



Gregory Lionel Drakes

September 5, 1955 - March 18, 2021

Gregory Lionel Drakes was born September 5, 1955, and grew up in historic Eatonville, Florida with his mother, Jennie V. and three older brothers.

He was a member of St. Lawrence African Methodist Episcopal Church, Eatonville, FL.

Greg graduated from Edgewater High School in 1974 and worked in the construction and electrical industries for many years before becoming a licensed Security Guard. He worked for Universal Allied Security from 2009 until his demise. Greg loved jazz and country music, fishing, beachgoing and anything outdoors. He was a jack of all trades and knew how to fix anything from cars, to electrical and plumbing. He loved to build things and especially loved gardening.

Greg was preceded in death by his brothers: Henry Drakes, Jr., Ernest Drakes and Malone Drakes, Sr.; his beloved Aunt Annie Lue Davis; and his Mother, Jennie V. Drakes.

He is survived by his loving daughters, Latoya Magill (Noah), Jene Foster and his granddaughter, Joi Plummer. Greg maintained a very special bond with his Sister-in-law, Bonnie Drakes and her children: Malone Drakes, Jr. (Donna), Eric Drakes, and Lucinda Butler (Ahmad). He also shared a loving bond and

life-long friendship with his cousin, Elvira Scurry McBurnie. Greg leaves his companion, Anita Caldwell to morn his passing, along with her children Hezzakyah Caldwell, I; Hynryetta Caldwell and her grandchildren: Hezzakyah II, Zion, Jeremiah and Jeriah. Greg leaves a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, high school classmates, coworkers and many friends he made to remember and celebrate his life, who will all miss him dearly. He knew no strangers and was loved by many. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Cemetery Details

Eatonville Community Cemetery Association

600 South Wymore Road
Maitland , FL 32751

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703
(407) 886-3388

Service

APR 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gregory Lionel Drakes*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *You will be missed uncle Greg!*



Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah

Eric Drakes - April 02, 2021 at 08:58 AM



For as long as iv known you, you were full of life.you will always stay in my heart, I miss you dearly.

Janet McDonald - April 06, 2021 at 01:13 PM



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Malone Drakes Jr - April 02, 2021 at 01:59 AM

MJ

“ *Mr. & MRS GILBERT L. JUSTICE purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Gregory Lionel Drakes.*



Mr. & MRS GILBERT L. JUSTICE - April 02, 2021 at 12:35 AM

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Shelia Hamm-Reid - April 01, 2021 at 03:23 PM

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Shelia Hamm-Reid - April 01, 2021 at 03:22 PM

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Malone Drakes Jr - April 01, 2021 at 04:01 AM

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Malone Drakes Jr - April 01, 2021 at 03:59 AM

SP

Sorry for your loss

Shelia R. Purcell - November 15, 2021 at 09:04 AM

MJ

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Malone Drakes Jr - April 01, 2021 at 03:58 AM

PM

“ *Greg has always been my Lil brother, as childhood friends living in the same neighborhood we played in dirt together and climbed trees. Greg you will truly be missed. My deepest condolences to the family.*

Peggy McKinney - March 30, 2021 at 09:12 AM

MJ

“ To my uncle Greg Drakes, I will surely miss you. May your soul rest in peace for infinity.

From your nephew Malone Drakes Jr.



Malone Drakes Jr - March 30, 2021 at 06:24 AM

MJ

Greg taught me how to fish, he also taught me how to drive on the interstate. My favorite memory of uncle Greg, we went to Cocoa beach to fish we saw a seagull caught in fishing line the bird was about 100 yards out in the ocean. Greg went out in the water to free the bird that seagull started biting. Greg took off his shirt and covered the bird head after that he was able to get the seagull free. It was so AMAZING to watch. If i would have been the one to have had to free that bird i'm pretty sure the seagull wouldn't have made it.

Love You Uncle Greg!! Rest in Peace

Malone Drakes Jr - March 31, 2021 at 02:23 AM

KB

“ Gregory what a great friend you were to me.. I will miss you at Winter Park Art Festival for the music..

Rest in peace



Kevin Barnes - March 27, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ *Johnnie Bryant Jr sent a virtual gift in memory of Gregory Lionel Drakes*



Johnnie Bryant Jr - March 24, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ *Angela Adkins Outlaw lit a candle in memory of Gregory Lionel Drakes*



Angela Adkins Outlaw - March 24, 2021 at 12:53 PM



“ *My condolences to the family and prayers of comfort as you go through this temporary season. Greg was my classmate and was a humorous person who loved music (Jazz). I would see him at the Winter Park Sidewalk Festival and he made sure he gave us some education on the artist featured. He will be missed and I know he's directing the musicians in the presences of the Lord. May God continue to bless and keep you family.*



Shelia Hamm-Reid - March 23, 2021 at 10:19 PM

MW

What a wonderful friend for as long as I can remember. We've stayed a part of each others lives since day one from toddlers and neighbors in Eatonville (The Currys') ,Edgewater High and just keeping up with your fishing spots. I'm selfishly not wanting to let go of someone so dear to my heart along with his daughters and so many others but I also know he's reunited with his family (mom, auntie and brothers) and his soul will R.I.P.....Love to my brother, your 'Big Sis"...Marlene

marlene white - April 01, 2021 at 12:54 PM