



Mr. Robert (Bob) Drake

July 19, 1926 - June 11, 2018

Robert M. (Bob) Drake, 91, of Albany, died Monday, June 11, 2018 at Willson Hospice House.

His memorial service will be at 2 PM on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at the Walden Chapel at First United Methodist Church with burial of cremated remains to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. The Rev. Thad Haygood will officiate. The family will receive friends at 1 PM at Walden Chapel prior to the service.

Mr. Drake was born July 19, 1926 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital to Julian R. and Daisy D. Drake. He was a lifelong resident of Albany, where he was well known among his friends for his love and support of the Albany community. Mr. Drake graduated from Albany High School in 1943 after which he attended Georgia Tech for his freshman year of college.

Mr. Drake served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. Following the war, he graduated from Emory University in 1948 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in law and from the University of Georgia Law School in 1952. He was a member of Signa Chi fraternity at both universities.

Mr. Drake practiced law in Albany from 1952 until retirement in 1997, specializing in real estate law. He was a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia and Dougherty Circuit Bar Association.

He was a member of Albany First United Methodist Church and a former member of Albany First Baptist Church. Mr. Drake was an active member and supporter of the YMCA for over forty years and served several terms on the Y Board of Directors. He enjoyed the concerts of the Albany Symphony Orchestra and supported that organization and served several terms on its Board of Directors. He was chairman of the Royal Air Force Albany Committee that planned and hosted memorable reunions in Albany in 1991, 1996, and 2000 of the British cadets who formerly trained at Albany's Darr Aero Tech and Turner

Field and other southeastern U. S. locations for service as RAF pilots during World War II.

His hobbies included reading, study of World War II history and travel. He was a Life member of the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum near Savannah, GA; a founder member of the American Air Museum, Duxford, England; member of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society and 100th Bomb Group Association. Founder member of the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. He traveled with a legal group to various locations in the Soviet Union in 1988 and after retirement enjoyed extensive travel in the U.S. and to New Zealand, Australia, England, Germany, and eastern European nations.

Mr. Drake is survived by his daughter: Robin D. Woske, Pensacola, FL; sister: Katherine A. Drake, Pensacola, FL; niece: Carroll Drake, Sarasota, FL; niece: Kathy Termatto and her husband Tom, Tallahassee, FL.

Cemetery

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA, 31707

Events

JUN **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

16

Walden Chapel at First United Methodist Church
307 Flint Ave., Albany, GA, US, 31701

JUN **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

16

Walden Chapel at First United Methodist Church
307 Flint Ave., Albany, GA, US, 31701

Comments



“ I knew Bob for quite a while, mainly through the Symphony and First Methodist and was most fond of him. He helped me with the Symphony by delivering posters to area businesses and was always eager to help. What a full life he had. Y'all were blessed to have him for so long. My thoughts and prayers are with you. With deepest sympathy, Lark

Lark Ledbetter - June 27, 2018 at 02:36 PM



“ Bob was a real litter Warrior who picked up Meadowlark religiously and made it look good in his honor I'm going to clean up that area and I hope that is family appreciates what a great asset he was to the Albany Community

Roger Marietta - June 20, 2018 at 04:19 PM



“ A very fine gentleman, and friend. Always willing to help, and contribute to the community. Many years ago, as he and others were involved in the preservation of historical artifacts and information of the WWII British soldiers in the Albany area. Mr. Drake was delighted to hear my grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. G. O. Gillis of Leesburg, GA, were the land owners of one of the Dar AeroTech training airfields. We were happy to invite him to visit, and view the property. Bob was a wonderful friend. He will be missed. Prayers for his family.

Kay Pierce Bradley - June 18, 2018 at 07:51 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert (Bob) Drake.



June 14, 2018 at 10:27 AM



“ It is with great sorrow that I learned of Bob's passing. He was a scholar and a gentleman of the highest degree. He gave his attention and effort, wholeheartedly, to whatever project he was working on. My deepest condolences to his family.



“ Bob was a fine gentleman and I was honored to know him.

