



William David Drake

January 13, 1986 - September 29, 2020

On the morning of September, 29th, William David Drake, loving husband and devoted father of two, was taken from his family at the age of 34. Will was born on January 13, 1986 in Minnesota to David and Theresa. He grew up in Charlottesville, VA, before attending Virginia Tech where he met the love of his life, Catherine. They graduated together in 2008, and returned to the campus the following year for their wedding. Will continued his academic pursuits in Urban Planning from the VA Tech graduate program.

Will and Catherine shared their love of joys for their puppy Ernie, music (especially drumming!) and writing, . In the course of their relationship, they found happiness in new hobbies together, in cooking, travel, and ultimately their true lives' passion: their growing family. Arya was born in the fall of 2013, when she was welcomed by her exhausted mom and rendered her dad so proud that he was made of little more than a smile and wonder filled eyes. Will effortlessly assumed his new name, "Daddy" and wore it with pride. Together, they made new friends and memories in their neighborhood. Their family grew again in the summer of 2017 when Asher was born. Will, once again, glowed with joy, and found even more love to share.

As the last chapter of Will's life unfolded, his duty to his family never wavered, but his time with them concluded too soon. Will will be remembered by everyone he touched, and through those happy memories can remain with his children. Will leaves behind, in addition to his wife and children, his father David, his mother Theresa, his sisters Lauren and Emarie, and brother Ben,

extended family and a host of friends.

In lieu of flowers, friends can show support for Catherine, Arya and Asher by visiting <https://gf.me/u/y3g62x>

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled in the not-too-distant future.

Tribute Wall

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“ I send my sincere and heartfelt sympathy to you and your family over the loss of Will. He will be dearly missed by us all.

- Ann H. Carter

Former Town Council & Planning Commission Member

Ann H. Carter - October 10, 2020 at 08:45 PM

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“ Much love, The Wrights (Bobbie and Matt) purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of William David Drake.



Much love, The Wrights (Bobbie and Matt) - October 06, 2020 at 07:23 PM

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“ Will, was not only a great co-worker but also a fantastic friend. I will miss sharing stories about the kids. I will miss him asking me about music that I might not have heard, "What Does the Fox Say" was one of the ones, Will, got stuck in my head. Catherine, I am praying for you and the kids. Work will not be the same without him. We will not be the same without him.

Amanda Robertson

TC Employee

Amanda Robertson - October 04, 2020 at 08:15 PM



“ *This week feels unreal and sad .
My deepest sympathies go out to the family of Will Drake, friends,
and colleagues. My condolences . You are in my heart, mind, and
prayers*

*He was very kind and thoughtful and a pleasure to work with. He
was one of the good ones*

Johana Hicks - October 02, 2020 at 10:29 PM



“ *I remember Will and I learning to be homeowners together. My wife
and I moved in to our first home at the same time that Will and
Catherine moved into their first in Blacksburg. We spent hours
cleaning gutters together, learning how to pressure wash a house,
and other homeowner like stuff. We spent many hours in each
other's homes listening to music, playing music, watching Hokies
football, and going out to play disc golf. Although we had later
moved to opposite ends of the town, it was always a joy to run into
Will. He seemed to excel in whatever he did. Catherine, Kiera and I
love you so much and are praying for you and your precious
children.*

*With Love,
Callaway*

Callaway Cass - October 02, 2020 at 05:04 PM

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“ I worked with Will for 4 years at the Town of Christiansburg. And for the last part of my time at Town Hall our offices were side by side. I used to hear his music playing through the walls. It was always a joy to see him come in each morning, with that same ball cap on. Will was an amazing person. He was smarter than everyone but never thought he was better than them. He was always willing to listen to and answer any question I had and he never made me feel like I was asking the wrong thing. During those 4 years I leaned on Will as a friend and co-worker. He was so supportive when I decided to transfer to a different department but I still knew I could reach out to him for anything and he would help. He loved his family so much and although he was a man of few words, everyone knew how much he loved Arya and Asher and how proud he was to be their dad. Catherine please know you all are in our prayers. We will do anything we can to help. God Bless you all.
Ashley Griffith, TOC Employee

Ashley Griffith - October 02, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of William David Drake.



October 02, 2020 at 11:12 AM