



John Arlington Drake

September 1, 1943 - September 18, 2022

John Arlington Drake, 79, of 1183 Gladys Road, Gladys died Sunday, September 18, 2022 at Gretna Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was the husband of May Bell Drake for thirty-one years.

He was born September 1, 1943 in Phillipsburg, NJ, a son of the late George Drake and Elaine Ethel Heckman Drake. He was a member of Wesleybury United Methodist Church, Brookneal American Legion Post 153, a retired employee of Griffin Pipe, and a U.S. Marine veteran.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Daniel Drake and his wife, Angela of Smithfield and Brett Drake and his wife, Eugenia of Suffolk, two daughters, Sheila Drake Gum of Albemarle, NC and Christina Drake Hesseling of Hurt; a step son, Thomas Martin and his wife, Joy of Gladys; a step daughter, Wanda Greer of Altavista; three sisters, Nancy Drake Goodminney and her husband, Roger of Lynchburg, Sharon Drake Valle and her husband, JR of Stroudsburg, PA and Diane Sloane of Hackettstown, NJ; two brothers, Eugene Drake and his wife, Gloria of Amherst and Dwayne Drake of MD; fifteen grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark Drake.

The graveside service has been rescheduled for 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 23, 2022 at Wesleybury United Methodist Church by the Pastor Bill Smith with military honors by American Legion Altavista Memorial Post 36 and Gretna Post 232.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Wesleybury United Methodist Church, 3071 Theta Mill Rd., Gladys, VA 24554.

Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Gladys is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Wesleybury United Methodist Church Cemetery

3071 Theta Mill Road
Gladys, VA 24554

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Wesleybury United Methodist Church
3071 Theta Mill Road
Gladys, VA 24554

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Graveside Service*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - September 24, 2022 at 01:18 PM

DH

“ *Wanda and family I am thinking of you and praying for you*



Dianne Haley - September 21, 2022 at 04:15 PM

WG

“ *Christina and family. So sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking and praying 🙏 for you.*
Wanda P Goodman

Wanda P Goodman - September 19, 2022 at 09:14 PM

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“ *Tommy and Joy,*
Please accept my deepest condolences for your family
Nancy Ashwell



Nancy Mitchell Ashwell - September 19, 2022 at 03:15 PM