Order of SERVICE

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 - 12:00 pm
MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
3240 Adams Street
Denver, Colorado 80205
REVEREND DWIGHT SEAWOOD, OFFICIATING AND EULOGIST

Processional.....Tara Washington Everette | Lewis Temple
"The Battle Is The Lords"

A Glimpse Till Glory.....Funeral Directors
Selection.....Musicians
"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Comfort from the Scripture.....Rev. Dr. Eula M. Barnes

Old Testament Psalm 23
New Testament John 14:1-6

Prayer of Solace.....Rev. R. Arnett Fugett
Selection.....Musicians
"Going Up Yonder"

Acknowledgements, Condolences, Resolutions, & Obituary.....Jacquelyn S. Sample
Pipkin Braswell Presents....."A Moment of Reflection"
Special Remarks.....Richard Smith, Denver Public Schools (Retired)

Reflections

Don Short Mitzi Collins
Kourtney Brodnax Christopher Baird

Selection.....Musicians
"I Won't Complain"

Eulogy.....Rev. Dwight Seawood
Recessional.....Tara Washington Everette | Lewis Temple
"Take Me To The King"

Please Join Us In The Outside Courtyard

For A Balloon Release Celebrating
Maceo's 92nd Birthday

Active Pallbearers

Anthony Murphy Donald Neroes Edward Blackmon
Raymond Thomas Don Short Ronald Slaughter

Honorary Pallbearers

John Rose Paul Sample Charles Leali
Richard Smith Joseph Johnson William Raynor

Final Resting Place and Committal Service

Hampden Memorial Gardens
Denver, Colorado

Acknowledgement

During a time like this, we learn how much
our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy
will always be treasured. May God richly Bless each of you.
The family of Maceo Henry Brodnax, Jr.

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"When Someone You Love Becomes A Memory, The Memory Becomes A Treasure."

Celebrating THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

Maceo Henry BRODNAX, JR.

June 22, 1930 ~ June 13, 2022

Life's Journey

Maceo Henry Brodnax, Jr.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."
Matthew 5:16

The light of Maceo Henry Brodnax, Jr. began to shine, when he blessed his parents, Maceo Henry Brodnax, Sr. and Lucille Brown Brodnax with his birth on June 22, 1930, in Kansas City, Missouri. He was the second child born in the family. He was raised surrounded by the love of his sister, Doris. As a child, he enjoyed swimming at the Glenarm, the 20th Street Recreation Center and the Curtis Park Pool. He was given the nickname "Sonny Boy" when he was younger. He also enjoyed playing football, basketball, and baseball.

Maceo received his formal education by first attending Whittier Elementary School, in Denver, Colorado, where Marie L. Anderson-Greenwood was his first-grade teacher. He graduated from Manual High School in 1948. He furthered his education by attending the University of Denver where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education in 1952. He continued his education and earned a master's degree in Counseling/Guidance from the University of Denver in 1957.

He received post graduate studies from the University of Colorado and Adams State College. He was an Assistant Coach in football and a Head Coach in baseball at Manual High School. He later became the first black official in Colorado to work at a high school level and the first to work at state level tournaments. He became an Educator, Coach, and Mentor to many young people during his illustrious career. He primarily worked in the Denver Public Schools, but he maintained secondary endeavors which allowed him to continue encouraging youth. Throughout his career, he was admired for his strength, tenacity, humility, and his ability to inspire others. He often said, "I always felt I could do anything as well as anyone else."

Maceo first wed, Laverne Brodnax in Denver, Colorado. To this union, Frank, Mitzi, and Marc were born. On June 24, 1989, he married, Donna Baird. They exchanged vows at Macedonia Baptist Church. With this union, he became the father of Christopher. The couple enjoyed traveling, dining in new restaurants, and spending quality time with family and friends. Marc remembers his dad as always attending his football games. Mitzi remembers her dad as always available when needed and picking her up from school. Chris remembers his dad as encouraging and being present during sports and other school activities. He was later blessed with five grandchildren, Kourtney, Christian, Langston, Ophelia, and Solomon, who all were an additional source of joy and pride in his life. They lovingly called him "Pop-Pop" and "Pop-Pop Maceo." Kourtney fondly remembers making fresh fruit smoothies when "Pop-Pop" would visit. She made sure his smoothie was extra special with toppings and served in her favorite glass. They then would sit and watch Sports Center and talk about his days as a referee.

