



K.L. Drake

February 16, 2010

Obituary of K.L. Drake

K. L. "Duck" Drake, Jr., 78, passed away Tuesday, February 16, 2010. He was born in Jacksonville, FL and lived in the Plantation at Leesburg for the past 13 years. Mr. Drake enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1951. He rose through the ranks from Seaman to Chief Petty Officer and retired after 30 years of service as a Navy Commander. Along with the numerous decorations and awards he received, he was selected by the Navy Helicopter Association as Maintenance Officer of the year in 1979. He is survived by his wife, Betty; daughter Patricia (Rodney) Buxton; 2 stepsons, Ron (Anne) Farnell, Dave (Judy) Farnell and was "Pa" to his grandchildren Anne Carrie, Justin Buxton, Jonathan Buxton, Samantha Veleber, Jeffrey Varner, Patrick Varner and Andy Farnell.

Services

A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 11:00am at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, 1123 W. Main St., Leesburg, FL

Interment

A committal service will follow with Military Honors at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell at 1:00pm.

Memorials

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Paralyzed Veterans of America, 801 18th St. Washington, DC, 20006 or National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 4237 Salisbury Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32216.

Tribute Wall



“ *K.L. Drake*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *My dear and loved 1st cousin, who served his country well, will be missed by so many, but one day soon we wil see him in our new home. as boys we shared many joys and then through our bussy lives we never for got where we started, uor dads both preachers. We in the last few years through the wonder of e-mail stayed in contact. I like you will miss Lawton here, but I like him knew the promises of our Lord and savour Jesus Christ. I go and prepare a place for you... What promise that is, so I know That I will see him in the everlasting city of God.*

Rev. James R. Drake - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Duck was an inspiration to me. One of my heroes. Without his guidance I would not have had such a wonderful Naval career. While attached to HT-18 in 1980 he saw in me what others had not seen. He sat me down in his office and began to tell me about the LDO program and how I was going to one day become an LDO. Six (6) years later I was commissioned an Ensign and in 1999 I retired after more than 28 years. Duck came to my retirement and made my day. I told this same story at my retirement. He was Uncle Duck to my 2 children and many others I am sure. My family and I were blessed to have known such a great man. May you rest in peace and we will be seeing you in the future.*

Elliott S. Corbett III LCDR, USN, RET - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Betty, I am sorry to hear about Duck. We had been corresponding for a while by email. I had served with him on the Kitty Hawk in Vietnam. I will notify all the old VA-37 Bulls that I have contacts for. You and your family are in our prayers. God Bless, Doug `Pete` Peters*

Doug `Pete` Peters - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM