

In Loving Memory Of



Sylvester J. "Candy Man" Lake



OBITUARY
SYLVESTER J. LAKE
“CANDY MAN”



April 9, 1914 - January 21, 2006

In April of 1914, Woodrow Wilson was president, the first red and green traffic signals were installed, US. stamps were just two cents and Richard and Mamie Lake had a little boy they named Sylvester.

Sylvester graduated from Merry High where he lettered in four sports and found time to participate on the local community boxing team. Later, while attending Lane College, he remained active in athletic and community activities. He was also in glee clubs and grew to become an artful performer as an actor in school and community plays.

Always a sports enthusiast, he played high school and college football. Because he was so small, he was nicknamed Baby Dragon.” During his short-lived amateur boxing career, he fought as Papa Lake.’ Of all the sports he played, his greatest love was golf and he had dozens of trophies to show for his many championships. His love of the game began when he learned to caddy at a young age. He caddied for some well-known golfers of that era and remained an avid golfer himself beyond his mid-eighties.

Bro Lake hoboed’ west...with several others..., and found employment on the Grand Coulee Dam project. He remained on this project for six years. After getting sealed, he returned to get his grade school sweetheart... Miss Pauline Sims. Over the next six years, two daughters were born...Sylvia and Mona.

He became active with the Union while at the Dam, serving on some of the Union’s boards. He advanced to become an expert heavy equipment operator, and retained that qualification until he relocated to Spokane.

Upon gaining unique qualifications at the Dam and moving to Spokane, doors opened for Brother Lake at Kaiser Aluminum. During his career there, Brother Lake became the first African-American foreman to be named at Kaiser. His career culminated with his retirement in 1980 after a very successful 30 years.

After getting settled in Spokane, Brother Lake began to get involved in the Spokane community. He united with the Calvary Baptist Church where he served as Trustee, Treasurer and Deacon. His membership exceeded six decades. In 1942, Deacon Lake was initiated into Masonry and became member of Inland Empire Lodge #3 of Spokane. He was a member for 63 years.

He joined or was initiated into every part of the Masonic Fraternity. He served as Worshipful Master of Inland Empire Lodge No.3, and in 1963 was elected to serve as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Washington and Jurisdiction. This is the greatest accomplishment that can be achieved in Masonry. He was also elected to receive the 33rd degree in Masonry a feat limited to only the top five percent in the Scottish Rite Masonic Order. He was Washington States oldest 33rd Degree Mason and Past Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons.

Past Grand Master Lake and his wife, Pauline, have the distinction of being the only husband and wife to serve as Grand Master and Grand Worthy Matron of the Prince Hall Masons and Eastern Stars at the same time in the 103 year history of Prince Hall Masonry in Washington.

Deacon Lake enjoyed highlighting his service as a member of the NAACP, the starting of the Orbit Social Club for teenagers, and helping organize the Black Pioneers. Other past membership involvement he was proud of included Toastmasters, the Eastside Seniors, The KASRA TRENT WOOD, Spokane Northwest Black Pioneers and the Senior Men’s Golf Club.

Over the years, Deacon Lake has been known as the “Candy Man.” He loved that recognition, especially when it came from the kids and the elderly.

Deacon Lake leaves behind his wife, Pauline, of 68 years; his daughter, Mona (husband...Joe); John (husband of late daughter, Sylvia); four grandchildren...Michelle, Brandon, Brent (wife...Janine) and Dana (husband,..Bill); and two great grandchildren, Bryce and Nit Deacon Lake was very proud of his children, his grandchildren and his great grandchildren. Deacon Lake also leaves to mourn him...his sister, Edith Williams and a host of family and friends.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A GREAT MAN
SYLVESTER J. CANDY MAN LAKE
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Calvary Baptist Church
203 E. 3rd Ave
Spokane, WA 99202

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- Prayer.....Rev. Dr. C. W. Andrews
Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church
- Music.....Voices of Calvary
- Scripture Reading.....*23rd Psalm*
John 14: 1-6
- Solo.....Deacon James Troutt
- Condolences/Resolutions.....Sister Peggie Troutt
- Obituary.....Silent Reading
- Comments.....Friends/Family
- Solo.....Minister Kenny Andrews
- Eulogy.....Pastor C. W. Andrews
- Masonic Service.....MWPHGL State of Washington
- Musical Selection.....Voices of Calvary
- Recession.....Heritage Funeral Directors

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GRAVESITE
Committal & Prayer

- Benediction.....Pastor C. W. Andrews

Pallbearers

Joe Jones

Brent Jones

Brandon Finley

John Finley

Ira Jones

Ricky Jones

James Troutt

Honorary Pallbearers

Elmo Dalbert

William Gaskin

Clarence Freeman

Calvary Deacons

Chris Anderson

Elmer Anderson

Chris Bethely

Manuel Brown

James Fisher

Thomas Johnson

Grant Montoya

We wish to thank so many for their prayers, cards, flowers, food, phone calls, hugs, and outreach of caring and understanding. There are no words to express the appreciation felt daily for your concern and acts of kindness.

Thanks to the Prince Hall Masonic Family for your support. Past Grand Master Sylvester J. Lake was proud of his membership with the fraternity.

A special thanks to the Calvary Baptist Church family for their strong support to the Lake family. We will forever remember the love shown to us and him. He loved his church family. We know he is looking down and smiling on us all.

We are grateful to Horizon Hospice and Ms. Pearl Shines for the comfort and care provided.

Thanks to Heritage Funeral Home for their gentle, patient service and advice to the family.

THE FAMILY OF SYLVESTER J. "CANDY MAN" LAKE

Please join us at the East Central Community Center for the repast (1:30 - 5:30pm) after the graveside service at Greenwood Memorial Terrace.

Love Birds for more than 68 years



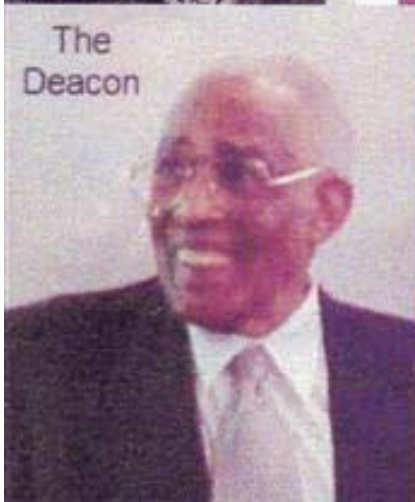
Dancing the night away...



The Mason



PAPA



The Deacon



THE DADDY



4 Generations



Great Grandpa.

The Golfer