



William Drake

November 22, 2001

William Gibson Drake of Easton, Maryland died on November 22, 2001 at Easton Memorial Hospital. He was 69.

Born in Newton, NJ on April 13, 1932, he was the son of the late William and Kathryn Simmons Drake.

Mr. Drake was a graduate of Rutgers University and did graduate work at Cornell University. During his lifetime, Mr. Drake worked in many capacities including; as a bond trader with Ferris and Company in Annapolis, MD, a dairy farmer, an Angus and Holstein breeder, a horticulturalist, and a teacher. He also worked as the head horticulturalist and superintendent of grounds with the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington D.C., and as Superintendent of grounds for Bowie State University in Bowie, MD. Mr. Drake moved to Easton Maryland in 1988.

His interests include horse breeding, horse racing, and gardening. He was a member of the American Orchid Society for 50 years, he was Past President of the Virginia Orchid Society, a member of the Chesapeake Chapter of the American Holly Society, the Aberdeen Angus Society in Scotland, the National Holstein Association, St. Andrews Society of the Eastern Shore, and St. Paul's Parish, Kent.

In addition to his wife, Carolyn Swanson Drake, whom he married August 1, 1976, Mr. Drake is survived by a son, Gavin Sneed of Raleigh, NC and a sister, Ann Smink of Dallas, TX, and five grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held on Monday November 26, 2001 at 11:00 AM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Relatives and friends may call at the Parish House St. Paul's, Kent from 10:15 until 11:00 AM. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Chesapeake Chapter of the American Holly Society.

Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
Chestertown, MD.

Tribute Wall



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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William Drake*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM