



Mr. Walter "Walkie" Ernest Crooks

August 13, 1939 - September 5, 2013

Mr. Walter "Walkie" Earnest Crooks 74 of Taylor, Michigan and formerly of Peoria, Illinois quietly passed away on Thursday, September 5, 2013.

Walter was born in Peoria on August 13, 1939. He was the second son of Clarence and Ada (Warmick) Crooks, Sr. He is survived by his wife, Florence (Payne) Crooks, daughter, Donnice (Crooks) Woods and granddaughter, Shonna Woods as well as seven step children: Gilbert Payne, Charles, Gregory, Kenneth, Kevin Golden, Andrea Golden-Pope, and Bennie Golden. He is survived by three brothers, Dhafir Shahid "Daniel" of San Francisco, CA, Roger (Lourdes) Crooks of Panama City, Fla., and Mark Crooks of Peoria; and three sisters, Patricia Day of Homewood, Barbara (Cornell) Wright of Bartonville, and Candice Crooks of Country Club Hills, and beloved sister-in-law, Fan Crooks, wife of the late Byron Crooks. He leaves a host of nieces, nephews, many friends and relatives that will miss him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Attorney Clarence Crooks and Byron Crooks as well as two sisters; Charlotte Crooks and Frances Hole.

Walkie attended Peoria Public Schools before enlisting in the Armed Forces in 1956. He served as a radio repairman throughout his career in the Air Force while serving tours of duties in the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts.

He retired from the Evanston, Illinois's Post Office in 2001 before moving to Michigan. He loved his friends, and many cousins and family members and especially his granddaughter, Shonna. He loved to travel and to be with extended family members.

Many considered Walkie the Crooks family historian because he could remember the many family connections and relationships.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm, Saturday, September 14, 2013 at Howe-Peterson Funeral Home located at 9800 Telegraph in Taylor, Michigan. There will be a graveside service on Monday, September 16, 2013 at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield, IL. A memorial service is planned for later this month in Peoria, IL.

Cemetery Details

Camp Butler National Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Walter "Walkie" Ernest Crooks*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Walter "Walkie" Ernest Crooks*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Unfortunately didn't get to talk to Walkie again until close to his passing but his slow drawl became the subject of our conversation as we discussed the family tree....I wish I had got to spend more time catching up...Rest In Peace cousin.....*

Adrienne Warmick - November 25, 2013 at 07:52 PM