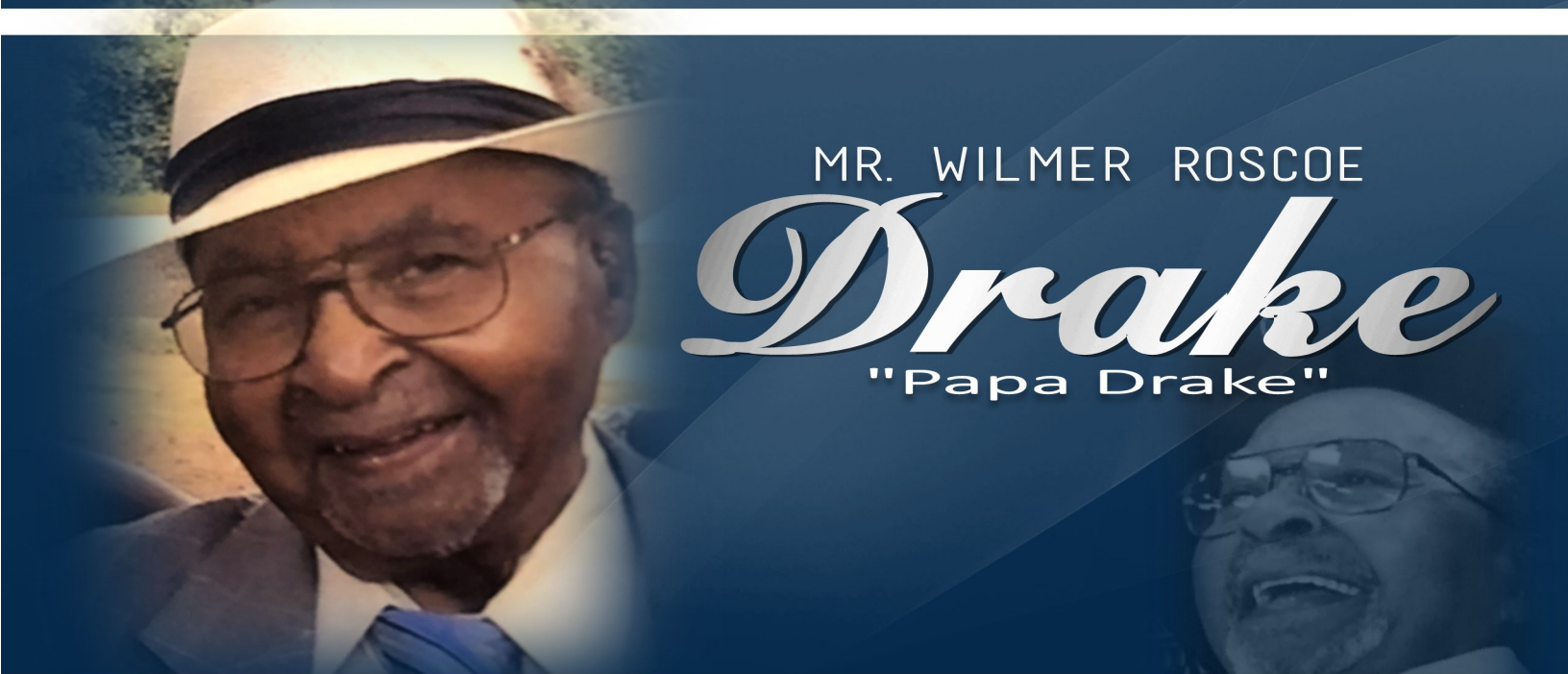


# *Service of Memory Celebrating the Life of*

Born into Time October 7, 1925 | Born into Eternity June 3, 2019



MR. WILMER ROSCOE

*Drake*  
"Papa Drake"

Saturday, June 8, 2019 | 12:00 Noon CST

Canaan Baptist Church | Welch, AL | Rev. Calvin Trammell, Officiating Minister

## **Pallbearers**

Five Point Alumni

## **Flower Bearers**

Five Point Alumni

## **Interment**

Canaan Baptist Church

## **Repast**

Canaan Baptist Church

## **Acknowledgement of Appreciation**

The family of Mr. Wilmer Roscoe Drakes wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting expressions of love extended to us. Continue to pray as God heals our hearts. We thank you, and we thank God for you.

