



John Jeffrey Drake

December 24, 1946 - December 31, 2012

John Jeffrey Drake age 66 of Bloomington passed away December 31, 2012 at his residence. Jeff was born December 24, 1946 in Bloomington to John Jefferson and Helen Jeffrey Reaves Drake.

He was a 1964 grad of Bloomington High School and attended Indiana University. Jeff spent his professional career with Indiana Bell, Pacific Bell and ultimately for the last eight years with Cook Inc. in Bloomington. He was a member of Unity Church of Bloomington; loved baseball, basketball, and especially loved his horses. Jeff spent countless hours as a volunteer at Fairview Elementary School and was a certified hypno-therapist as well.

He is survived by his son Marcus Anthony Drake and his wife Kari De Lynn of Bloomington; daughter Angela Barbara Marie Drake of Indianapolis; granddaughter Victoria Chantelle Drake of Bloomington; sister Ojetta J Silas of Cranston Rhode Island; niece Avia J. Slas of Cranston, as well; niece Siria A .Silas of Maryland; his mother Helen Jeffrey Drake of Bloomington as well as cousins Phil L. Drake of Bloomington and Rose Young of St. Louis, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held Saturday January 5, 2013 at Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Id Highway 37 at 11:00AM. Rev. Lori Boyd

will officiate. Visitation will be Friday January 4, 2013 from 4:00PM until 8:00PM also at Allen Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

CR

“ *Ojetta and family. Our heartfelt condolences to the entire family. We know the heartbreak of loss and all that comes with it. We ask the Creators blessings and prayers for you all.*

Cherrie and Ron Welburn - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

LQ

“ *Ojetta,*

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your brother. I fondly remember him being such a nice person. My Thought and Prayers are with you and your family at this sad time.

Linda Quillen - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

LA

“ *I served on Unity Board of Directors with Jeff and knew him to be a very intentional, caring man who lived with purpose. My condolences and prayers to his family. with deepest sympathy,
Laurie Eynon*

Laurie Eynon - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

AN

“ *Jeff and I served on the Unity Board for several years and he was also just a fellow Unity member for all the other years. We had many deep conversations and his insights and wisdom were refreshing and helpful. I'll miss him and our Unity community will miss him.*

Ann Smith - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

MA

“ Dear Jeff,

I finally have a quote for you:

"To live until I die...to live fully" Sister Theo Bowman

Jeff, I'll miss your insight and deep listening. You gave so very much. You lived fully (and whole) until you passed to the other side.

You will always remain in my heart.

Love, Mary (Unity member)

Mary Madore - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JB

“ *I met Jeff at Unity. Jeff was so dignified, warm, accepting and encouraging. He always was kind and I always felt like he brought out the best in me and everyone who was in his presence. He made you want to be a better person. He inspired dignity. God just emanated through him. It was an immense blessing to have known him. Many blessings to your family!*

Jennifer and Ron Beebe - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

BR

“ Ojetta sorry I left without saying goodbye at the funeral home. I just couldn't see or picture Jeff like he was and decided it was better to remember him the way he was so many years ago. So strong, healthy and handsome!

It is so sad to loose him this way and much too early. But he died the way he lived... on his own terms. He will always hold a special place in my heart. Prayers to you and entire family.

"Death is a memory that's hard to heal....Love is a memory no one can steal."

Brenda Mingee - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

RM

“ Jeff had been a wonderful friend since we first met in junior high school. We have kept in touch over the years, especially when I was able to come back to Indiana to visit. We had wonderful times together that I will always cherish. Jeff was a great friend and a kind, caring, and thoughtful person. We had many conversations ranging from deep and serious topics to laughing and joking. He was a very deep thinker and would get into complex philosophical topics that demonstrated the great depth of his soul. We had lots of dinners together that my wife and I looked forward to-always a highlight of our visits. I only found out about Jeff's passing late today. If I had known that he was not well, I would have come to see him then. Also, if I had known of his passing earlier, I would have been there to pay my respects in person.

R. Michael Abram - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JO

“ I knew Jeff from Unity. He was a kind and compassionate man-- always took the time to speak with me. He gave much to our community at Unity and will be missed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Joni James - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

MA

“ I have known Jeff since the early 1990s. He and I and the late Lee Todd were in several groups together over the years. Jeff boarded his horse, Apache, at Lee's farm for several years. He will be greatly missed by many. I treasure having him as a friend.

