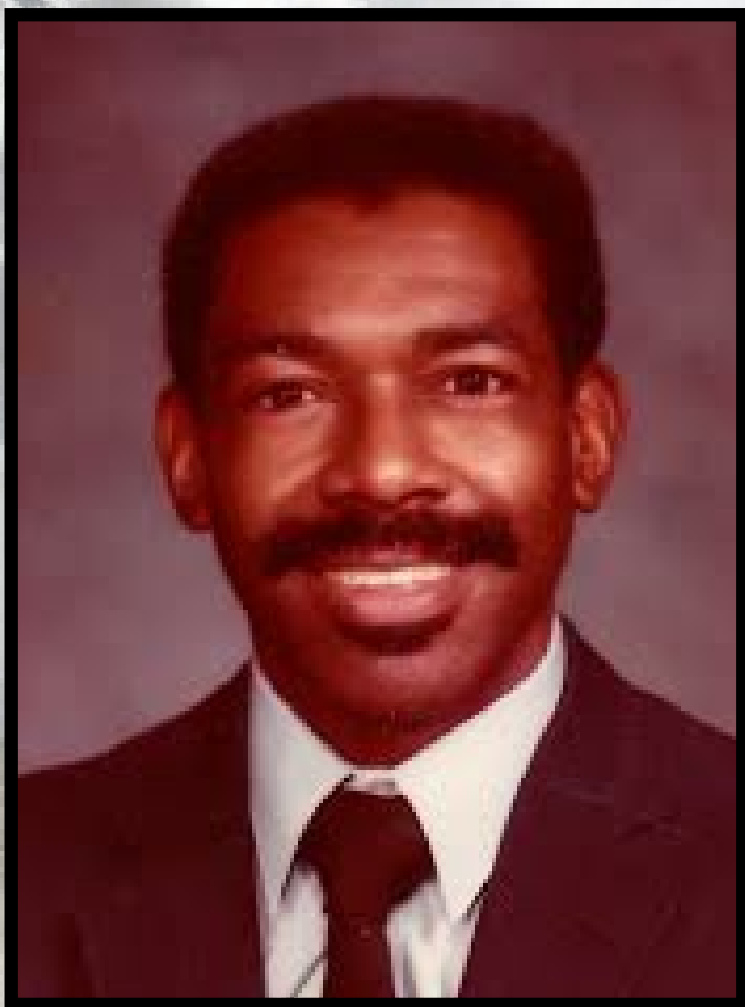


In Loving Memory of
Draeden Richard Waller



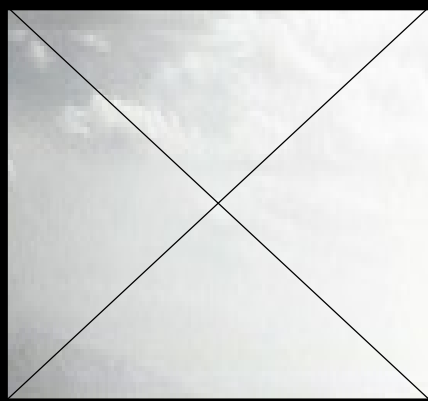
Sunrise
April 25, 1947

Sunset
April 2, 2017

Monday, April 10, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

Cotton Funeral Service

*1025 Bergen Street
Newark, New Jersey*



*Lasting
Memories*



Obituary

Draeden Richard Waller, son of Evelyn Waller and Garfield Waller, was born in Newark, NJ on April 25th 1947. Very early in the morning on April 2, 2017, he peacefully departed this life.

Draeden was educated in, and graduated from the Newark school system. Upon completion of the 8th grade, he attended Boy's Tech where one of his favorite subjects was cooking, which he enjoyed. He was often in the kitchen with mom making his favorite, "Peanut butter cookies". He especially enjoyed these times with her, the two of them cooking various meals together.

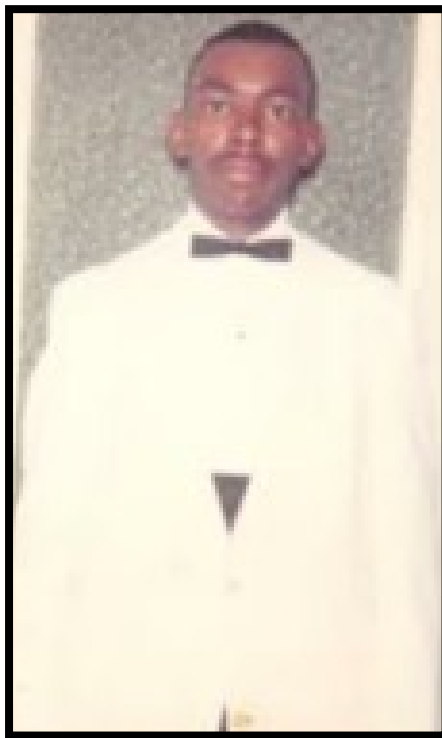
He held various jobs that included working at the Newark International Airport, as a food service worker, American Can Company, and United Community Corporation (UCC) before serving at the United States Postal Service (USPS) where he faithfully worked for 41 years. "Drake" as he was affectionately known at the Post Office from 2000 to 2003 was on the executive board of New York Metro Postal Union where he served as a Mail Handler Director. He was a long time Shop Steward for the National Postal Mail Handlers Union Local 300. He was a militant of the Revolutionary Worker's League (RWL), a member of the People's Organization for Progress (POP), and he was a member of the committee for a unified New Ark. His last position with the postal service was Mail Handler Equipment Operator. In 1985 while at the post office, he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Studies at Saint Peter's College in Jersey City, NJ.

Draeden was an avid bike rider and very proud of his 2 custom made bicycles. He ran several marathons throughout his lifetime. He was a very health conscious man. He was a vegetarian and only ate organic fruits and vegetables. He loved jazz music and his collection of albums totaled over two hundred. He was also a big supporter of independent films. You could catch him on his days off at the movies watching an Indie film.

Draeden was a very humble person. This was observed by co-workers, neighbors, and friends. He would give you the shirt off of his back. He was always uplifting other people.

Draeden leaves to cherish his memory to 2 sisters, Sharone Waller and Millicent Waller, a brother Travis "Terri" Waller, and he was a father figure to his niece, Kanika Waller; three cousins, Glen Baxter, Charles "Junie" Barbour of California and Thelma Waller-Brown of East Orange, New Jersey. He was preceded in death by his cousin, Blanche Bonanno.

He will be missed, having the love and respect of family, friends, and community.



Loving Memories



Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey



God Called Your Name So Softly

God called your name so softly,

that only you could hear

And no one heard the footsteps

Of angels drawing near.

It broke our hearts to lose you,

but you did not go alone,

For part of us went with you,

the day God called you home.

You're always close beside us,

in everything we do,

You were our greatest treasure,

God's gift to us was you.

We will always remember that

way you looked,

the way you talked and smiled,

The little things you said and did

to make our lives worthwhile.

Each time we look at your picture,

you seem to smile and say,

Don't be sad but courage take

and love each other for my sake.

Just a prayer from the family to you,

just a memory fond and true,

In our hearts you will stay forever

because we thought the world of you.

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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