EW Duskin - June 14, 2018 at 08:20 AM



“ A Tribute to a REAL Southern Gentleman

He was our Uncle Bobby Drake---a true gentleman and valiant WWII vet, an avid historian and witty writer, a loving uncle and patriarch of the family.

Bobby was a deeply devoted father to his cherished daughter Robin and an unusually dedicated son to his parents J.R. and Nan. He will always be remembered as a great brother to his beloved sister Katherine and brother Mitch. We always knew Bobby as an unusually generous and kindhearted uncle who was always there in our time of need.

Uncle Bobby glowed with filial love toward the whole family. He really looked forward to taking us all out for the annual Thanksgiving feast. Every year he treated us to a wonderful holiday meal followed by all the most humorous family stories going back generations. Laugh hard we did then, as we still do today while remembering Bobby's inimitable chuckle.

Our Uncle Bobby was a friend to all, and always willing to lend a helping hand. He was especially fond and proud of the Albany Symphony which brought him much joy. A cultured and refined man he was, always surprising us with his exceptional knowledge and far-off travels.

Of course, what really stood out about our Uncle Bobby was his decency and respect of everyone. His was an abiding humility rarely seen these days...and what an excellent role model he was.

Everyone who met Bobby instantly experienced the real Southern gentlemen that he was.

He embodied the old-fashioned chivalry of a bygone era. Always soft-spoken and tender-hearted, Bobby's well-chosen words gently conveyed his everpresent lovingkindness.

There was only one Uncle Bobby Drake, and we will never forget him. We will always love him with all our heart and mind, body and soul. And we are forever grateful for his presence in our lives.

We fully trust that Uncle Bobby is make a blissful transition to the heavenly realms. May our heartfelt prayers serve to facilitate his journey and bring him eternal peace.

And May our Father in Heaven let loose a shower of grace and blessings upon him and his loving family.

With great respect and love,
And with deep gratitude,
Nephew Tom

Tom T. - June 14, 2018 at 07:31 AM



“ Tom, this is such a lovely tribute for a lovely man. Thank you for remembering him with these wonderful words and memories.

Emily Johnson - June 15, 2018 at 05:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert (Bob) Drake.



June 13, 2018 at 08:58 PM



“ Such a sad loss, Bob was such a kind and wonderful man, always a pleasure to have a conversation with him. Sending our thoughts and prayers to Robyn and family at this sad time. Peter and Barbara Jones and family in England.

Peter & Barbara Jones - June 13, 2018 at 12:23 PM



“ Very sad to hear of Bob's death today. He was a good friend. Condolences to Robin and family, he will be sorely missed. Thinking of you all at this sad time, love Kate Jefferson in England.

Kate Jefferson - June 13, 2018 at 12:15 PM



“ Carroll, Kathy & Tom purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Robert (Bob) Drake.



Carroll, Kathy & Tom - June 13, 2018 at 12:00 PM



“ Bob was a true professional and a gentleman. He will be greatly missed.

Bill Cannon

Bill Cannon - June 13, 2018 at 10:50 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert (Bob) Drake.



June 13, 2018 at 01:16 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert (Bob) Drake.



June 13, 2018 at 12:02 AM



“ I met Bob (and Sandra) in late 2007 when I asked him for his daughters hand, and he and I shared a kinship right away. We were both a bit old fashioned in many ways, and shared many of the same beliefs (albeit not politically!). He was a kind and a proud man, but he could also be firm. I liked him right away, and when I lived on the other side of the country and Sandra passed in 2012, he needed our help. We

moved in with him and helped him stabilize his life. After moving out, we stayed in close contact with him, and we eventually moved to the Florida Gulf Coast to care for his dear sister Katherine.

