



Michael David Drew

January 10, 1941 - March 2, 2015

Michael David Drew went to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, March 2, 2015. He was born in Charlotte, NC on January 10, 1941.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 1:30 PM at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home. Harry Tackett of West Alameda Church of Christ will officiate. Michael will lie in state Thursday, March 5, 2015 until the time of service. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 8:00 PM Wednesday evening. Graveside services will be at the Gen Douglas McBride Veterans Cemetery, conducted by the VA Honor Guard. Special music will be provided by precious friends, Carolyn Johnson and Tommy Graves and partners.

Pallbearers will be members of the Roswell Fire Department. Honorary Pallbearers will include Dr. Evan Nelson, Brett Clay, Tommy Graves, Gaylon Martin, Chevy Melero, Ray Polanco and Mike Puckett.

Michael David Drew and Carolyn Deane Gibbs were united in marriage on April 22, 1961 at Trinity Methodist Church. Together they celebrated 53 years of marriage.

Those waiting to meet him at the gate are his Mother and Father, Walter and Margaret Dark; birth Father, John Wesley Drew; Grandparents, Michael David and Barbara Molliker; and Brother, Donald Dark.

Mike and his family moved in December of 1946 to Phoenix, Arizona, which became his home until he joined the US Air Force in August, 1959. He was stationed at Walker Air Force Base in Roswell, New Mexico until his discharge on October 31, 1966. While in the Air Force, he reached the rank of Staff

Sargent. Mike was sent to NCO Prep School and was named as the Honor Graduate of his class. His job was being a mechanic on B-52's.

Michael joined the Roswell Fire Department in August of 1975, where he attained the rank of Battalion Chief before retiring in November, 1992.

He was proud to have served his country and community which became his home for almost 55 years. Michael was a very honorable man who had a highly favored work ethic. He never asked anyone to do anything he would not do himself.

Model railroads and slot car racing were his hobbies with his son. Together, they would build model cars and airplanes. Cars were his passion, especially corvettes, having four different ones. Mike, his wife Carolyn and son, refurbished a 1931 Model A. On drag race day, at the local strip, you most probably would find the "Drew Crew". Mike never missed a chance to show pictures of his son and his race car "Scarlet Fever".

Michael was a man who was a wonderful Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather. If he was your friend, he truly was your friend.

Those left with many fond memories are his wife, Carolyn, whom he lovingly called his "Bride of Many Summers." Also remaining are a son, Michael T. Drew, his finance, Cara and her children, Perry, Jessie, Brice, Simon and Aislinn; granddaughter, Heather Marie Drew Albin and her husband, Josh of Bloomfield, NM; adopted granddaughter, Lesley Albin of Bloomfield, NM; great grandsons, Jonathan and Michael; sisters, Eleanor Duffy of Tempe, AZ, and Joan Levens of Wimauma, FL; sisters-in-law, Susan Stephens of Albuquerque, NM, and Betty Dark of Parish, NY; many nieces and nephews including Mark Duffy and his wife, Susie and their family of Mesa, AZ, Jammie Sue Stephens, Jimmy Lee and his wife Connie all of Albuquerque, NM. Also surviving Michael is the mother of his precious granddaughter, Carla Stoddard of Belen, NM.

We give our heartfelt thanks to Mike's special doctor, Dr. Evan Nelson for his

care, compassion and love, and to all of the people of Gentiva Hospice and his primary and very special nurse, Jessica Brooks. Not to be forgotten are Timothy Arlet, Stacie, Margarita, Monica, Rosalia, Jessica, Alma, Chris, Sterling and volunteers Chris and Dennis. Our Love to all of you. God Bless. "When it comes your time to join me, I'll be there".

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Mr. Drew was always such an inspiration to me. He was a very special gentleman and treated others with incredible respect. He will be greatly missed. May God provide the peace needed for all of the friends and family during this time.*

Jeff Smith

Jeff Smith - March 23, 2015 at 08:41 PM

ST

“ *I worked with Mike at the Roswell Fire Department. He was a good man & always treated me with respect. Caroline & I got to know each other & had many laughs. Whenever I saw them out they both had big hugs for me & it was a joy to see them & catch up. May the God of hope & peace be with you all in during this time.*

Sally Terry - March 08, 2015 at 05:31 PM

DG

“ *Mike, I think of you and your dad often and wonder what y'all are up to, I guess now I will know your dad is in Heaven bench racing with all his old friends and those we have lost too soon. You and your mom will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.*

David Gilmore - March 08, 2015 at 03:20 PM

KS

“ Carolyn and family~~~We are so sorry for your loss. I will always remember my "porch people". Both of you always made my mornings with your waves on the way to work. Sending you hugs and prayers during this time and may God replace the hole in your heart today with loving memories of Mike. Mike and Kathy (Melancon) Sudduth

Kathy Sudduth - March 06, 2015 at 02:48 PM

LL

“ Always loved sharing bench racing sessions and memories with this great guy! He will be truly missed by our entire Big O Tires crew and especially by Rose & I. Rest in peace my friend. Larry & Rose Loftin and Staff.

Larry Loftin - March 04, 2015 at 04:23 PM

TT

“ My sincere sympathy to Carolyn, Mike, and all family members and many, many friends. I first met Mike when he worked at Ball & Ray Mens store. The first time we met, I knew I had found a new friend, I was not wrong. I think my daughter Deanna, dated little Mike a few times. It was a pleasure seeing Mike and family at the Drag Strip over the years. We have lost a good Man, and heaven has gained a good soul.... Terry & Myrnell Turner.

Terry Turner - March 04, 2015 at 02:58 PM

JA

“ I first met Mike in 1969 at Quality Cycle Sales. He was riding the first Honda 750 in Roswell. Even though I was a young kid that he didn't even know, he took the time to answer my questions. Like all interaction I ever had with him, he gave me full attention and treated me with respect. I came to know the entire Drew family and can say they were my friends. We'll all miss Mike and his kind ways. Godspeed Mike. Blessings on Carolyn and his family.

Jimmy Allison - March 04, 2015 at 02:47 PM

LI

“ Loretta Lerma and Stewart Ind purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael David Drew.



Loretta Lerma and Stewart Ind - March 04, 2015 at 10:29 AM

DC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We did not know Michael well but he was always such a pleasant person.

Don and Earlene Clark

Don & Earlene Clark - March 04, 2015 at 10:29 AM