



Veronica Jeanette Drake

September 15, 1963 - October 6, 2021

Veronica was born on September 15, 1963 in Chicago, Illinois to Jethro Drake and Stella Jeanette Allis. She graduated from Carver Area High School. She then went on to receive a Bachelors degree in History in 1985 from the University of Chicago; a Master's degree in Business Administration in 2009 from the University of Phoenix; a Master's degree in Education/Adult Education and Training in 2011 from the University of Phoenix. She had a plethora of certifications as well. Veronica held numerous jobs over the years where she worked as a Global Training Coordinator, Senior Enrollment Representative, Career Management Consultant, Educational Consultant, up to her most recent position as a Technical Product Consultant with ADP, a human resource and payroll processing company which she began in July 2018. Veronica was single at the time of her departure.

Beside spending time with her family, Veronica had a host of friends whom she loved being with. She was an avid book reader, loved traveling, games, trivia and a good restaurant. She belonged to several organizations in which she volunteered and was an active member, such as The University of Chicago Alumni Association. She was also a proud member of the LGBTQ Community.

She touched so many lives with her humorous and infectious positive personality. She was always the life of the party and could make anyone

laugh, smile, or question their own intelligence. She was a blessing in many lives with her generosity and passion for life. She is an angel that will be truly missed.

The Lord in His infinite wisdom deemed it timely for Veronica Jeanette Drake to peacefully enter into the arms of Jesus in her sleep on October 6, 2021 at her home in Apopka, Florida after her courageous battle with cancer.

Veronica is survived by her brother: William Drake; sister-in-law: Shereen Drake; niece: Carissa Drake; nephew: Joshua Drake; great niece: Anyla; great nephew: Langston; her beloved cat: Princess Calypso; and numerous other family members and friends

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **16**. 2:30 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703
(407) 886-3388

Tribute Wall



“ *Veronica Jeanette Drake*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *I just learned of Veronica's passing. Just a month prior to her passing, my mother died, and I can recall the kind words that Veronica posted on my Facebook page. I didn't speak with Veronica after that, and I'll always regret it. Clearly, even while she was nearing the end, she made time to comfort a heartbroken friend. Nobody would be surprised to read this. That was who Veronica was. I have been friends with Veronica for years. Our contact became infrequent after I moved, but we stayed in touch as much as we could. When I learned of her cancer, we discussed her fight, her determination, and had hoped that I could visit. Of course COVID made that impossible.*

Veronica was one of the most interesting people I had ever met. She was a storyteller, a historian, a scholar, a beautiful human and a beloved friend. She LOVED her family, especially her brother who I did not get the opportunity to meet, she adored her cat and food and friends and justice and fairness. I could go on. She lived 3 lifetimes during her time here. I am so proud to have spent just a little time with her. I'll always remember basketball, Girls in Wonderland, Melissa Etheridge, breakfast at Einstein, and crab legs at Joe's. My thoughts are with her family.

Robin Landwehr - December 29, 2021 at 05:09 PM

JE

“ Thanks to my cousin Nell introducing us, Veronica lived in my garage apartment for a couple of years when she moved to Orlando. She was the best player on our OOO's basketball team (though that's not saying a lot). I'm grateful we got to share a birthday celebration late last month, as it was good to see her feeling better and looking forward.
Joan Erwin

Joan R Erwin - October 14, 2021 at 09:59 PM

GB

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear the news of Veronica's passing. She was such a special, unique person. I met her through WLF and we played basketball for a time. She was fun and intelligent. She will be missed!

Ginny Bolling - October 14, 2021 at 09:07 AM

LP

“ Veronica and I had political interests and attitudes in common, and we both went to WLF meetings enjoying the group's company. I remember a long conversation we had at my home one time and she was so sincere and sweet. I will miss her ready smile.

Linda Piantieri - October 12, 2021 at 08:55 PM