



Deacon William Junior Drain

August 29, 1954 - November 23, 2023

***THE NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST IS HOSTING A SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY FOR THE FAMILY OF DEACON WILLIAM JUNIOR DRAIN ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023.

**** PLEASE SEE VISITATIONS, SERVICE TIMES & LOCATIONS THAT ARE LISTED BELOW

****NOTE: MASKS ARE OPTIONAL AT THE CHURCH AND HAND SANITIZER WHEN WILL BE PROVIDED.

Obituary

Deacon William Junior Drain went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, November 23, 2023, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was born August 29, 1954, the son of William Phillips and Estella Drain in Kalamazoo, MI.

Deacon William graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School in 1972 and received an Associate's degree from Kalamazoo Valley Community College in December of 2015.

He was united in marriage to Anita DeLos Reyes on April 13, 2012, and they renewed their wedding vows in September 2019.

Deacon William accepted Christ and was a faithful member of New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ in Kalamazoo, under the leadership of former pastors, Rev. Mack Russell and pastor emeritus Admin. Rudolph Thomas; and current pastor, Supt. William Adams. He served the church in many capacities including Deacon, Prayer Warrior, Church Trustee, Business and Finance Officer, and Sunday School teacher.

Deacon William lost his eyesight in 2001, but he did not let his disability slow him down. He was an excellent businessman and was happy to assist others in any way that he could. He held many different jobs during his lifetime, including being a successful entrepreneur. His last position was Marketing Consultant for Focus Forward (formally M-Web). He had a talent for connecting people with the right resources. He was a great friend who could be counted on to give wise advice. He enjoyed a good laugh, and spending time with family and friends. William will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Deacon William was preceded in death by his parents, William Phillips and Estella (Drain) Brown.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Anita Drain; one son Damon L. Smith of Kalamazoo, MI; two step-children, Ryam Ganjehi and Cara Brown of the Philipine's; one brother, Oscar A. Brown of California; one aunt, Mary Ann (Clyde) Ferrell of Detroit, MI; two uncles, John (Fannie Lou) Drain of Battle Creek, MI, and Leon (Mattie) Drain of Kalamazoo, MI; five sisters-in-laws, Marilou Garcia of Florida, Olivia Carino of New York, Herminia Enriquez of Australia, Jenny Stewart of Las Vegas, and Sylvia DeLos Reyes of the Netherlands; two brothers-in-law, Mario DeLos Reyes of Italy, and Martin DeLos Reyes of California, and a host of cousins and other family and friends along with his New Jerusalem C.O.G.I.C. church family.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733
(269) 337-8227

Previous Events

Public Viewing For Family & Friends

DEC 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation For Family & Friends

DEC 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Jerusalem Church Of God In Christ
1904 N. Church Street
Kalamazoo, MI

Homegoing Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Jerusalem Church Of God In Christ
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Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Deacon William Junior Drain



Harper Funeral Home - December 05, 2023 at 03:38 PM

DP

It was a true pleasure and honor to be a trusted friend of (Dr.) Drain William always had great biblical advice had fun working with and for William and Anita opening and reading his former mail, found cash he laughing telling me how much he appreciate my honesty bonus me being his friend ☐ you're so missed. Love you William and Mrs Anita Drain ☐

Delta Pritchett - December 07, 2023 at 07:50 PM

DF

“ Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Junior Drain



Dallas Boards and family - December 08, 2023 at 06:10 PM

JS

“ William was a good man and a good friend. I will miss him.

Jordan Schau - December 07, 2023 at 05:33 PM



“ 5 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Harper Funeral Home - December 05, 2023 at 07:24 PM

JR

“ *Janis Richard lit a candle in memory of William Drain*



Janis Richard - December 04, 2023 at 03:07 PM

IA

“ *I am very sorry for your loss. Willie was a kind, friendly classmate. We were all lucky to be his friend. Many years later I worked with Mr. Drain and it was nice to reconnect.*



irene A. - December 02, 2023 at 08:08 PM

MC

“ *Willie was a great and fun person I love talking to him we always had great talked Willie will be missed glad I got to see and talk to him last as are 50th class reunion*

Margie J Coleman - December 02, 2023 at 04:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deacon William Junior Drain.*



December 02, 2023 at 03:21 PM

MC

“ *Melody Charlton lit a candle in memory of William Drain*



Melody Charlton - December 02, 2023 at 03:16 PM

EW

“ *Earl word lit a candle in memory of William Drain*



Earl word - December 02, 2023 at 03:12 PM

LB

“ *LB lit a candle in memory of William Drain*



LB - December 02, 2023 at 10:18 AM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of William Drain*



Kevin Dunigan - December 02, 2023 at 07:13 AM

GW

“ *GEORGIA WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of William Drain*



GEORGIA WILLIAMS - November 30, 2023 at 11:37 PM

NL

“ *Nancy Sanchez Liggins*



Nancy Sanchez Liggins - November 30, 2023 at 11:36 PM

NL

“ My deepest sympathy to the Drain family. My last found memory was of William at our 50th school reunion. I will remember his smiling face with our fellow classmates loving on him. I pray God will strengthen you all during this difficult period.

Nancy Sanchez Liggins - November 30, 2023 at 11:35 PM

SW

Big Hugs go out to my dear Friend Anni! As well as my heartfelt condolences to the family. I worked with William at MWEB for several years, and always enjoyed our deep discussions, friendly banter, & faith filled conversations. We had one. Incident early on before I learned that I needed to " watch" what I say and think before speaking! William was a good good friend and will be missed by many! Praying for Peace and Comfort to all who loved him.

Sharon Ward - December 02, 2023 at 01:27 PM

MB

“ So sorry for your loss. William was a good man.

Michelle Bates - November 30, 2023 at 04:51 PM

CB

“ Claudia Barbee lit a candle in memory of William Drain



Claudia Barbee - November 30, 2023 at 02:48 PM

PD

“ Patricia Daniel sent a virtual gift in memory of William Drain



Patricia A Daniel - November 30, 2023 at 07:19 AM

BG

“ Condolences to the Family



Beverly Green - November 29, 2023 at 04:42 PM

KH

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. I attended dialysis with him, and my ex also worked with him, so William once came in to be tutored by me while he was at KVCC. William was a great man, very kind, friendly, and funny. My thoughts are with you all, and I will be praying for you all.

Krista Hoeksema - November 29, 2023 at 04:03 PM

DM

“ Condolences to Mrs. Anita Drain and the Drain family. William will be missed dearly for all his hard work and dedication. May God to continue to give you strength, bless and keep you.

Destini Moore-Jones - November 29, 2023 at 11:46 AM

DM

“ *Destini Moore-Jones lit a candle in memory of William Drain*



Destini Moore-Jones - November 29, 2023 at 11:39 AM

MJ

“ *Minister Russell And Sister Joyce lit a candle in memory of William Drain*



Minister Floyd Russell And Sister Joyce - November 29, 2023 at 11:09 AM

VH

“ *Dear Anne, Rest in peace William. Anne you are in our prayers. Love you, Vicky and Doug Hickok*



Vicky Hickok - November 29, 2023 at 10:42 AM

BM

“ *Betty,Pete mcdaniel lit a candle in memory of William Drain*



Betty,Pete mcdaniel - November 28, 2023 at 04:24 PM