

William Ernest "Mac" McIntosh, Jr.

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William was born in Des Moines, Iowa to the late William Ernest McIntosh and Thelma Mae (Burrell) McIntosh. Mac moved to Minneapolis and graduated from South High School with honors. In 1963, he enlisted in the United States Marines and courageously fought in the Vietnam War, where he became a Sargent E-5. After the Marines, he continued his education at Metropolitan State Junior College and received his Associate Arts Degree in Economics from McAlester College in St. Paul, Minnesota and matriculated at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis for his MBA.

Mac has two daughters, Tambra and Monica. He and Helen Young McIntosh have enjoyed twenty-seven years of marriage and they have three sons, Brian, Blair and Blake.

He is a thirty year seasoned automotive entrepreneur, with twelve years in the wholesale environment and eighteen years in the retail environment. Just prior to passing, he was the President and CEO of Kirkland Chrysler-Jeep, one of the largest Chrysler-Jeep dealerships in the Northwest. He was also Manager of Mac and Sons, LLC, a real estate company in which his three sons are co-owners. He is also the owner of the Puget Sound Jets Semi-Pro Football Team.

From 1973 to 1994, before becoming an automobile entrepreneur, Mac was employed at the Chrysler Corporation. During this tenure he held positions in sales, marketing and merchandising, advancing to assistant and zone manager of the Syracuse Zone. His last position at the Chrysler Corporation was Staff Executive to Mr. E. T. Pappert, Vice President for th North American Sales. During this tenure, he established the retail dealer program and placed Chrysler's first twenty-seven black dealers. This project was commissioned by Chairman Lee Iacocca and continues to serve the nation with ninety-two black owned and operated dealerships today. He was the past president and co-founder of NAMAD, the National Association of Minority Automobile Dealers and the past president and co-founder of CMDA, Chrysler Motors Minority Dealer Association, a strong Chrysler self-help group.

Mac held the distinction for eight years as one of *Black Enterprise's* Top 100 Automotive Dealers, receiving a ranking as high as 13 with 55 million dollars in sales revenue. He was also the recipient of five Chrysler Pacesetter Awards, The Lee Iacocca Salute to Freedom Award, Chrysler coveted Award for Excellence, nine Chrysler "Just The Best" Awards and numerous other Chrysler Sales, Service and Customer Relaton Awards. Mac is a decorated Vietnam Veteran, having served as a Sargent E-5 with the Third Division, based in Da Nang, Vietnam.

During the lifetime of his business and professional career, Mac received numerous awards and honors for his outstanding business leadership and community service. Among those are Blacks in Government, Region X, Citizen of the Year Award, and Man of the Year Award Omega Phi Psi. He held memberships in the Alpha Omicron Boule' of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, INC. and Circle Mates, which is a part of the Circle Let's, Inc.

Mac attributes all of his success to his belief in God and the wisdom he received from his mother, "Momma Mac," along with his majestic sense of purpose *Turning potentiality into actuality.*

Mac leaves to cherish his memory, a loving and devoted wife, Helen; three sons, Brian, Blair and Blake; two daughters, Tambra and Monica; a granddaughter, Lindsey L. Wilson; his mother, Thelma Mae McIntosh; numerous other relatives and lots of friends locally and nationally.