



Robert "Bob" Drake

August 17, 1959 - January 22, 2026

Robert "Bob" Drake, age 66, a lifelong Kankakee resident, passed away Thursday, January 22, 2026 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born August 17, 1959 in Kankakee, the son of Marvin & Edith (Lykes) Drake. Bob married Karen Janczak on November 29, 1979 in Bradley.

Bob was a carpenter and owned and operated Drake Construction. He was a Petroliana collector. Bob enjoyed stock car racing and visiting various dirt tracks.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Karen Drake of Kankakee; one son, Darrel Drake (Caylie Gott) of Limestone; three sisters, Gail (Kendal) DeFord of FL, Mindy (Dave) Hengel of FL, and Jill (Paul) Horton of CA; one grandson, Charlie Gott; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Bob was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Jeffrey Drake; and one brother, Mike Drake.

To honor his wishes, cremation rites have been accorded.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Bob or Pops15 as I knew him, was a great guy and a great supporter of area stock car racing. I was lucky enough to him and call him a friend. May he rest in peace. See you on the other side Bob, save me a good seat.* ”

Paul Bayne - January 27 at 11:50 PM

JY

“ *I'm so sorry to read this. The Drakes live in the same neighborhood and our children grew up together.* ”



Julie Yarno - January 27 at 06:45 PM

EH

“ *Such a friendly guy and craftsman. He and Darrel did some work on my Sheldon home years back. So sorry to hear of his passing.* ”

Emma Hopper - January 25 at 11:34 PM

HH

“ *Hank & Geri Hadders lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Drake* ”



Hank & Geri Hadders - January 24 at 03:07 PM

ES

“ *Eric Sadler lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Drake*



Eric Sadler - January 24 at 11:04 AM

KT

“ *Sorry to read the passing of your Husband, Karen*



Kris Trombley - January 23 at 10:00 PM

MG

“ *We are so sorry for your loss.*

Bill and Marcy Gott

Marcy Gott - January 23 at 08:59 PM

LH

“ *Linda Farchione Hawks purchased the Sweet Comfort Gift Crate for the family of Robert "Bob" Drake.*



Linda Farchione Hawks - January 23 at 04:54 PM



“ *So very sorry. He always a smile on his face. What a wonderful man.
Always willing to help.* ”

Sonya CONROY - January 23 at 03:26 PM