



Raymond E. Drake

December 27, 1925 - October 26, 2013

Raymond E. Drake, 87, of Aurora, passed away Saturday, October 26, 2013 at Seasons Hospice in Naperville. He was born December 27, 1925 to Fred and Rose (Robinson) Drake in Aurora, IL.

He attended East Aurora Schools until he enlisted in the US Navy during WWII. He served a tour of duty aboard the USS Cowpens in the Pacific Theatre and was awarded thirteen battle stars. He was discharged from service in February 1946 and resumed his education at Chicago Technical College.

He worked for Chicago Aurora Burlington Railroad as an Upholsterer for twenty years, also as a Sales and Service Manager for Simons Furniture, Caterpillar for fifteen years and retired from All Steel in 1990.

He had a passion for sports. He played with the Aurora Clippers Football Team in 1946. He was President of the American Division of the Little League Boys Baseball from 1960 until 1972. He was a Chicago Cubs, Bears and Bulls fan as well as an avid bowler and golfer.

Survivors include his two sons, John Drake of Hanover Park, IL, Donald Drake of Romeoville, IL, three granddaughters, Jennifer (Jarrod) Luker of North Aurora, IL, Kristin (Mark) Cox of Yorkville, IL, Laura Drake of Naperville, IL;

two great grandchildren, Callie Cox and Owen Luker; a sister, Helene Meilinger of Sandwich, IL; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ersilia (Desmond) Drake; his parents; a brother, James "Jim" Drake and his close friend, Heidi Lord.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 12:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, Fr. Timothy R. Piasecki will officiate with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, October 29, 2013 from 10:00 AM until the funeral hour at 12:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora. 630-631-5500. Please visit our new interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com to leave condolences for Raymond's family or sign the guest book.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
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Tribute Wall

HB

“ Sorry for the loss of Ray. Helen Bell from Arizona remembers Ray fondly. Ray introduced Helen to Bill Bell and they were married for 63 years. Helen has great memories of Ray and had the love of her life thanks to Ray.

Helen Bell - November 09, 2013 at 03:53 PM

BG

“ Don and Family,
Sorry to have read of your Dad's passing, Our deepest symapthy.
Greg Gavin and Family

Beth Gavin - October 30, 2013 at 07:44 AM

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Beth Gavin - October 30, 2013 at 07:43 AM

BI

“ John and Don, sorry to hear of your Dads passing, Lots of great memories From St Peters Football, that alone makes me smile, He was my Confirmation sponser, and a male roll model after my Dad passing in 1965. He was a great guy and will be greatly missed.....
Bill Valek

BillValek - October 29, 2013 at 06:37 AM

CH

“ *The Hausers enjoyed his loving presence on many family occasions. He was a special man and we are proud to have known him. Ray is in Gods tender care forevermore.
God bless and give courage to his family....
Carol Hauser & Cynthia and Pete Reynolds*

cynthia hauser-reynolds - October 28, 2013 at 07:29 PM

WS

“ *John and Don, We are so sorry to hear about your fathers passing. He was such a great man. He always had a big smile on his face, and he was so proud of both of you.
Wanda and Robin Sharp*

Wanda Sharp - October 28, 2013 at 05:55 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Raymond E. Drake.*



October 28, 2013 at 03:44 PM

DM

“ *Don so sorry to hear about your Dad, thoughts and prayers for you and your family to get you through the difficult days ahead.*

Debbie Miller - October 28, 2013 at 12:25 PM

JR

“ *John, Donald and family, your dad will be missed. I enjoyed talking and sharing stories with him. Will keep you in my prayers. May God's peace be with you.*

Deacon Jack

Presence Fox Knoll

Jack Roder - October 27, 2013 at 03:49 PM

DS

“ *So sorry when I heard the news about my Uncle Ray. He was a great guy and my memories of him go back to when I was a little boy. Sympathies to my cousins, and good friends, John and Don, and the extended family. Ray Drake, ride in peace, my friend. David Shropshire*

David Shropshire - October 26, 2013 at 06:05 PM