



Larry Dean Drake

December 7, 1952 - September 9, 2013

Larry Dean Drake, age 60, a resident of Parsons, Kansas passed away Monday, September 9, 2013 at Labette Health in Parsons. He was born in Binger, Oklahoma on December 7, 1952 the son of Loren Eugene and Ora Idell (Shuffield) Drake.

Larry enjoyed all outdoor activities such as playing baseball, softball, basketball and participating in Special Olympics.

Larry is survived by three brothers; Eddie Drake and his wife Marilyn of Derby, Kansas, Loren Drake and his wife Betty of Dover, Arkansas and Bobby Drake and his wife Tami of Wichita, Kansas, two sisters; Frances Elston and Aleta Huntington both of Wichita, Kansas and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, September 14, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at Countryside – Zimmerman Funeral Home. Visitation will be Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until service time. Interment will be at Grace Lawn Cemetery in Howard. Family suggests contributions to Special Olympics and may be left with the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Countryside – Zimmerman Funeral Home, Howard, Kansas.

Cemetery Details

Grace Lawn Cemetery

Howard, KS 67349

Tribute Wall

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“ I'm sorry to hear of Larry's passing. Growing up in Howard I knew the Drake family well. Eddie is a year older than me and Loren a year younger. Loren and I were very good friends. We used to hang out with Robert Vinette, Bob Hebb, Jim Wiseman and others. I remember meeting Larry a couple of times when He was in Howard visiting. It sounds like He had a good life, though 60 is way too young to have it end. My condolences to the entire family. If any of you would care to contact me, my email address is lost.bear@cox.net. Again, so sorry for your loss, hope the rest of the family is doing well. Sincerely, Jim Crisp.

Jim Crisp - September 26, 2013 at 05:58 AM

 Connie
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“ It's rare that we can send a loved one off to heaven and still have so many precious, earthy memories of a selfless, innocent, joyful, and loving person. Larry left us all of this and so much more. I can just hear him saying with a grin, "No! She's MY Mama!" That boy did LOVE his mama. Of course, we all loved her so much - understandable that he wanted her all to himself.

When Grandma was terminally ill she shared with me that her only real concern about leaving earth was that she was leaving Larry behind. She trusted her other 5 children and her grandchildren to be there for him. They did. I hope that Grandma Drake is looking down from heaven at her children with a sense of pride.

My earliest memories of Larry were from when we lived in Galesburg, Stark, & Erie. Close enough that he saw him more often. My family knows that I HATED veggies as a child. What they may not know is how compassionate Larry Dean was to my plight... I had to sit at the table until my dinner plate was cleaned up. Larry was so good to "help" me with those yucky veggies. ;-)

Christmas was a favorite time of year as we always got together and Larry loved seeing everyone, shooting hoops, throwing a football, singing Christmas carols, swinging, or going bowling. Gosh, can't you just hear him lifting up Jingle Bells and Jesus Loves Me all the way to heaven?!

Lots of family and friends will treasure memories of Larry's Special Olympics events over so many years. I remember the Parsons Rodeo a long time ago. Larry was a true cowboy with a heart as big as Texas!

I'm thankful for this Tribute Wall as a way to share Larry's life stories and vent a little grief as his time here has ended. He left his mark.

Connie Jacobs - September 10, 2013 at 09:35 PM