



Wendell W. Drake

September 8, 1940 - March 16, 2024

Wendell Willkie Drake, 83, of St. Albans, West Virginia left to be with the Lord on March 16, 2024 after an extended illness.

He was born in Amma, West Virginia on September 8, 1940, to the late James Franklin Drake and Mildred Lucy Reed Drake. He was also preceded in death by sister Jacqueline Drake Clepper and brother Raymond A. Drake.

Wendell graduated from Spencer High School in 1958 where he was the center of the basketball team. He enlisted into the U.S. Army the following year. He married Patricia R. O'Brien on August 19th, 1961. After completing his service obligations, Wendell and Patricia moved from Spencer to South Charleston and then to St. Albans. He worked passionately throughout his life, from being a UAW local president to being a carpenter. He retired from Kanawha County Schools in 2000.

He was especially passionate about his faith, and he expressed this right from his profession of faith on March 22, 1980 by teaching Sunday School and fulfilling various Church offices including being elected as a deacon. He was always a big fan of sports, particularly of West Virginia University. He loved to hunt deer with his brothers and friends.

Wendell is survived by his wife Patricia R. Drake of St. Albans; sons Bruce Drake of St. Albans and Jeffrey Drake of St. Albans; sisters Patsy Flensburg of Vienna and Helen Perrow (Ed) of Lilburn, GA; brothers Foster Drake (Mary Louise) of Anderson, SC, Harlan Drake (Phyllis) of Spencer, David Drake (Carmen) of San Antonio TX and Ernest Drake of Mineral Wells; grandson Andrew Drake of Charleston; and many other extended family, church family, and friends.

The Funeral Service will be held at 12:00 Noon Saturday, March 23, 2024 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home with Pastor John Koster officiating. Burial will be at Eventide Cemetery, Spencer, West Virginia.

Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

One may visit Wendell's tribute page by visiting BartlettNichols.com to share condolences or memories with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue is honored to serve the Drake family.

Cemetery Details

Eventide Cemetery

78 Parkersburg Road
Spencer, WV 25276

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Funeral Service

MAR 23. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ We are sorry to hear about Wendell’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

James Gibson - March 23, 2024 at 01:22 PM

YF

“ Your cousin, Debra and Bill Fieldson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wendell W. Drake.

Your cousin, Debra and Bill Fieldson - March 22, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wendell W. Drake.



March 22, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wendell W. Drake.



March 22, 2024 at 10:43 AM

TL

“ The Laynes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wendell W. Drake.

The Laynes - March 22, 2024 at 09:30 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Wendell W. Drake.



March 22, 2024 at 09:30 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wendell W. Drake.



March 21, 2024 at 12:01 AM



“ From: Your Friends at TMMWV planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wendell W. Drake.

Your Friends at TMMWV - March 21, 2024 at 12:01 AM



“ Jonathan and Diane (McClure) Price purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Wendell W. Drake.



Jonathan and Diane (McClure) Price - March 19, 2024 at 07:34 PM



“ Jonathan and Diane (McClure) Price planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wendell W. Drake.

Jonathan and Diane (McClure) Price - March 19, 2024 at 07:34 PM



“ 9 files added to the album Family Photo Collection



Bruce M Drake - March 19, 2024 at 05:40 PM

GH

“ Glenna Reed and Linda Hammond planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wendell W. Drake.

Glenna Reed and Linda Hammond - March 19, 2024 at 03:16 PM

EJ

“ Ethan, Bob, Jared, and Jacob purchased the Mouthwatering Meat and Cheese Gift Tower for the family of Wendell W. Drake.



Ethan, Bob, Jared, and Jacob - March 19, 2024 at 01:30 PM

TF

“ The Hamric Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Wendell W. Drake.



The Hamric Family - March 19, 2024 at 12:09 PM

MH

“ Michael H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wendell W. Drake.

Michael H. - March 18, 2024 at 10:07 PM

BD

“ 8 files added to the album Family Photo Collection



Bruce M Drake - March 18, 2024 at 04:23 PM

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“ I love you Uncle Wendell & will miss you terribly! ❤️

Amy Richardson - March 18, 2024 at 02:48 PM