



Wiley Drake Sr

November 25, 1922 - January 14, 2014

WILEY DRAKE, SR was born to the proud parents of Raymond Drake and Lettie Hughley Drake. He was the fifth of eleven children, born on the 25th day of November 1922 in Plano, Texas.

Wiley attended public schools in the Collin County school district. He graduated from Plano High School.

Wiley later enlisted in the Army of the United States of America, November 4, 1942. He served his country honest and faithfully. On November 19, 1945, he received an Honorable Discharge from the 4000th Army/Air Force Base Unit in Sheppard Field, Texas.

He went on to relocate to Chicago after being discharged from the military where he would further his education and eventually graduate from a local machinist school.

In an effort to seek better opportunities, Wiley relocates to the State of California and would ultimately reside in the city of Berkeley for the majority of his life. During his initial move to California, he resided with his eldest brother, Elmer Drake, and worked as a machinist at a local company for several years.

Wiley would later meet Gracie Salmon. Wiley and Gracie were joined in Holy Matrimony October 31, 1949. Their marriage was blessed with one son, Wiley

Drake, Jr. and one granddaughter Nicole Drake Gaspard. Wiley and Gracie were separated only by her departure from this life on March 3, 1992.

Wiley was an entrepreneur by nature. He was successful and skilled at whatever he put his hands to do. He was indeed a businessman at heart and a man of enormous resources. He successfully owned and operated several businesses in various areas such as hauling, janitorial, real estate and furniture merchandise. He later married Carolyn Easton.

For over 50 years, he dedicated his life to serve as a Jehovah's Witness. He will be loved and long remembered by his faithful and continuous support to this faith. He was a man of integrity, friendly and generous and could always be found helping others.

Wiley transitioned from this life Tuesday, January 14, 2014 in Placerville, CA. He is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Lettie Drake, his wife Gracie Drake and six siblings Elmer Drake, Tennyson Drake, Gladys Watkins, Alice Blouin, Vonna Pinckney and Vivian Garvin.

Cemetery Details

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, CA 94803

Previous Events

Service

JAN 17. 2:00 PM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center
1331 San Pablo Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94702
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Tribute Wall



“ *RIP cousin Wiley from your family in Chicago.*

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