

*In Loving Memory of*



*William Maurice Doakes*

*Sunrise*  
*July 1, 1936*

*Sunset*  
*February 25, 2021*

**Graveside Services**  
**Saturday, March 6, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.**

**FAIRVIEW CEMETERY**

**1400 North Center Avenue**

**Shawnee, Oklahoma**

**Pastor Inman Doakes (Cousin) - Officiating**



## *"Player" "Player" Billy Doakes*

William Maurice Doakes, 83, of Shawnee, Oklahoma passed on February 25, 2021. William aka Billy was born on July 1, 1936 to Freeman Doakes and Louise (Johnson) Doakes in Norman, Oklahoma.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents, Freeman and Louise Doakes; three sisters, Delores Hamilton, Freeatta Handy and Betty Green; one brother, "Goodtime" Charlie; two children, Timothy Allen Gatewood Sr. and Angela Gatewood.

Billy accepted Christ at an early age at Union Baptist Church in Shawnee, Oklahoma. He attended Dunbar Elementary in Shawnee and later graduated from Dunbar High School.

Billy then served in the United States Navy where he served four years. After the service, he went to work at Tinker Air Force Base for a few years, then decided to serve in the National Guard for six years.

Billy leaves behind to cherish his memory, his niece Audrey Harris of the home; two sisters, Joneva Harriston of Shawnee, Oklahoma and Freda Guess of North Carolina; four sons, Phillip Gatewood of Denver, Colorado; Melvin (Lania) Gaines of Edmond, Oklahoma; Fenton Sherman of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Tyris Haymond of Shawnee, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, a host of great grandchildren, as well as nieces, nephews, family and friends.

## *Order of Service*

Opening Prayer ..... Inman Doakes  
Old Testament ..... Pastor Evonne Combs  
New Testament ..... Pastor Evonne Combs  
Selection ..... Anice Young  
Reading of Obituary ..... Shelby Carthen  
Remarks ..... Please limit to 2 minutes  
Selection ..... Anice Young  
Eulogy ..... Pastor Inman Doakes  
Final Viewing ..... Heritage Funeral Directors  
Closing Prayer ..... Inman Doakes

### *Pallbearers*

Nephews & Grandsons

### *Acknowledgement*

Our family would like to express our gratitude for the many acts  
of kindness during this time of bereavement.



## *God's Garden*

*God looked around His garden  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered "Peace be Thine."  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.*

## *Family*

*Jesus said: Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also, and whithersoever I go ye know, and the way ye know. - John 14:1-4*

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