



Mr. David Duane Draeving

September 20, 1951 - November 19, 2018

David Duane Draeving was born on September 20, 1951 to the union of Richard and Myrtle Draeving in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He received his formal education at La Crosse Logan High School in La Crosse, WI.

David accepted Christ as his Savior and baptized in Jesus name by Dr. Ellis Murchison, Sr. on August 27, 1989 at Pentecostal Power. He was united with His Rest Ministries under the leadership of Pastor Emmanuel Okoye, where he served as an elder.

On June 10, 1983, he was united in holy matrimony with Portia Smith in Milwaukee, WI. Their union was blessed with one child; he gained two sons, while Portia gained a daughter.

David enlisted into the United States Army on August 13, 1976. He was honorably discharged on July 30, 1980. He served as a sergeant guard for President Carter and he belonged to artillery unit. David retired from the United States Postal Service as an OCR operator after 34 years. In his leisure, he enjoyed gardening, swimming, watching his favorite comedian, Lewis Black, as well as his daily dose of Steven Colbert. He loved to laugh and have a good time. He was a member of the NRA and gave to many charities such as the Red Cross, Native American Orphanage, and DAY. David Duane Draeving departed this life on November 19, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Myrtle Draeving, sister, Kathleen Draeving, uncles, Arthur, Russ, and Billy Draeving, and cousin, James "Jimmy" Draeving.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Portia Draeving, children, Theresa (Iason), Danielle (Lydier), Mario (Iulie) Smith and Andrae Smith; grandchildren, Chris (Tina), Amber, Brandon, John, Mario, Malaika, Aundrea, and Gabriel; great-grandson, Dominic; sister, Sharon; brother, Rick; aunts, Loretta and Karen; uncle, George (judy), and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, of whom he all loved dearly.

Cemetery Details

Northwest Cremation Services

6630 W. Hampton Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53218

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI