

# In Loving Memory

Of

**MRS. T. L. PURPOSE DRAKE**

*Born: January 18, 1914*

*Died: July 20, 1982*

*Age: 68*



## **FUNERAL SERVICE**

Saturday, July 24, 1982  
1:00 P.M.

**PERRY CHAPEL C.M.E. CHURCH**  
Diboll, Texas

**OFFICIATING**  
Rev. Floyd Ferguson

# Obituary

Why do we mourn departed friends or shake at death alarm? 'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends to call them to his arms. This is just another soldier gone to get a great reward.

She fought the fight. She kept the faith and now she has gone home to God.

A busy life came to a close July 20, 1982, when Sister, T. L. Drake was called to her heavenly home. She was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Purpose, January 18, 1914 in Carmona, Texas. She united with the Baptist Church in Striker, Texas at an early age. She moved to Diboll, May 23, 1923. She attended Diboll Public School. She united with Perry Chapel C. M. E. Church and was an active member as long as she was able.

She married Mr. Cleo Drake and to that union two boys were born. Sister Drake was the treasurer of the Sunday School for several years also missionary teacher for several years.

She leaves to mourn her mother, Mrs. Lillie P. Griffin of Diboll, her husband Mr. Cleo Drake, Sr., son and wife Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Drake all of Diboll, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Hardy and Mrs. Hazel Purpose both of Houston, Texas; one brother Mr. Will Griffin, Jr. of Lufkin, Texas; one aunt Mrs. Luvina Rawls; seven grandchildren: Gregory Drake, Jr., Sabrina Drake, Cleo Drake, Jr., Carlos Drake, Donnie Drake, Bonnie Drake and Cleo Donald Drake all of Diboll, Texas and a number of other relatives and friends.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

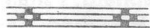
*To all of our friends, we love you and appreciate every act of kindness extended during the illness and sorrow of the homegoing of our beloved mother and wife. Food, cards, telegrams, flowers and prayers. May God Bless you richly for your kindness!*

*—The Family*

# Order of Service

Prelude . . . . . Soft Music  
Processional . . . . . Perry Chapel Choir  
*"Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross"*  
Scriptures . . . . . Appointee  
Prayer . . . . . Appointee  
Song . . . . . Choir  
*"I Need Thee Every Hour"*  
Resolutions . . . . . Sister Ruth and Others  
Acknowledgements . . . . . Sister Celia Jones  
Remarks  
Obituary . . . . . (Soft Music) . . . . . Programmed, Read Silently  
Solo . . . . . Brother Louis Mitchell  
*"Precious Lord"*  
Eulogy . . . . . Rev. Floyd Ferguson  
Houston, Texas  
Recessional . . . . . Soft Music

INTERMENT  
Diboll Cemetery  
Diboll, Texas



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### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Stewards of Perry Chapel C.M.E. Church

### ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Selmon Young  
Will Griffin, Jr.  
Johnny Gamble

Morris Young  
Curley Young  
William Scott

### FLOWER BEARERS

Hazel McCloud  
Mary Ann Foster  
Minnie Lee Canada

Thelma Scott  
Juanita Davis  
Minnie F. Jones

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*God Know Best, so never complain—  
For "The Pain of Today"  
is "Tomorrow's Great Gain" . . .  
For while we suffer in a physical way  
Our Spirit grows stronger from day to day...  
And each trial we suffer  
and every shed tear  
Just gives us New Strength to Persevere  
As we "climb" the "Steep Hills"  
along Life's Way  
That lead us at last to that Wonderful Day  
Where the "Cross" we have carried  
becomes a "Crown"  
And at last we can lay our Burden Down.*

HELEN STEINER RICE

## The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul:  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Ye, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies  
Thou anointest my head with oil;  
My cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.