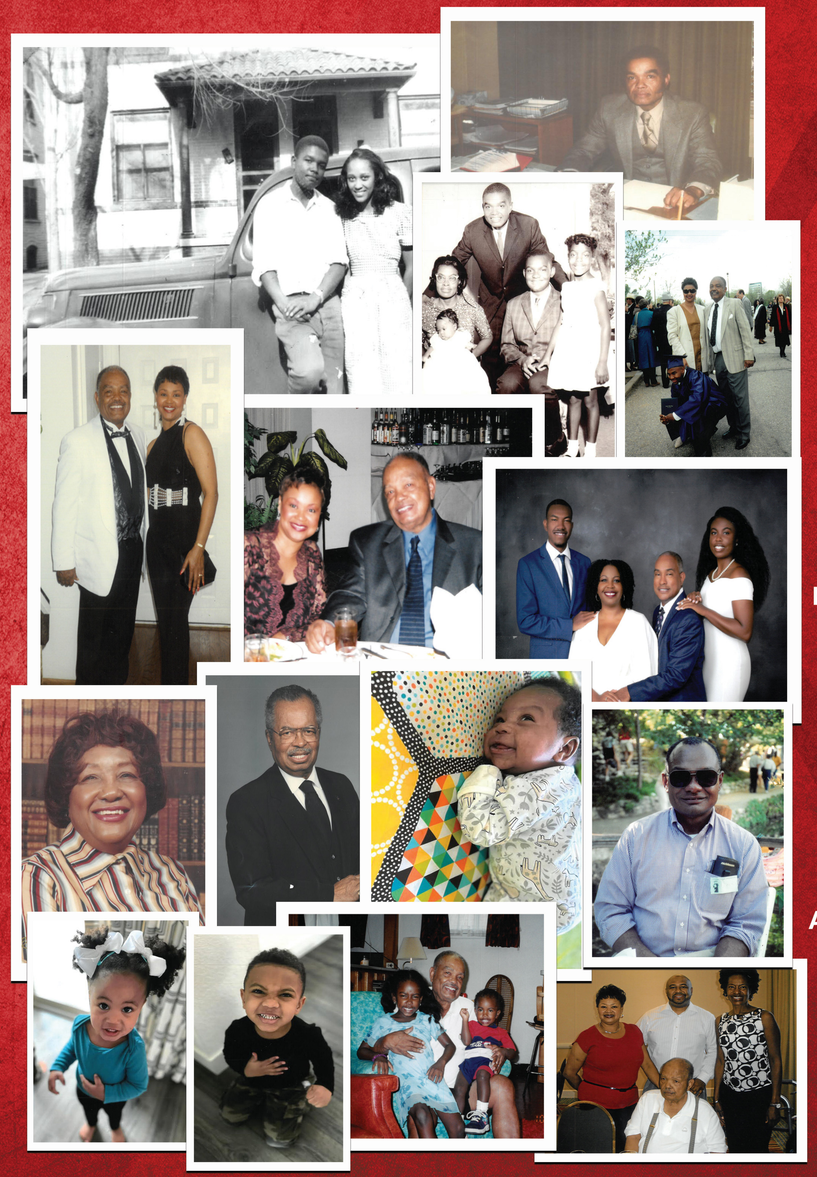
A man of faith and belief in the Lord, Maceo was a longtime member of Macedonia Baptist Church. He believed in the power of prayer and having the right relationship with the Lord. He served his church and the Lord as a member of the Educational Resource Committee. At the time of his passing, he had been a member for over thirty-three years.

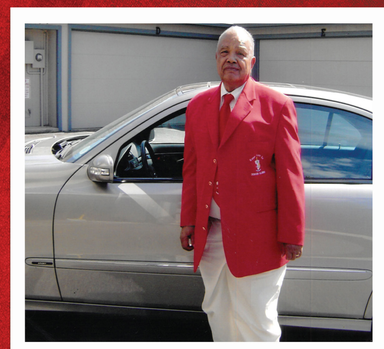
Some of Maceo's civic and community activities include being Activity Director for the Metropolitan State College where he implemented the National Youth Sports Program for the National Collegiate Athletic Association. He was a noted member of the University of Denver Pioneers All-Time Roster. He was inducted in the Colorado High School Activities Association Hall of Fame. He was awarded the Unsung Hero Award by former Denver Mayor Wellington Webb. He has served as a Century Team member of Manual High School. Maceo was a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., with 72 years of achievement. He was a charter member of their Beta Theta Chapter. He was also a charter member of the Colorado Black Round Table, where he earned recognition as a Champion of Education.

Maceo was a fun-loving man, who enjoyed life and those he encircled. In his free time, he enjoyed reading the newspaper, watching baseball, football, and basketball games on television. He also enjoyed western movies, and Family Feud. He will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known this kind and giving man, who freely gave his time, talents, and wisdom to all. To know Maceo was to love him.

He is preceded in death by son, Maceo Frank Brodnax; and a sister, Doris Calloway.

Maceo Henry Brodnax, Jr., departed this life to the embrace of the Lord on June 13, 2022, in Aurora, Colorado. Those left to cherish his memory and mourn his loss include his loving and devoted wife, Donna Baird Brodnax of Denver, CO; 2 sons, Marc K. (Melanie) Brodnax of LA, CA, and Christopher L. (Adriana) Baird; 1 daughter, Mitzi J. (Tim) Collins all of Denver, CO; 5 grandchildren, Kourtney J. Brodnax, Christia A. Brodnax both of LA, CA, Langston R. Leadon-Baird, Ophelia E. Leadon-Baird, and Solomon E. Leadon-Baird all of Denver, CO; 2 sisters in-law, Shirley Grantham of Aurora, CO, and Margaret (Joseph) Johnson of Smyrna, DE; 1 brother in-law, William (Betty) Raynor of Baltimore, MD; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.





Celebrate My Life

Remember me with love and joy.
Let gratitude fill your heart.
Thankful for the time we had.
Gone…yet not a part.

If we measured life in moments,
Not in months or years.
I lived a hundred lifetimes,
Love by all who hold me dear.

I hope you'll find your smile,
And generously speak my name.
Shared stories and my heart.
Your love for life unchanged.

Celebrate the life I lived,
I will be watching from above.
I am always with you,
Sending you my light and love.