

Mathias Don Dunlap Jr.

Bio

Mathias Don Dunlap Jr was born on February 13, 1928 in Lorain, Ohio and has lived in Lorain all of his life. He was the eldest of 13 siblings.

Mr. Dunlap graduated from Lorain High School in the class of 1946 B. He enjoyed playing basketball, football and running track. He loved all sports. He also enjoyed fishing and traveling. He has travelled all over the world.

As a child Mr. Dunlap attended Mt. Zion Baptist Church and as a young man he attended Fairfield Baptist church in Lorain.

He was employed at U.S. Steel for over 41 years. He retired August 1, 1986. He worked in the Safety and Security Department as a Guard.

He was drafted to the US Army in October of 1950 as a Combat Medic. He completed his Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky and his Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He received several service medals including the Purple Heart.

Mr. Dunlap is a member of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio Buckeye No 68 of Lorain, Ohio and Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdiction, Al Laaim #223. He is a lifetime member of The Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 451, Lorain, Ohio, and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Louis Paul Proy #20 of Lorain, Ohio.

Mr. Dunlap has a large family, including his wife of 66 years Mrs. Maxine Dunlap, his brothers Jerry Dunlap of Cleveland, OH, Leroy (Cleo) Dunlap of Lorain, Richard Dunlap (deceased), Jay Dunlap (deceased) and Ben Dunlap (deceased); his sisters Linda (Walter) Wyrick of Lorain, Sophie (Dale) Baker of Lansing MI, Lilly (Candy) Lunn of Atlanta, GA, Doris May Littlejohn (deceased), Joan Ammons (deceased), Sandra Abston (deceased) and Lois Whitfield (deceased); his son Mathias Dunlap III of Portsmouth, VA; daughters Margie Brown of Parma Heights, OH, Deborah Dunlap (deceased) and Althea Ward (deceased); 27 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren.