



John P. Drake Jr.

October 24, 2014

John Pendel Drake, Jr., age 56, went to be with our Lord on Friday, October 24, 2014. John passed away in his Dublin home after a year-long battle with melanoma cancer. He was born in 1958 in Honolulu, Hawaii to Nancy (deceased) and John P. Drake, Sr., of Dexter, Michigan. John is also survived by his wife Aloha; daughters Emily of Dublin (grandson Jacob) and Karen of Dublin (granddaughter Kamryn); stepchildren: Evan, Caleb and Audra; brothers: Jeff (Jeannette), of Flint, Michigan and Randy (Judy), of Morresville, Indiana; nieces Sarah and Beth; nephews Eric and Charlie. He has many close extended family members including the Loeprichs many of which annually gather at Moose Horn Lodge, Canada. John graduated from Worthington High School, Class of 1976. He served in the United States Air Force from 1979-1992. During his service he received many service and leadership medals and ribbons. He served his country in Operation Desert Shield/Storm and was also stationed in Germany, Alaska, Florida and Utah. He was named "Beast" in their football games. John was an employee of Armstrong World Industries for over 20 years where he received several awards as an employee and as a manager. As an Environmental, Health & Safety Manager, he holds the record for the longest period of OSHA non-recordable injuries for the entire corporation. John was a master fisherman - winning contests and has fishing all over the United States and overseas. He was a member of Lifepoint Church in Hilliard, Ohio and other community organizations. He was blessed with the incredible support and friendship

which he received from these groups. He has also resided in Worthington and Hilliard. John was a 6'3" vivacious man who was full of life every day. He was a fierce outdoorsman. He was bold in his conversation and passionate about his interaction with people. He impacted many lives during his time with us. He is an unforgettable person who will live in our hearts and memories forever. He looks forward to seeing us in Heaven. John wants lots of flowers at his service and they can be sent to LIFEPOINT CHURCH, 3915 Dublin Road, Columbus, OH 43221 where visitation and funeral services will be held. His family will welcome guests from 3:00-6:00p.m. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2014 at the church and his Funeral Service will immediately follow at 6:00p.m. with Pastor Brad Kochis, officiating. Family and friends are also welcome to attend his burial at Dayton National Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014 where Military Honors will be rendered. In addition to flowers, friends are asked to consider a memorial donation to further research for NRAS melanoma cancer-the resistant strain that afflicted him. John was part of two trials and donated tissue and blood for research. Please consider a donation to: MRF: Melanoma Research Foundation (and mark "In Tribute to John P. Drake") www.kintera.org/site/c.fwK2Lo04LIK8F/b.8720503/k.2B16/DonateNow/apps/ka/sd/donor.asp. Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, 450 W. Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471 is assisting the family. We invite you to leave a condolence and/or share your favorite story of John on this webpage.

Tribute Wall



“ *John P. Drake Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Dear Aloha,
We are so sorry for the loss of your beloved John. The memories you two shared with your family are eternal so we hope you find peace and comfort in them. Your extended CHA family is here for you and thinking of you during this time.
Mary Lynn & Art Foster*

Mary Lynn Foster - November 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Aloha and Family,*

Words cannot express how sad I was to hear this. Please accept my deepest condolences and sympathy concerning the loss of your you husband and father. I shall keeo you and the family in my prayers and thoughts!

Cynthia

Cynthia Smith - October 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thinking of you and your family during this difficult and uncertain time Aloha. Know that the Gregory family is praying for you and sending positive, loving thoughts your way.*

Michele S. Gregory and family - October 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Alohna, So sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your family in our prayers. Terri and Carl Scholl*

Terri Scholl - October 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. May you be comforted by your faith, your family and friends who surround you, and your warm memories of John. We wish you peaceful hearts.*

Diana Montague and Dale Cupp - October 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DY

“ *Alohna and family, I am very sad to hear John's passing, please accept my sincerest condolences.*

Daniel Yang - October 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Alohna and family,*

Randy, Emma, and I are very sorry to hear of John's passing. We were lucky to get to know him while we were in Dublin. I remember him being so kind to Emma when we had to leave her for the first time after moving there. He made us all feel at home when we weren't really feeling that way! I know that you are hurting and if there is anything that we can do to help, please let us know.

Judy and Randy

Judy and Randy Harrison - October 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ Alohna,

I want to convey my sincere sympathy to you in the loss of John. There are no words to make things better but I hope you find comfort in the support of your friends and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you today and in the coming weeks.

Valerie (Elizabeth's mom)

Valerie Derrick - October 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Big John I will miss you buddy and I am grateful that I was Blessed to have you in my life. Our prayers will be with your family and friends . Love ya man.*

Clark Buffington - October 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Thank you for letting me be a part of your life. Character, integrity, compassionate, loving, funny, gentle are just a few of the words that describe. I will miss you and I love you.....My Favorite John!!!*

Mike Colucci - October 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ *Alohna and Family:*

You have our deepest sympathy. John was a great guy and will truly be missed. You continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Frank and Jessica Gliha - October 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM