estelle and Andrew; step-grandchildren, Christopher, Elizabeth, Neveah, Antoine, Isaiah, Londlyn, Aidyn, Amiya, Noah, Amir, Adonis and Mason; his sisters, Evelyn, Sandra, Stella and Cynthia; (his brothers, Gregory and Richard, both deceased); his mother-in-law, Catherine Leggett; sisters-in-law, Yvonne and Estelle; brother-in-law, Kevin; favorite great nieces, Tina Mitchell and Wanda Oree; favorite great great nephew, Christian N. Williams; and a host of other family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Rev. Tyrone Richardson

Scripture Readings

Apostle Martina Mitchell

Prayer

Selection

Rev. Tyrone Richardson

Poem

“I’m Free”

Cynthia L. Macklin (Wife)

Remarks

Obituary

Neveah Stone (Granddaughter)

Selection

“Here and Now” (Luther Vandross)

Rev. Tyrone Richardson

Eulogy

Apostle Martina Mitchell

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

FINAL DISPOSITION:

Rosehill Crematory

Linden, New Jersey



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 his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah 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 savoured 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.

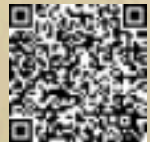
Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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