



Ligon Wesley Drane Jr.

August 29, 1942 - February 8, 2023

LIGON WESLEY DRANE, JR. (Drane) was born on August 29, 1942 to Ligon W. and Imogene D. Drane.

Shortly after childbirth, his mother passed, and his Aunts: Inez Garner-Fleming and Dorothy Calloway helped to raise him. Affectionately known by his family as “Sonny,” he lived a long life as an educator and at the time of his passing on February 8, 2023, he was employed as a full-time math teacher at the age of 80.

Drane graduated from Tennessee State University and was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

He received his Master of Arts degree from Ball State University and worked in the field of education for 40+ years. He was known for his compassion and tough discipline and was passionate about the success of his students. He began and ended his career as a teacher, and throughout the years, held positions as

the Dean of Boys at Attucks High School, Vice Principal at Howe and Manual High Schools, Center

Director for Atterbury Job Corps Center, and was an Ivy Tech iGrad Coach for Columbus North High

School.

In addition to his passion for education, Drane loved architecture, and for over fifty years, he designed

homes in his spare time which were affectionately referred to as his “paper houses.” He loved a good

Budweiser, the game of tennis and extra sharp cheddar cheese. He enjoyed time with family, and

whenever he and his brothers were together, there was sure to be lots of laughter. He was a friendly

and social person who was adored by many, and he couldn't stop talking about his grandchildren (Alyssa

and MJ) who lovingly referred to him as Grande-Pop. Drane also had a fondness for dogs and his sidekick

Jack was always by his side.

Drane is survived by his two children: Ashlynn Drane and April Drane-Gaines.

Grandchildren: Alyssa

Gaines and Mark Gaines, II. His siblings: Michael Drane, Marsha Drane, Tim Kimbrough, Rhonda Pride,

and Vanessa Sims. His brother Kerry Drane who preceded him in death. A host of nieces and nephews,

and his best friend.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

700 W. 38th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Quincy J Webster Funeral Chapel
2805 North Franklin Road
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 297-7956

Service

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ Ligon was my manager at Clements Job Corps. It was a stressful time, but he looked out for his staff. I was pleased to read his many accomplishments. I can only speak well of him.
Dale Scott

Dale Scott - May 13, 2024 at 07:44 PM

MW

“ He was my Dean during my tenure at Crispus Attucks. He lived next door to my aunt who is now deceased. Every time I got in trouble, and those times were many, I was sent to his office. He would have me to do some filing and go back to class. I was never suspended. He was a good man.

Michael Woods - February 20, 2023 at 09:03 AM

GY

“ I was always proud of my cousin Ligon and his accomplishments. I last spoke with him in November 2021 when he called to offer condolences in the passing of my brother Greg. It felt good to speak with him, and I will miss him.

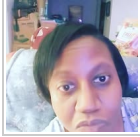
Gil Yowell - February 17, 2023 at 02:01 PM

GY

“ Gil Yowell lit a candle in memory of Ligon Wesley Drane Jr.



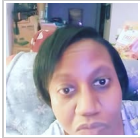
Gil Yowell - February 17, 2023 at 01:56 PM



“ *Jenea Clay lit a candle in memory of Ligon Wesley Drane Jr.*



Jenea Clay - February 17, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences to the children, grandchildren, close family and friends of my first cousin Ligon. His Mother, Imojean, and my Mother, Deloria, were sisters. I remember meeting my very educated, well-spoken, and most of all kind cousin at a family reunion. It was a pleasure I will not forget. With much love until we meet again.*



Jenea Clay - February 17, 2023 at 10:43 AM

NR

“ *My deepest condolences to Marsha, Michael, Tim and the family. I recall Marsha lovingly speaking of Ashlynn. May God hold you in the hollow of his hands and lovingly guide you through griefs journey to a bright, peaceful and reflective tomorrow. Jesus said, I am the way, the truth and the life. John 14:6 Blessings.*

Nina Rascoe Rose - February 17, 2023 at 09:36 AM

OG

“ Dearest Family,

Mere words could never express how sorry and devastated we were to learn of Sonny's passing. Sonny was more than a first cousin to us. My wife and I referred to Sonny as our brother, and, our children have always loved and respected him as their uncle. We shall always cherish our family visits in Indiana, Ohio, and North Carolina. Our families have shared many memorable moments, laughs, and intriguing conversations through the years. Sonny taught us what it was to truly be a family, and, how to connect with everyone regardless of age or economic class. We will miss his leadership, his pensive eyes, and his magnificent smile. We loved hearing about the family's successes because it inspired us to also keep striving to achieve excellence in every aspect of our academic and professional careers. Sonny was the personification of "Black Excellence". Finally, we thank God for Blessing us with such an outstanding cousin. May God's love and tender mercies comfort and keep each of you during this sad time. Rest in Paradise, Sonny, until we meet again on that great coming day....



With Love and Deepest Sympathies,

Your NC Ogan Family,

Richard, Florence, Yvette, Winiford, and Edmund

Ogan - February 17, 2023 at 12:11 AM

AJ

“ My deepest sympathy to Tim and his family during this time of mourning. God bless your co worker Andrea



Andrea Johnson - February 16, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ligon Wesley Drane Jr..



February 15, 2023 at 08:55 PM

TF

“ The Ogan Family lit a candle in memory of Ligon Wesley Drane Jr.



The Ogan Family - February 15, 2023 at 08:14 PM

RW

“ I taught across the hall at CN from where Mr. Drane taught I Grad. Because I taught English, he LOVED to tell me about Alyssa and her poetry. He was the ultimate educator and gentleman. I will continue to think of him often.
Rick Weinheimer

Rick Weinheimer - February 15, 2023 at 07:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ligon Wesley Drane Jr..*



February 15, 2023 at 06:24 PM



“ *Ligon was my first cousin, on his mom side. I'll truly miss our conversations and the sharing of his grand children accomplishments. He was so proud! I Love you cousin, continue to Rest in Peace till we meet again. My condolences and prayers to you all.*



*Acquanetta Garth
Detroit, Mi*

Acquanetta Garth - February 14, 2023 at 04:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ligon Wesley Drane Jr..*



February 14, 2023 at 11:31 AM