



George Mack Draper, Sr

May 20, 1923 - July 3, 2017

Mr. George Mack Draper, Sr., age 94, of Riddleton, TN, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 3, 2017 after a brief illness.

Mr. Draper was born May 20, 1923 in Riddleton, TN, the son of the late Mr. Jerome Mack Draper and Mrs. Cassie Dillard Duke Draper. He graduated from Hopkinsville High School in Kentucky in 1940, and later graduated with honors from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Chemistry, and a double minor in Physics and German in 1945. He worked for the R.C. Owen Company for nearly 50 years as a Vice President and Lumber Salesman.

He married Wilma Jo Riley Draper on June 21, 1959 and she preceded him in death on March 10, 2011 after 51 years of marriage.

A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he treated his family with the utmost love and respect. During his lifetime, he was an active member of the Methodist Church, where at times he served as a Sunday school teacher, treasurer, and sang in the choir.

As a former member of the Athenaeum Society, he researched and presented papers on various topics covering mathematical, historical, and literary fields.

An accomplished artist, Mr. Draper served as President of the Hopkinsville Art Guild, and was a member of the Tennessee Art League. He especially loved to draw and had a great ability to express himself through creating portraits with exacting detail. While living in Hopkinsville, he shared his artistic talent by traveling to Ft. Campbell and drawing portraits for soldiers at no charge. In recent years, he enjoyed creating portraits of people in the community he loved to call home.

Possessing a curious and inquisitive mind, he was constantly engaged in the pursuit of learning something new, being especially fond of mathematics. Even into his 90's, he enjoyed solving puzzles and playing Scrabble with his dear friends.

He retired to the family farm and built a home on the exact site where several generations have lived before. This decision to leave the city and move to the country proved to be a very happy time in his life.

Mr. Draper is survived by three children, Jere Bowen Draper of Corydon, Indiana, George M. Draper, Jr. and wife, Thien Huong Vu Draper, of Madison, Alabama, and Mary Elizabeth Draper, and husband, Gregory Edward Hager of Charlotte, North Carolina. He is survived by two grandchildren, Rebecca Ann Draper and Diana Rose Draper, Brother-in-Law; William Boyd Riley of Adams, Tennessee. He is also survived by numerous friends and loved ones that have supported him through the years.

Funeral Services for Mr. Draper are scheduled to be conducted from the Carthage Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes on Friday, July 7, 2017, at 10AM with Mary Draper Hager and George Mack Draper, Jr, eulogizing and Bro. Charles Smith and Bro. Tom Gibson officiating. Interment will follow in the Dixon Springs Cemetery.

Visitation with the Draper Family will be at the Carthage Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes on Thursday from 3PM until 7PM and on Friday after 8:30AM until service time at 10AM.

The Draper Family requests donations be made to the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, Riddleton, Tennessee.

BASS FUNERAL HOME, CARTHAGE CHAPEL, DIRECTORS.

Cemetery Details

Dixon Springs Cemetery

25 Dixon Springs Circle
Dixon Springs, TN 37057

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Carthage Chapel of Bass Funeral Home
807 N Main Street
Carthage, TN 37030
(615) 735-1212
kurtbass@bassfh.com
<https://www.bassfh.com/>

Visitation

JUL 7. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

KS

“ Prayers and love to you and your family Mary.
Love, Karen Swing

karen swing - July 06, 2017 at 09:03 AM

MC

“ Mr. & Mrs. Dat Vu and his children purchased the
Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of
George Mack Draper, Sr.



Mr. & Mrs. Dat Vu and his children - July 05, 2017 at 01:50 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased
for the family of George Mack Draper, Sr.



July 05, 2017 at 12:54 PM

GK

“ Mr. Draper was the epitome of a country gentleman. He was a
stalwart in the community and ministered continually. He was a
wonderful man and a true friend to all who knew him.

Glen & Greta Kirby

Greta Kirby - July 05, 2017 at 06:20 AM

JP

“ *Mr.Draper was such a kind, sweet spirit. I am grateful to have spent time drawing with him and just talking about faith, art, life, ...and even math. Mr Draper was always encouraging and always generous in sharing his time, attention, thoughtful counsel, and warm friendship. I learned so much from him and will always feel blessed to have counted Mr.George and Mrs.Wilma as friends. Several years ago, he and Mrs.Wima came and spoke to my high school art class about the type of art each enjoyed making. Even the students remarked about how Mr.Draper beamed with pride when Mrs.Wilma demonstrated her painting techniques. Although I am sad to hear of his passing, I am happy that he is back by Mrs.Wilma's side. I pray that his family finds comfort in knowing how loved, cherished, and respected Mr.George truly was. He will be so missed. -Jenny Ford Penuel*

Jenny Penuel - July 04, 2017 at 11:40 PM

BR

“ *I went to Uncle George and Aunt Wilma's wedding when I was three years old. I remember very little about the wedding, but I knew it was big. It was huge for a three year old. I remember how handsome Uncle George was and Aunt Wilma was so beautiful. Uncle George was my Sunday school teacher growing up, and I learned so much. I didn't realize how much I learned from him until I got older. I'll never forget how Uncle George and Aunt Wilma took Granny Riley into their home when she was bed-ridden. They showed her so much grace and compassion. He was an outstanding man. I am praying for the Draper family, and hope they will pray for us since we will all miss him.*

Billy Riley - July 04, 2017 at 03:03 PM

LB

George was such a kind sweet man. He meant so much to all of us. He and Wilma made the most beautiful couple. He will be missed. ❤️

Linda Brimm - July 04, 2017 at 05:30 PM

LS

My thoughts, prayers, and love remain with you Mary, and dear ones, as you come to terms with the loss of this special man. The impact of his life has reached so far beyond his home through the magnificent people you are. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Lecia Shockley - July 10, 2017 at 07:56 PM

CD

Mr. Draper was a kind and loving man. Thankful for the encouragement he always gave us. Jere, Mack, Mary and family We are sorry for your loss.

Carol Gay & Jeremy Draper - July 20, 2017 at 10:16 PM

CH

“*So sorry for your loss. George was a wonderful gentleman & such an asset to the Beasley's Bend community. He will certainly be missed.*”

Charlotte Holleman - July 04, 2017 at 01:43 PM