



## Iry McKenzie, Sr.

July 4, 1928 - April 30, 2020

### A Celebration of Life for Iry McKenzie

Iry McKenzie, also affectionately known by many as “Buddy” or “Mack” came into this world on July 4, 1928, and transitioned from this life on Thursday, April 30, 2020 following a brief illness.

Iry was the youngest son of John and Laura McKenzie, and the youngest brother of 8 siblings all of whom preceded him in death. Buddy is the nickname given to him by his siblings.

Iry’s early years were spent in Whiteville, North Carolina prior to his enlistment into the Army, where he served from 1950 – 1952. Following his discharge from the Army, Iry made Baltimore, Maryland his home, where he obtained work with Amoco Oil, where he worked for many years eventually retiring as an equipment operator. Immediately following his retirement he returned to the work force as a Custodian for the Anne Arundel County Board of Education. Iry was not just a hard-working man, he was a son, brother, uncle, father and husband. He worked tirelessly to provide for his family. Iry’s work ethic was unmatched, which he made sure it was something he passed onto to his children and the generations that followed.

Iry has six children, as did his sweetheart and wife, Nina, so between the two they had twelve children to raise, guide, and provide for. Over the years they were blessed with many grand- children, great grand-children, and great, great grand-children.

Iry was known by many throughout South Baltimore's Fairfield Community as "Mack". Mack loved to look good, and smell good, but his other love that he is most known for is his love for nice cars. Many friends and neighbors throughout the community speak of seeing Mack outside in the dead of winter washing his Lincoln.

Those left to cherish his memory: His wife, Nina, twelve children (Sheila, Junior (Iry Jr.), Kenny, Judy, Dennis, Priscilla, Darlene, Bernard, Paul, Charles, Cora, and Tony), Many grand- children, great grand-children, great, great grand-children, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family expresses many Thanks to all for the words of comfort, and concern, as well as the many acts of kindness shown.

Sincerely,

The Family