Marcia Ankrom - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JS

“ My condolences to Jeff's family and friends. I met Jeff when he came to me for riding lessons. We have J&S Riding Lesson Center. Jeff absolutely adored horses and wished he could have his own place then to help children with their problems through horses. He was great with horses himself. He also came to my horse camps and helped and talked to the children about how to live and love all people and animals and be a kind and gentle person as they grow into adults. No doubt to me he is riding horses in Heaven.
Sue Strunk

Jerry and Sue Strunk - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

KE

“ *i would like to send my blessings to the drake family. i am the daughter of bobby drake and mr. drake was my cousin. i just saw him at my grandmothers funeral (gloria drake). i dont know much about my drake side but i knew him. my condolences goes out to your family. i met him a long time ago. he was a real nice guy. god bless.*

kecia redding - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

CR

“ *Blessings and love to Jeff Drake, a great man who acted with compassion and humility in all of his activities.*

I met Jeff through Unity Church a long time ago. We worked on some legal projects together. Jeff was an effective counselor with young men; he was kind enough to give very timely and effective counseling to two of my teenage sons a few years back. I am sure that he helped to guide dozens of young men through the challenges of their adolescent lives by deep listening and hands-on wisdom.

Jeff was a man of peace and an example of a vast soul who loved all of mankind. Though we were of different races I felt that Jeff had grown beyond any culturally imposed limitations. He was an equal giver to all.

I don't remember ever seeing Jeff with as much hair as in the photo, so that must have been taken at a younger age than when I met him. He did seem ageless, as others have commented, and although I know he had some stiffness from an accident long ago, it never stopped him from being actively present and fully vital in the moment. I will always remember that he had much light and many sparkles in his eyes, was always sharing a quiet smile, and offering a warm hug of brotherhood and supportive affirmations to anyone willing to receive them.

I know that Jeff will be missed for as long as memory lasts. I also know that my brother Jeff has returned to the Oneness that is our source and our destination. My condolences to his family and to all others who were privileged to know him.

Craig Benson - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

GO

“ On behalf of the Creech family I would like to extend our deepest sympathy's to the Drake family on the passing of Jeff. When I was a child I spent a lot of time at the Westside Community Center roller skating & playing basketball with Jeff & Mark. I ran into Jeff in the early summer of 2012 & had a chance to chat with him about old times & get caught up on ours family's. Jeff was a great guy & I was proud to have him as a friend. I will miss him very much. May God Bless & keep Jeff & his family through this difficult period. Gordon D. Creech

Gordon Creech - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

PA

“ Dear Helen and family,

My heart is overwhelmed in sadness to receive this news today of Jeff's passing... My thoughts and loving wishes are with you. I am currently in Indonesia visiting my family until the end of January. Despite the miles, I'm feeling close in heart to you and to Jeff. We've shared so many wonderful years of friendship. God bless you and all who so dearly love him.

Patricia Kaler - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JA

“ I admired Jeff so much....he was/is a very compassionate man. I knew him through Unity.
So sorry for his passing....I know he is enjoying life in all of it's dimensions.

janiece jaffe - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

ED

“ My memory is that Jeff and I played on the Optimist little league team together. I hope I am correct about this memory. Our team played 20 games and lost 19 of them. I would see or "bump into" Jeff about every five years or so, and we always remembered each other. Jeff was always very friendly with me even though our paths crossed infrequently after those "Optimist" days. I am so very, very sorry that he has passed away so young. Every time I saw him he looked the same: young and handsome. My condolences to each and every one of his family. I am in Florida now and will not be able to attend his funeral.

Ed McCrea

Ed McCrea - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

EM

“ To the Drake and Silas family,
God's Peace and Comfort be with you. May the strength of our Lord carry you through. He never fails

*Sincerely,
Emily Thomas*

Emily Thomas - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

SU

“ To Jeff's family; It was with great sadness that I learned of Jeff's passing. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. I pray that your memories sustain you during this difficult time. Jeff was a man of honor and dignity and he will be sorely missed. God bless you all.

Suzanne Faulk - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

TE

“ *Dear Ojetta and Family*

I am so sorry for this loss for all of you. Jeff was always so strong that I believed he would live forever! I didn't know about his illness until now but then again knowing Jeff it doesn't surprise me that he kept this information to himself. I have to go out of town for school this weekend and will be unable to attend the service on Friday. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. It is a comfort for me to know that Jeff is now free of these worldly cares and is discovering a whole new way of being. Please let me know if there is anything I can do.

Love, Terrie

Terrie Bowling - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JO

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing and wish to extend my condolences to his family. I knew him from attending Unity and he was always a polite, humble presence. He contributed much to the Unity community and will be remembered and missed.*

Joan Keeler - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM