



## John C.

July 20, 2009

Drake, John C. "Bear"., age 72 of Lindsey Lane, Moundsville, WV died Monday, July 20, 2009 in Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Glen Dale.

He was born December 22, 1936 in Moundsville, the son of the late Clarence B. "PI" and Ada A. Lewis Drake.

He was a US Marine; a retired foreman from AEP Kammer Ohio Power Plant; a member of Ash Avenue Church of God; Little Prince Lodge #19 Knights of Pythias; Woodland Hills Recreation Club; TOPS #165 where he was WV State King in 2003.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Eugene "PI" Drake; and three brothers-in-law, Frank Gardner, Martin Knapp, and Delbert Albaugh.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine M. Blake Drake; a daughter, Martha Lynn (Bob) Cain of Glen Easton, WV; a son, John Steven (Sue) Drake of Moundsville; two granddaughters, Ashley and Laken Drake, both of Moundsville; two grandsons, Andrew Cain, and Justin (Rebecca), all of Moundsville; a great-grandson, Tyler Cain who affectionately new Pap as the "dirty rat"; four sisters, Mary Mae Gardner, Helen Knapp, Dorothy Albaugh, and Nancy (Don) Bolen, of Moundsville; and several nieces and nephews including a special nephew, Steve Barker of McMechen, WV.

Family will receive friends Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8pm with K.O.P Services at 5:30pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Avenue, Moundsville and visitation Thursday from 10am until time of funeral

service at 11am at Ash Avenue Church of God, 127 Ash Avenue, Moundsville with Rev. Jeff Hancock officiating.

Interment in Riverview Cemetery, Moundsville where the Moundsville Honor Guard will conduct military graveside services.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ash Avenue Church of God.