



William C. Drake Jr.

January 19, 1947 - May 28, 2013

William Coolidge Drake, Jr. born to the late Annie O. Meekins and William Coolidge Drake, Sr. January 19, 1947, in Manteo, North Carolina. He was called home May 28, 2013.

Drake attended Roanoke Island from elementary to high school. He later joined Haven Creek Baptist Church, NC and was baptized at an early age and grew fond of being in the house of the Lord.

He left home at the age of 17 and joined the military. He served 2 tours in Vietnam. During his tenure, he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Civil Action Honor Medalist Class, Army Service Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, Meritorious Service Medal, Expert Badge Rifle, M16, & Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm-Unit Citation.

Drake continued his career at the US. Department of Treasury in 1987. He worked in Financial Management & Personnel Services. Although Drake held many titles, he was a Steward, Chief Steward & V-President of the National Treasury Employees Union, Chapter 202. As an advocate for employee rights, he enjoyed facilitating & resolving employee issues. Drake married Patricia Ann Simmons (1985), at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Washington, DC. From this union, Christopher Antonio Drake was born in 1987.

In 1996, Drake joined Ebenezer Baptist Church in Washington, DC, and

became very active. Within three years Drake became Chairman Deacon where he served faithfully to meet the congregations needs.

Drake leaves to cherish his memories, a devoted wife, Patricia, his mother-in-law; Lady Z (Zena); 3 sons; William C. Drake III, (Crystal), Duane Drake, Christopher A. Drake; 1 daughter; Latesha Drake; 2 grandsons; Andrew & Quinton; 1 granddaughter; Jessica; 6 brothers; James Drake (Patricia), Lamarvin Drake (Donna), Leon Drake, Henry Drake (Toni), Timothy Drake (Dawn), Tony Drake (Kathy); 2 sisters; Annie Drake (David) & Barbara Jean; 1 Uncle; Theodore R. Meekins; 1 Aunt; Wilma Keys (Lynwood) & a host of nieces, nephews, close friends.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Memorial Drive
Arlington, VA 22314

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Service

JUN 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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Duane Drake - October 17, 2014 at 04:14 AM



“ To the family and friends of William C. Drake, Jr., I was in shock to hear of Drake's passing. I had previously talked to him on Thursday prior. I have known him for the past 13 years since I became an employee at the Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury in January 2000. He was such a wealth of information for me as he showed me the ropes by giving me good advice on life, the job, and of course the Bible. I looked forward to seeing him everyday. He parked in the same place each day so when I would arrive for work, I would always look for his car to see if he was in the office. I always used to joke with him about never being able to have a private and quiet conversation with him because he talked so loud. (smile) I truly enjoyed his laugh. He was always saying something funny. I am truly going to miss him. He was like a father to all of us.

When we lose someone we love, it seems that time stands still. Please hold on to your memories, and let them guide you during this time of sadness.

Thomas Booker

Thomas Booker - June 05, 2013 at 09:38 AM

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“ Dear Family of Deacon William Drake, I was truly sorry to hear of the death of Deacon Drake and I know I can't be there with you all but I want you all to know that I will truly miss him. He was extremely good to me at all times and did a lot for me by taking me with him to visit sick members of the church and taking me to Bible Study and various other places. He was truly a man of God and a man among men and I really loved him. I will forever cherish his name and remember him for what he did for me and for what he did for Ebenezer Baptist Church. May his soul be at rest because he earned it. He not only learned God's word but he also lived it. May God give you the peace that surpasses all understanding.

Deaconess Shirley L. Johnson

Shirley L. Johnson - June 04, 2013 at 09:00 AM

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“ To the family, I feel your loss as I too have grieved the loss of love ones. It is so hard to say good-bye but please remember that God will give you the strength to endure. I remember the happy times we shared when we were kids back in Mississippi. Take your rest Jr. we loved you but God loved you more....John Will Jean and Gail...RIP



Jean - June 02, 2013 at 09:32 PM