



## Mack Iver Baldwin

December 29, 1950 - October 29, 2022

Mack Iver Baldwin was born on December 29th, 1950, to his loving parents Henrietta and Oscar Baldwin in the small town of Elizabethtown, North Carolina. He was the second youngest of twelve children; with brothers Walter, Ernest, Elijah, Jill (Oscar), Perry, George; and sisters Ailene, Madie, Maryline, and his baby sister Ann, who he loved dearly. During his formative years Mack began to develop what would become an enduring life principle, his relationship with God, which he maintained throughout his many years. He would later diligently teach all of his sons Psalm 23, which continues to provide them comfort and confidence throughout life's trials.

Mack's faith and devotion to family were the source of his hard work ethic which was also nurtured at an early age. He appreciated the value of a dollar and saved every penny, often recalling how he saved up for his first bike and how he took on the role of banker for his mother, Henrietta. At the age of 16, Mack left Elizabethtown and moved to Paterson, NJ joining his older brothers Perry and Walter. He graduated from Kennedy High School where he was a stellar student-athlete, whose prowess on the baseball diamond evoked comparisons to Roberto Clemente. He later attended William Paterson Community College. Inspired by the civil rights movement, Mack became an active participant. He would later recall one of his proudest moments was working on the grassroots campaign for President Barack Obama's first election. He was overjoyed at being able to contribute to the historic election

of our country's first Black President.

While working in Paterson, Mack met his first wife Bonnie Ruffin, who he had two sons with, Derick and Michael Baldwin. Early in their marriage, he joined the United States Army and went to Vietnam. It was there the principles of discipline, teamwork, and respect for others were truly honed. He would often speak about how people from all over the country with different backgrounds had to rely on each other to ensure their collective survival. He served two tours in Vietnam admirably and was awarded the Bronze Star. However, the war was hard on him and forced him to be away for long periods of time from his family. As a war hero, he endured experiences those who have never fought could only imagine. Mack continued in his military service until 1988, serving as a drill instructor preparing new recruits for the army life. In 1980 Mack married his second wife Laverne Foster from Teaneck, NJ. They would share two sons, Daryl and Matthew Baldwin. He was very active in their upbringing coaching their biddy basketball and baseball teams in Teaneck. Mack also had two other children, Althea and Zanna through other relationships. Although he missed their formative years, he loved them dearly and got to know them later in life, attempting to make up for lost time when he could.

Mack held a variety of jobs over the years including working for General Motors, Bergen County, a limousine company, and eventually started his own flooring business with his older brother Walter. A firm disciplinarian, he instilled a hard work ethic into his sons and the importance of being gainfully employed in order to provide for family. His entrepreneurial spirit lives on in all of his sons who now have their own businesses. In his spare time Mack enjoyed playing chess and dancing. He was loved by many and his generosity was also well known and felt by his loved ones, neighbors, and even strangers who he would give rides to even into his late 60s.

He was a kind soul and always willing to help. Mack is survived by his ex-wife Laverne, children Derick Baldwin, Althea Watson, Zana McDowell, Michael

Baldwin, Daryl Baldwin, Matthew Baldwin, and sister Anne Baldwin. His legacy also lives on through numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother, Henrietta Baldwin, father, Oscar Baldwin, brothers, Ernest, Elijah, Jill (Oscar), Walter, George, and Perry, and sisters, Madie, Ailene, and Maryline. Mack passed away peacefully on October 29th in Paterson, NJ, where he had recently moved to spend more time with his children and grandchildren.

Mack's intelligence, contagious laughter, friendliness, generosity, and work ethic will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of all who had the privilege of knowing and loving him. He will be truly missed but never forgotten.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Community Baptist Church  
224 1st Street  
Englewood, NJ

## Funeral Service

NOV 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Community Baptist Church  
224 1st Street  
Englewood, NJ

## Committal Service

NOV 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
350 Provinceline Road  
Wrightstown, NJ 08562

*Please arrive no later than 11:00 AM.*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mack Iver Baldwin*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Mack Iver Baldwin*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the family. Mack will always be in our hearts and memories. We will cherish the fun times we shared in Teaneck together.  
Love the Pough Family.*

**Donna Worrell** - November 17, 2022 at 03:37 PM



*My sincerest and deepest condolences to the family. I will forever remember BlkMack. His frequent calls, his outlook on life. His surprise visits, his laughter, his love for God and his children will always be with me. I miss him sorely, I will never forget him.  
Deepest regards Rose Stacker-Butler 🌹*

**Rose Stacker-Butler** - November 19, 2022 at 12:07 AM

BF

“ Sincere condolences to the Family. Mack was a straight forward, to the point person. He always love to have conversations with everyone (Army Tradition).  
He loved his family and country. “Thank You For Your Service”. Rest In Peace.

*The Baker Family*

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**Baker Family** - November 16, 2022 at 02:26 PM

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“ The Baker Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mack Iver Baldwin.



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**The Baker Family** - November 16, 2022 at 12:36 PM

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“ Mack was a wonderful brother in law. He blessed me with four nephews that I cherish. I will never forget his smile and fun loving personality.

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**Audrey Warren** - November 15, 2022 at 07:57 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mack Iver Baldwin.



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November 14, 2022 at 12:24 PM

AB

“ My condolences to the family. Uncle Mack you will be truly missed but never forgotten. You were always the life of the party. Your memories I will cherish forever. Fly high and be our guardian angel in the sky. ❤️❤️❤️❤️🕊️



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**Areliia Burney** - November 03, 2022 at 02:36 PM

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Our deepest condolences to the family. Mack will always be in our hearts and memories. I will cherish the fun times we shared in Teaneck together. 🙏🙏🙏 Love the Pough Family.

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**Donna Worrell** - November 17, 2022 at 10:02 AM