



## Mr. Robert A. Drake

November 21, 1939 - March 9, 2014

Robert A. (Bob) Drake, 74, of Henderson passed from this life March 9, 2014. He was born November 21, 1939 in Sweetwater, Texas to the late William A. Drake and Evelyn (Spears) Drake. Bob grew up in Lufkin and was a stand-out basketball player for Lufkin High School and after graduating went on to play for the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks. While attending SFA he met the love of his life and best friend Nancy (Craig) Drake. They were married June 30, 1961 and shared 52 wonderful years together. After graduating SFA they moved to Tyler where Bob started his long and successful career in the business world with Kelly Springfield Tire. While they lived in Tyler their son Robert Craig Drake was born. They then moved to Longview where he worked as an accountant for Schlitz Brewing and was with them for 15 years moving around the United States. He then became General Manager for Southwest Canning in Nacogdoches for 15 years. After moving to Henderson he was employed as accountant for Panel Truss. He was always a very loyal employee for whatever company he was with. He is remembered as a man with great principles, friendliness, and one of the best sense of humors ever. His ability to work with people was unequaled.

He was preceded in death by his father, William A. Drake, father and mother-in-law Joe B. and Mattie Craig, and brother-in-law Joe Davis.

Left to cherish his memory is wife Nancy (Craig) Drake, son Robert Craig

Drake and wife Melissa of Mansfield, Texas and four of his greatest joys his grandchildren Samantha Keller of Ft. Worth, Taylor Drake, Chandler Drake, and Austin Drake, his mother Evelyn Drake of Henderson, sister Doris (Billie) Davis of Arlington and aunt Doris Bell of Lufkin; also, brother-in-law Joe F. Craig and wife Pat of Henderson, sister-in-law Linda (Craig) Culp of Tyler, and Mollie (Craig) Hale and husband Ken of Henderson, and many nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers are Bill Leath, Frank Ashcroft, Larry Williams, Stanley Hayes, Joe Frank Craig, and Ken Hale.

Memorial services for Mr. Drake will be held at 2 pm on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. David Luckert officiating. The family will receive friends following the service in the parlor at the church.

The family requests memorials be made in lieu of flowers to: First United Methodist Church at 204 N. Marshall, Henderson, TX, or MD Anderson Cancer Foundation at 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
204 N. Marshall  
Henderson, TX 75652

## visitation

MAR 13. 2:45 PM (CT)

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204 N. Marshall  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall

NC

“ *Nita Crow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Drake*



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**Nita Crow** - March 14, 2014 at 08:19 AM

NC

*Bobby always had a smile for everyone. I know the family will miss him. Praying for all.*

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**Nita Crow** - March 14, 2014 at 08:22 AM

KR

“ *Kathy Reilly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Drake*



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**Kathy Reilly** - March 12, 2014 at 06:28 PM

PG

“ *Bob was such a special friend to my mom at Autumn Leaves. My mother thought so much of him. I know Miss Evelyn will miss his daily visits. He was a wonderful son. Nancy. you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Pam Glenn and the family of Frances Kiesewetter*

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**Pam Glenn** - March 12, 2014 at 05:17 PM

DG

“ Mrs. Nancy,  
Words just cannot express how sorry we are  
for your loss. Mr. Bob was just one of a kind.  
One of the hardest working and dedicated  
men that we have ever met. He will truly be  
missed by all at Panel Truss. He was such a joy to work with. He  
always brought a smile to our face every time we entered his office.  
Don and Kary Groom



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**Don and Kary Groom** - March 12, 2014 at 04:05 PM

DF

“ Doris Pollard And Family lit a candle in  
memory of Mr. Robert A. Drake



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**Doris Pollard and Family** - March 12, 2014 at 09:36 AM

DF

Doris Pollard , Our Mother thought so much of Bobby. We are so sorry  
for your lost.

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**Doris Pollard and Family** - March 12, 2014 at 09:38 AM

TH

“ Terrie Harman lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Robert A. Drake



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**Terrie Harman** - March 12, 2014 at 09:35 AM

NP

“ *Nesha Partin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Drake*



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**Nesha Partin** - March 12, 2014 at 09:09 AM

PK

“ *Peggy Keeling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Drake*



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**Peggy Keeling** - March 11, 2014 at 12:14 PM

MM

“ *Marilyn Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. Drake*



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**Marilyn Martin** - March 11, 2014 at 07:51 AM

NG

“ *We send our deepest sympathy to you and your family. You are dear to our hearts and our thoughts and prayers are with you. Much love, Mark and Nancy Gibson*

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**nancy gibson** - March 10, 2014 at 08:04 PM

BD

“ Sweet Nancy, what a precious couple were you and Bob! You had such a strong friendship, and you inspired so many of us as we watched you walk through a long and beautiful marriage! Craig, you have always been loved immeasurably by your family, and when I saw you last night, I could see a reflection of that love. You look so much like both of them! Your dad was extremely proud of you and of those precious grandchildren! He will be missed so much! You hold on to those strong truths that he instilled in you, and please hold on to your mom very tightly! She has been my best friend since we were ten years old! I will always love you! Betsy Dunnavant

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**Betsy Dunnavant** - March 10, 2014 at 03:56 PM

TG

Nancy, so sorry to hear about your husband. I am glad you had so many years of friendship and marriage with him. May God bless you and give you strength in the coming times

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**Terry Broome Glasscock** - March 11, 2014 at 08:19 AM