

Ernice LeRoy Drake

April 17, 1948 - January 11, 2011

MIAMI, OK - Ernice LeRoy Drake, of Miami, Okla., passed away Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011, at Freeman Hospital in Joplin, Mo. He was 62.

Mr. Drake was born April 17, 1948, in Joplin, to Darrell D. and Virgie Mildred (Cheek) Drake. He served in the U.S. Army and worked at B.F. Goodrich as a tire builder.

He was preceded in death by his father, Darrell Drake Sr.; one brother, Keith E. Drake and his companion of nine years, Sharon Templin.

Survivors include one son, Brandon Drake, of St. Louis, Mo.; one daughter, Sophia Drake Acevedo and husband, Raymond, of Carterville, Mo.; his mother, Virgie Drake, of Webb City, Mo.; one brother, Darrell Dean Drake Jr., of Kansas City, Mo.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday, Jan. 17, at 11 a.m. at the Paul Thomas Funeral Home in Miami, Okla. Rev. Jerry VonMoss will officiate. Pallbearers will be Mike Booe, Nick Booe, Jeffrey Bourland, John Perry, Chris Perry and Bill Stewert. Interment will be in Baxter Springs Cemetery in Baxter Springs, Kan. Military Rites will be conducted by American Legion Post No. 147 Funeral Detail. The family will receive friends from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Services are under the direction of the Paul Thomas Funeral Home, of Miami.

Online condolences may be made at www.paulthomasfuneralhomes.com

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