



## Walter McLaughlin

May 5, 1929 - May 18, 2015

### Reflection of the Life of Walter “Mack” McLaughlin

Walter “Mack” McLaughlin entered eternal rest on Monday, May 18, 2015. He was born May 5, 1929, to the late Vaughn and Beatrice McLaughlin, Perry County, Alabama. On June 30, 1955 he married Mattie McLaughlin and relocated to Alexandria, Virginia.

Mack migrated to Chicago, Illinois to live with his cousin and got a job working with Redd Foxx and Redd Foxx love him like a son. Working for Foxx he met some of the great black entertainers Jimmy Reid, Muddy Waters, Johnny Lee Hooker, Della Reese, Sam Cooke and B.B. King. After several years of life’s lessons learning through the hard road of the chitlin circuit, Mack decided to join the military. In 1951 he enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Korean War and three (3) tours in Vietnam. After 20 years of service he was honorably discharged in 1971. He then was employed by the Fairfax County Sheriff’s Department, becoming the second black male deputy sheriff of Fairfax and a devoted servant to the people and the community in need.

Mack is preceded in death by his parents, Vaughn and Beatrice McLaughlin; his devoted and loving wife Mattie McLaughlin, son Walter “Punch” McLaughlin, Jr., two brothers, W.C. McLaughlin, Eugene “Jake” McLaughlin.

Left to cherish his memories are his three sons Kenneth “Butch” McLaughlin

of Kansas City, KS, Charles McLaughlin of Vienna, VA and Richard McLaughlin of Alexandria, VA; one granddaughter Raven McLaughlin of New York, NY; two grandsons Wendell McLaughlin, Ryder McLaughlin of Lacalgara Canada; one daughter-in-law Rita McLaughlin of Woodbridge, VA; one brother James "Doc" McLaughlin (Delsie), four sister-in-laws Emma Walker Henderson (James Earl) Kansas City, KS, Viola Walker Henderson (Lester) Terrell, TX, Leola Walker Polk (Jacob) Dallas, TX ; Fammie Preston of Dallas, TX; one brother-in-law Hugh L. Walker of Dallas, Texas; and a host family and friends.

Today we celebrate Mack's Life and he will live in our hearts forever

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St John Baptist Church  
7730 Fordson Rd  
Alexandria, VA 22306

## funeral service

MAY 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Interment

JUN 18. 9:00 AM (ET)

Arlington National Cemetery  
Arlington, VA