When we would visit him from time to time, his spirits were good, but I could sense a loss in him after Sandra passed. He was very devoted. We shared many stories about her life, and many laughs about the humorous things she would say and do. He loved to talk about the old times, and introduced me to visuals and phrases from a bygone era that I still say to this day (and get puzzled looks from these New Yorkers up here). “Packing your grip” [suitcase], and “having a dope” [Coke/soda/pop, etc.] were just a couple. I have fond memories of traveling to visit him for a couple days so we could share a few more memories, some nice meals there in “ABY”, and sitting on his back porch with a BD or SD (beer or scotch delight) and reminiscing about old times. We were both big WWII buffs, so we shared many a story about that.

I could go on for days about Bob, but I wanted to share a couple events he orchestrated that may not seem like big deals to most folks, but were very important to him. One was “The Scrooge Party” at Christmas time when he’d gather friends and family around his living room and play “A Christmas Carol” on an original Victrola record player, complete with the scratchy albums that had to be changed a dozen times and frequent winding of the player. Another was his Egg Salad get togethers. He managed to make the best egg salad sammiches I’ve ever had—nothing fancy—with lots of mustard and the cheap Piggly Wiggly sandwich bread, and “the guys” would share about what’s going on in their lives over sandwiches and those rippled potato chips and pickles. He loved setting up and planning those things, it meant a lot to him.

I’ve added a few pictures. One was with his sister Katherine, one was him at our favorite BBQ joint in Columbus, one was with me and Jimmy at an Albany Panthers game, and one was with he and I at Mayberry’s diner with dear family friends Van and Donna.

I will solemnly miss this fine man, and I was blessed to have known him and shared too short a time with him. May he always be at rest now. I miss you ‘Daddy-O’.



Chuck Woske - June 12, 2018 at 11:38 PM



“ Chuck, so sweet and touching. Bobby loved you dearly and as a son.

Kathy - June 13, 2018 at 09:45 AM



“ Oh, Chuck, what a wonderful tribute. So charming. B loved you a lot & ALWAYS looked forward to your visits. You were one of the guys- a BRO.

Carroll Drake - June 13, 2018 at 04:15 PM



“ Chuck such lovely memories. We met when you and Bob came to see me to notarize the Power of Attirny. Mr. Drake shared many of those same memories with me! I worked for Bob from 1987 till he retired. He took the chance on me right out of high school and but for him there is no wonder where I would be today! He was the most awesome, gracious man i have ever known. If you get this message personally please pass on to Robin and have her text me. I want to talk with her and offer any help you all need! Love and cherished memories will carry you through and love from friends! Thanks for the lovely tribute and thank you for being there for Robin snd the family! Love Jo

Jo Williams - June 13, 2018 at 08:11 PM



“ Chuck,
This is a beautiful and moving tribute. Thank you for the memories.

Emily Johnson - June 15, 2018 at 05:24 PM



“ When I was 2 years old, my Uncle Bobby brought a kite to my sister and me and took us into the field next door to fly it. The three of us laughed together and had a wonderful time. And precious moments with him continued our entire lives, whether he was playing a game with us, helping us with our homework, walking me down the aisle, or sharing old stories at the family reunions. He was a huge source of love and joy in my life - Always kind, accepting, full of good humor and benevolence.
Forever in my heart,
Kathy

Kathy Termotto - June 12, 2018 at 02:52 PM



“ Lovely words Kathy...

Chuck Woske - June 12, 2018 at 11:39 PM



“ When I was a little girl around 8 or so I lived for awhile in what was for me a very difficult and regimented situation. Not fun for a little kid! Uncle B became a really active uncle. He used to take me to school everyday. He knew a lot of the kids & would tease me that the patrol boy had a crush on me. He always found time to help me with homework. He would treat me to ice cream at the Arctic Bear. He would even let me sort of drive his white Ford falcon which was the MOST fun of all! He was a bright and loving light in an otherwise dark period. He was always the best chronicler of family stories with particular emphasis on the humor of them all. We always had a good laugh!!!! I love you Uncle B!
You know that!!!! Carroll



Carroll - June 12, 2018 at 02:46 PM



“ I can see him doing all those things. Nice memories Carroll, he'll live on in us for all our days.

Chuck Woske - June 12, 2018 at 11:40 PM