The Family



## **Final Arrangements For Loved One Entrusted:**

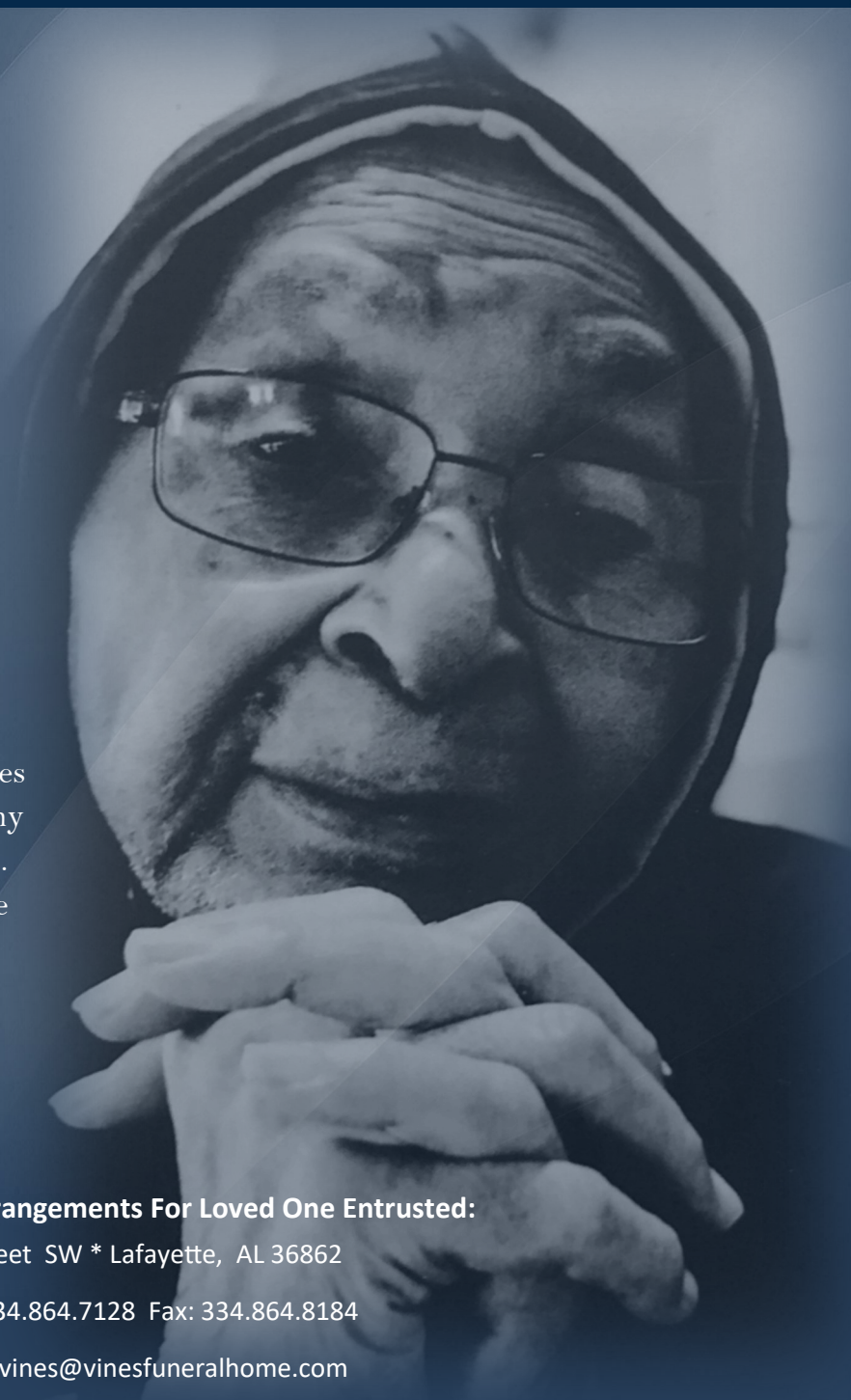
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## Obituary

Mr. Wilmer Roscoe Drake was born in Chambers County, AL to the parentage of the late Mr. Stokes and Mrs. Addie Drake on October 7, 1925.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army during WWII as a sniper, tank driver and a cook. He served for four years. He graduated from Chambers County Training School and attended Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama. After school he was united in holy matrimony to Ms. Ramonia Morgan on December 13, 1951. To this union, three children were born.

Mr. Drake started driving the school bus at the age of 15. He served a total of 50 years as a bus driver. Throughout those years, he also drove the tour bus for the 5 Blind Boys of Alabama. He supported their East Alabama and West Georgia tour. For several years, he was the bus driver for the Five Pointers basketball team as well as 35 years with Chambers County school system.

His life was a portrait of service. He was financial secretary and janitor of Cannon Missionary Baptist church. He served as secretary for the International Male Chorus. He was also a volunteer fire fighter for the Hickory Flat and Welch Community. He was a member of the American Legion, the ADC, the NAACP and Iron Sharpen Iron men's fellowship (Calvary's Rock Church, Sierra Vista, AZ)

He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Mrs. Ramonia Drake; a daughter Mary Howell, and a son Sanders Drake.

He leaves to cherish his memories; a loving daughter SFC (Ret) Reta M Drake of Sierra Vista, AZ and loving son Frederick (Linda) Drake of East Point, GA; four grandchildren, Shelia Howell of Los Angeles, CA, KeJuana Drake of LaGrange, GA, LaToya Drake of New York, NY, and Demetrius Drake of Tuscon, AZ; one great grand daughter, Jasemine Drake of LaGrange, GA; two siblings, Benson (Corrine) Drake of Bessemer, AL and sister Frances Drake of Roanoke, AL, his Arizona Pastor/Son Bishop Andre V. Sexton, Sierra Vista, AZ, the one he has always called his other daughter, Debra D. Vincent, Lawrenceville, GA, his many God children, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

*Obituary*

# Tribute

## We Lost a Father

We lost our father with a heart of gold  
How much we miss him can never be told  
He shared our troubles and helped us along  
If we followed his footsteps we will never go wrong.

We miss you from your fireside chair  
Your loving smile and gentle air  
Your vacant place no one can fill  
We miss you father and always will

He was a father So very rare  
Content in his home and always there.  
On earth he toiled in heaven he rests  
God bless you father you were one of the best

Each time we look at your picture  
You seem to smile and say  
Don't be sad but courage to take  
And love each other for my sake

Oh sweet Jesus for the sake of the bitter passion and  
the sorrows of the immaculate mother have  
mercy on his soul and let the light of thy countenance shine upon him.

## Order of Service

Processional	
Old Testament Scripture.....	Rev. William Phillips
New Testament Scripture .....	Rev. William Trammell
Prayer of Comfort .....	Elder Milton Mallard
Song .....	Canaan Baptist Church Choir
Acknowledgements .....	Sis. Mary Sanders
Obituary.....	Read Silently
Song .....	Canaan Baptist Church Choir
Eulogy.....	Rev. Calvin Trammell
Recessional	

*I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall  
he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*  
- St. John 11:25-26 -

## Order of Service



# *The Legacy of Mr. Wilmer Roscoe Drake*



*Legacy*