



## George P. Drake

August 31, 1916 - October 25, 2009

George P. Drake of Hobart, IN, passed away on October 25, 2009 at Miller's Senior Living Community, Portage, Indiana, surrounded by family. He was born in Gary, Indiana on August 31, 1916, to Pavla and Marja (Dugandzia) Drakulich, and was their only surviving child from the 1918 flu epidemic. After meeting Marian (Ballog) at a Pulaski Hall dance, they were married for nearly 70 years prior to her death in 2008. He graduated from Froebel High School in 1935. George retired from the Gary Sheet & Tin Mill in 1971.

Athletics was always an important part of his life. His participation in high school led to coaching and officiating softball, baseball and basketball. In 1952, he was a key organizational member and first commissioner of Tolleston Little League.

Sharing in the loss of their father are Patti (Jerry) Hicks, Paul Drake and Rich (Karen) Drake. George is also survived by grandchildren Jeffrey (Carrie) Hicks, Sam (Kim) Hicks, Dawn Hicks, Paul Drake II and Lance (Sarah) Drake; and great-grandchildren Lindsey, Erin, Sydney and Sam Hicks. Also survived by special family friend Barbara Millwood; sister-in-law, Mary Ballog and nieces Marilyn Pappas, Sandra (George) Samson and Paulette Ritter. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brother Milos, sisters Ruze and Kata; sister-in-law, Kathryn Dennis; brothers-in-law, Michael Ballog, Edward Ballog and Paul Dennis; niece, Nance Walters.

Funeral services Wednesday, October 28, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Burns Funeral Home, 701 E.7th Street, Hobart, with Rev. Marko Matic officiating. Services will terminate at the funeral home. Friends may visit with the family on Wednesday, at the funeral home from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Lake County Public Library Talking Books, ATTN: Renee Lewis, 1919 W. 81st, Merrillville, IN 46410 or VNA Hospice, 2401 Valley Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46383.

# Tribute Wall



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