



Elroy Albert Drake

March 4, 1944 - September 25, 2020

Elroy Albert Drake, 76, U.S. Army veteran and longtime Dewey resident, passed away Friday, September 25, at his home. We thank and honor his life of service to his country, community, and all the buddies and neighbors he met on his life's journey.

Elroy was born to Kenneth and Dorothy (Fishell) Drake on March 4, 1944, in Bartlesville, OK. He grew up in Copan, OK, with his two brothers and three sisters. After graduating from Copan High School in 1962, Elroy enlisted in the United States Army serving during the Vietnam War and the Gulf War. He would later become a member of the U.S. Army Reserve, serving a total of 32 years.

Elroy later settled in Dewey and ran his own trash route and sanitation company Elroy Drake Sanitation. There were many people along his route that he met and became good friends with. He was known as the man with a heart of gold who would go out of his way to help everyone that he could. Elroy enjoyed telling bad yet clean jokes and entertaining the nurses at the hospital. The nurses at the hospital knew him well and would consider him 'ornery.'

Elroy is survived by his sister Dianna Piersanti and Joseph of Las Vegas, NV, nephews Frank and Anthony Piersanti, niece Christina Fredrick, as well as

many other nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his wife Mary Drake, his parents, two sisters Barbara Wood and Marcella Drake, and two brothers Leroy and James Drake.

Visitation will be held Thursday, October 1, from 10-8 p.m. at Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, 4201 Nowata Road, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, October 2, at Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Interment will be at Fort Gibson National Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
<http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftgibson.asp>

Previous Events

ALL DAY VISITATION

OCT 1. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel
4201 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-7665
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Funeral Service

OCT 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Elroy was always a joy to see and talk to here at the local Post Office. We knew him as a "regular" that would stop in for a minute to greet us everyday he was in and leave us with a smile. He will be missed. My condolences to the Drake family.

Marty Wilson

Copan Post Office

Marty Wilson - October 02, 2020 at 08:11 AM

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“ My heart is breaking knowing that I won't be able to hug you or hear your voice again. And even more so since I can't be there to say my final goodbye. Words cannot express how much I will miss you, Uncle. I will miss Your Mischievous and Facetious Sense of Humor. Truly that was one of your best qualities. The other was how Loving and Caring Person You Are. Honestly there is no like you! For all your hard work in the service, taking care of Grandma, for the trash route, for all the caring and love you showed everyone everyday Thank You, Uncle. It didn't go unnoticed! While it can said that you had the personality of lion and yet you had the heart of a lamb. You lived life your way, and no one, and I absolutely mean no one could tell you to change. Perhaps your stubbornness served you well, you always knew what you wanted to do and you did it your way until the very end. You'll never be forgotten. Rest In Peace in Heaven, and know I love you bushel and a peck, and a hug around the neck!

Ps. Give Grandma a big hug for me, please.

Christina Friedrich - September 30, 2020 at 09:52 PM

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“ *RIP a long time resident of Copan. Elroy was busy all the time, praying he didn't have to suffer.*

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