



Mr. Austin Clayborn "Dump" Wooldridge

September 20, 1939 - March 15, 2024

Mr. Austin "Dump" Clayborn Wooldridge, 84, of Peoria, IL passed away at 10:55 pm on Friday, March 15, 2024 at his residence.

Austin was born on September 20, 1939 in Wheatcroft, KY to Bessie (Foster) Turner and Clayborn Wooldridge.

Austin was a US Marine Corps Veteran who honorably served from May 17, 1960 to May 13, 1964. During his tour of duty, he received the Rifle Sharp Shooter Award. He later served in the 12th Marine Corps Reserve and Recruitment District. Austin worked many years at Kaiser Steel in California as a steel worker. Austin lived many years in San Bernardino, CA where he loved all California sports teams; the Los Angeles Lakers being at the top of the chart. He was a big Los Angeles Lakers fan...in fact, Austin may have been their #1 fan!

Austin moved to Peoria, IL around 2001 to pursue other employment opportunities and to be near his family. During that time, he caught the eye of Deborah Williams, whom he married on May 19, 2006. He enjoyed family gatherings and fishing. Austin was a member of St. Paul of Peoria Church for many years.

Austin leaves to cherish his most precious memory his loving and devoted

wife, Deborah Wooldridge of Peoria, IL; one son, Kelvin Miles, Sr. of Aurora, IL; six stepchildren, Charles Miles, Janice Miles, Karen Miles, Yolanda Robinson Earls, Steffon (Jessica) Williams, Kim Mahan and Marcus Brown; four grandchildren; Kelvin Miles, Jr., Milena Miles, Jada Williams and Jayleen Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who loved him. He is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, William "Bubba" Wooldridge, Ollie Wooldridge and Robert "RD" Mauldin and one sister, Hilda Mosley.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, March 30, 2024, at St. Paul of Peoria Church with a visitation beginning at 9 am. Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Deveraux Hubbard, will officiate. Austin will be laid to rest at Historic Springdale Cemetery on Soldier Hill where US Marine Corps Military Honors will be rendered.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road
Peoria, IL 61603

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Peoria
114 W. Forrest Hill Avenue
Peoria, IL 61604

Celebration of Life

MAR 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Peoria
114 W. Forrest Hill Avenue
Peoria, IL 61604

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Austin Clayborn "Dump" Wooldridge*



Simons Mortuary - April 01, 2024 at 06:38 PM



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Simons Mortuary - March 29, 2024 at 03:39 PM



“ *Shawn Jackson-Hughes lit a candle in memory of Austin Wooldridge*



Shawn J Jackson-Hughes - March 25, 2024 at 11:41 PM

LS

“ *Loretta Simpson lit a candle in memory of Austin Wooldridge*



Loretta A Simpson - March 25, 2024 at 09:35 AM

LJ

“ *LEOLA JEFFERSON lit a candle in memory of Austin Wooldridge*



LEOLA RANDLE JEFFERSON - March 22, 2024 at 06:15 PM

PH

“ *To the family of my friend, & Brother in Christ, Austin was a good person he was a good friend with my family especially my Brother Ralph & always treated me with kindness and respect Dump loved the Lord, and was excited to see me become a member of ST. PAUL, we talked about good times; And how God spared us to reunite this time serving The LORD.... Praying for you all [Family].... Peace Be With You All.....*

Phillip E. Hickman - March 20, 2024 at 08:46 AM

ML

“ *Michele Lampkin lit a candle in memory of Austin Wooldridge*



Michele Lampkin - March 19, 2024 at 04:32 PM

CW

“ *Catherine Watson lit a candle in memory of Austin Wooldridge*



Catherine Randle Watson - March 19, 2024 at 05:29 AM

RA

“ *Renee Adell lit a candle in memory of Austin Wooldridge*



Renee Adell - March 18, 2024 at 03:57 PM