

Carroll Max Drake
AEHC featured person for the week of May 23, 2021

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March 24, 1921 – May 25, 1973

Died this week in 1973, Carroll “Bud” Max Drake is buried in our cemetery’s Section 5, Lot 69, Space 2.

Summary of our research: Carroll Max Drake was born in Rush County on March 24, 1921 to Jesse Ross (1886-1951) and Gladys Mildred (Gardner) (1890-1960) Drake.

Carroll’s father Jesse was married previously to Luva (Porter) (1892-1974) in 1909. They had a daughter Ruth E. (Drake) (1909-2005) Leffingwell. We did not find the year of their divorce during our research. Carroll’s half-sister, Ruth survived him. She is buried in Benton County, Indiana. Ruth’s mother, Luva Childers, is buried in Carroll County, Indiana

Jesse and Gladys were married in 1915. They had four children. Their first born, Myron Ross Drake (1917-1918), passed away at just over one year of age. Myron is buried at Rushville East Hill Cemetery. Jesse Drake made a living as an expert piano tuner and owner of a music store in Rushville.

Carroll was the third child born to Jesse and Gladys. His surviving siblings were Zelda Gertrude (Drake) (1918-1996) Patterson and Kellas Richard Drake (1925-1988). Zelda is buried at Arlington East Hill Cemetery and Kellas is buried in Franklin County. Jesse and Gladys are buried at Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

Carroll’s father Jesse Ross Drake was the son of Daniel Gladstone (1851-1924) and Louisa E. (Thompson) (1864-1919) Drake. Daniel and Louisa were both born in Kentucky. They were married in 1880 while still living in Kentucky. They relocated to Indiana within the next few years, as per Census reports their children were born in Indiana beginning in 1882.

Carroll’s paternal grandfather Daniel Gladstone Drake was the son of Samuel (1825-1888) and Mary (Minear) (1832-1904) Drake. Samuel and Mary were both born in Kentucky. Information found indicating that Samuel served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Census records show the Drake family lived in Lewis County, Kentucky. Samuel and Mary (Minear) Drake are buried in Kentucky.

Carroll’s paternal grandmother Louisa E. Thompson was the daughter of Robert (1833-1887) and Elizabeth (Pugh) (1832-1896). Census records indicate Robert was born in Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth (Pugh) in Pennsylvania in 1855.

Elizabeth was shown to have been born in West Virginia. They moved from Pennsylvania to Kentucky and then came to Indiana. They are buried in Rushville East Hill Cemetery.

Carroll's mother Gladys Mildred (Gardner) was the daughter of Alva Darwin (1843-1929) and Mary Catherine (Rardin) (1854-1923). Census records indicate that Alva and Mary were born in Indiana. They were married around 1875. Early in their marriage, they lived in Illinois. They were living back in Indiana by 1890 when Gladys was born. Census records indicate that Alva and Mary had 12 children and ten were listed as surviving on the 1910 Census. Gladys was one the middle children. Alva and Mary are buried at Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

Carroll's maternal grandfather Alva D. Gardner was the son of John Milton (1812-1885) and Mary (Roberts) (1819-unknown) Gardner. Census reports (which is not uncommon) conflict as to where Alva's parents were born. His father is shown to have been born in North Carolina and his mother was either born in North Carolina or West Virginia. John and Mary were married in 1838. They lived in the Manilla area. John is buried in the Manilla Cemetery. Mary's grave was not located.

Carroll's maternal grandmother Mary Catherine (Rardin) was the daughter of John Rardin (1825-1898) and Abigail Jane (Meade) (1828-1889) Rardin. They resided in Hancock County. John Rardin was a Cavalry Captain during the Civil War. John and Abigail are buried in Hancock County.

Carroll "Bud" Max Drake grew up in Rush County. Carroll was working at the Arlington Cab Company in 1942 according to his WWII registration card. He served in the US Army during WWII from October 1, 1942 through December 15, 1944. He married Marjorie E. (Freeman) (1926-2010) in 1943. Their wedding was in Louisiana due to Carroll still being in the military. Carroll and Marjorie ran Joyner's Café in Arlington. They had two children Danny (1946-1971) and Debra. Carroll and Marjorie were divorced in 1955. Danny served with the US Army during the Vietnam War. He was killed in a motor vehicle accident in Hancock County at the age of 25. He is buried in Hancock County.

Marjorie married Garrett Maynard, Sr. (1912-1998). They are buried in Hancock County.

Carroll married Helen Martha (Robinson) Young (1933-2017) in 1955. They lived in the Cambridge City area. Helen had two daughters from a previous marriage. Carroll and Helen had two sons together, Ricky and Carroll, Jr. Carroll was employed as a Supervisor at Golay & Company at the time of his unexpected death in 1973. According to his obituary, he was survived by his wife, Helen; a daughter, Debra Drake-Strahl; two sons, Ricky Drake & Carroll Drake, Jr. (1957-2019); and two stepdaughters, Mrs. James Mohler and Mrs. Steve Miller. He was

also survived by 4 grandchildren. Carroll was buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

Helen Martha (Robinson) Drake Austin passed away in 2017. She is buried in Fayette County. Carroll “Joe” Max Drake, Jr. passed away in 2019. Final disposition in unknown.

Arlington East Hill Cemetery wants to Thank the family of Carroll “Bud” Max Drake for his service to our Country. His grave currently has an American Flag placed on it in his honor for Memorial Day.

(sources: Ancestry, Find-a-Grave, Newspaper archives, and Arlington East Hill Cemetery records)

More information about our cemetery and its history can be found at www.arlingtoneasthillcemetery.com

