



## Bertis "Bert" Gene Drake

November 28, 1934 - January 20, 2011

Bertis "Bert" G. Drake

Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home

Bertis "Bert" Gene Drake, a longtime Wenatchee resident, passed away on January 20, 2011. Bert died at his home surrounded by his wife Estellee and their three Children, grandchildren and close friends.

He was born on November 28, 1934 to the late Thomas (Tom) and Ida (Martin) Drake in Ash Flat Arkansas.

Bert lived his life to the fullest with his wife and children and grandchildren. Together they camped, fished, hunted and spent a lot of family time together. He worked at Hannah Mining Company of Rock Island for 12 years. After that he worked at Auvil Fruit Company as a Mechanic for 20 years until he retired in 2000.

Although his health was failing rapidly, he found enough strength and will to make his last big hunting trip last October, which he got his Big Buck! His last hunting trip was with his wife, son and three grandsons, Zack Drake, Dylan and Brandon Anderson and several good hunting friends. Bert had a special hunting permit for a buddy hunt and grandson Zack was the one that got to help Bert get the last Big Buck.

He was a wonderful husband and the greatest dad. He will be loved and missed so much from each and every one of us!

Survivors include his wife Estellee (Fulbright) Drake of 56 years. His Daughter Rosalie (Drake) Hale and her husband Bob of Wenatchee, Son, Tom Drake and his wife Sheri of East Wenatchee, Daughter, Renae (Drake) Anderson and her husband Randy of Rock Island. Also, adopted son from the heart, Glen Hardy of Canada.

Also surviving are Bert's siblings; Ivan Drake and his wife Pat of Wenatchee, Boyce Drake and his wife Claudin of Mt. Home, Arkansas and Lola Bowlin of Fayetteville, Arkansas. 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren and his two favorite companions Tina and Harley.

He was preceded in death by his brother Doyle Drake from Arkansas and sisters, Lois Weaver and Elly McCord both from Arkansas

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 from 1 to 8pm at Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home.

Bert's funeral will be held also at Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 1:00pm.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at [www.jonesjonesbetts.com](http://www.jonesjonesbetts.com) under the obituary section.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 25. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Jones & Jones ~ Betts  
302 9th Street  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

## Service

JAN 26. 1:00 PM (PT)

Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home  
302 9th Street  
Wenatchee, WA 98801  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Due to an influx of business I was unable to attend Berts services. I want you to know you all were in our thoughts and prayers. I will never forget some of the hunting trips we have been on, in particular was the one in Palisades where we were told to get off their property and Bert kindly told them to get the hell out of there because if they got off there horse he was going to shoot them. Imagine that! He had such an " out there " personality that he endeared himself to lots of people and got to create lots of memories for his friends. And Bert had lots of friends let me tell you. He will be forever etched into our memories. Love you Always, Don and Marge Phillips and Berta Horst



*Bert is on the other side with Jay now and I can only imagine what a good laugh they are having right now, can't you? Love you Berta*

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**Don and Berta** - January 26, 2011 at 03:34 PM

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“ Larry and I are remembering Bert as a wonderful neighbor who was a genius with cars; he spent many hours helping out his children and his friends with their automobiles. Bert and Estelee were wonderful neighbors when we lived on Madison Street. He was always good natured and a hard worker for his family. We are thinking of you at this time, Estelee, Tom, Rosalie, and Renae. Bert was a wonderful husband and father, as well as being a courteous and good-natured neighbor. Our hearts and love go out to you and all of your family. Sherry and Larry Schreck

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**Sherry Larry Schreck** - January 25, 2011 at 04:55 PM

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“ Frank and I have known Bert & Estelee for so many years, and have shared so much with the "Drake Family". If anything needed fixed you could always count on Bert to solve the problem. Our lastest celebration was our little "Christmas get together for 2010" just the 4 of us having dinner in (KFC to go), we loved it. We love you Bert and will miss you.  
Frank, Debby, Steffanie, & Maya Bonwell



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**Frank, Steffanie & Maya Bonwell** - January 24, 2011 at 11:46 PM