



Bradford Drake

May 20, 1922 - January 5, 2014

Obituary of Bradford Drake
Obituary of Bradford Winslow Drake, III
Drake III, Bradford Winslow, 91, died January 5th, 2014 in Ocala FL. Mr. Drake was born on May 20, 1922 in Stoughton, MA to Bradford W. Drake, Jr. and Gertrude E. Drake (Elmes) of Stoughton. He was educated in the Stoughton public schools, Mt. Herman Prep School (Northfield, MA), and graduated with a BA from Bowdoin College (Brunswick, ME). Mr. Drake had a distinguished military record in World War II. He was a bomber pilot in Europe during the height of the war and was promoted to the rank of Captain while serving in the US Air Force Reserves. He married Olive J. Fountain in St. Louis, MO in 1950 and together lived in both Stoughton and East Bridgewater, Massachusetts with three children. He was the manager and owner of the B. W. Drake Leather Company of Brockton, MA until 1969. He then became the branch manager of the East Bridgewater Savings Bank. In 1972 he and his family moved to Ft. Lauderdale, FL. For two years he worked as an Engineer Tech with the Florida Department of Transportation before transferring to the Department of Human Resource Services where he served as a Personnel Tech until his retirement in 1987. In 1990 he and his wife moved to Ocala, FL where their older son (Larry), a contractor, built for them a lovely home. He was an avid sportsman who enjoyed tennis, track and basketball in prep school and participated in a variety of inter-fraternity sports while in college. He loved golfing, a sport he enjoyed for more than 70 years. He was an ardent Red Sox and Celtics fan and later in life closely followed the Miami Dolphins and

Florida Gator football and basketball. He also enjoyed family activities, hiking, birding, traveling and yard work. A devoted Christian, Mr. Drake was actively involved in several churches in New England and Florida. After moving to Ocala, he and Olive became members of Grace Presbyterian Church where he sang in the choir and ushered for many years. Surviving family members are his loving wife of 63 years, Olive J. Drake, daughter, Linda J. Vice and her husband Frank of Springfield, MO, son, Larry C. Drake and his wife Debbie of Ocala, FL and son, George B. Drake and his wife Diane of Albuquerque, NM. Mr. Drake had eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted at Mr. Drake's favorite charity that provides education to underprivileged children of northern Mexico. El Rancho Del Rey, P.O. Box 4724, Olathe, KS 66063-4724. www.elranchodelrey.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Bradford Drake*

June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Larry and Debbie, so sorry to hear of the passing of such a wonderful man. I feel blessed to have gotten to know him, and know he will be missed by many. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love Nancy*

Nancy Francis - January 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Good bye Dad. I love you and will miss you. CAVU! George.*

George Drake - January 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our hearts go out to the whole Drake family at this time. Praying for God's love, comfort and peace to surround you all.*

Ruth Ann and Wil Marin - January 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ We have been blessed with Brad and Olive as dear friends and neighbors for 17 years in Ocala, Fl. They were instrumental in our moving into our present home. It was Brad who "introduced us to Ocala" with weekly trips to surrounding sites, restaurants and local events. Our daily morning walks together around our subdivision were such an important part of our getting established in our new home. We shared so many meals together in local restaurants. We attended the same church and began to have the same friends. Brad was our first "New England" friend and we were charmed by his gentlemanly manners and kindness. We became involved with his family, meeting children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren as they came along through the years. Brad was a loving patriarch of the Drake family. He told many interesting stories of his New England past and was never at a loss for words sharing reminiscences of his war time experiences of earlier years. We have been greatly blessed by Brad's life and are grateful to God for his friendship.

Roy and Sherry Dennis - January 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ On behalf of our staff at Roberts Funeral Homes, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the entire family during this difficult time.

Todd McBride - January 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM