



## Franklin Ralph Drake, Sr.

February 7, 2008

Franklin Ralph Drake Sr., 70, departed this life February 7th, 2008 at his home in Midlothian , Virginia . He was the son of the late John Carroll and Carrie Ralph Drake. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Saunders "Dottie" Drake; his two sons, Franklin R. Drake Jr., and his wife, Rene Dooley Drake and Eric Ryan Drake, all of Midlothian. He is also survived by his brother, Jean Drake; his brother-in-law, Buddy Saunders, and his wife, Joanna; his sister-in-law Arleen Faulkner and her husband, Bud; a brother-in-law, Horace Jr. Waldbauer; several nephews and nieces. He was also predeceased by another brother, J.C. Drake and his 2 sisters-in-law, Ann Drake, and, Pee Wee Waldbauer

He had a long career as a radio and television personality at WNOR, WGH, WITN in Washington , NC , KLIF in Dallas , TX & WAVY TV in Portsmouth . He later went into sales at WAVY TV as a local sales manager. Later moved to Richmond , VA and worked with Jess Dubay at his advertising agency and he worked at Henrico Police Department in the Criminal Reports Division. He served in the Naval Reserves for several years.

A funeral service will be held on Monday the 11th of February at 1:00 pm in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel. Interment will be at Olive Branch Cemetery.

The family will receive friends in the funeral home on Sunday the from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.



# Tribute Wall



“ Dottie and family,  
We are saddened to hear about Frankie's death. He was a talented voice from Portsmouth and will be missed. We enjoyed sharing days of our youth with Frankie. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##David and Barbara Ames##imported-end##

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February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Frankie , you have been blessed, you now rest in the land of the well. Your classmates and friends at Wilson High School will miss you. We all fondly remember you on WAVY TV.##imported-begin##Joel Waterfield, WWHS##imported-end##

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February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I very sorry for your lose. I wish I could be there. Unfortuallly Im stuck in Germany at the moment. Tell Eric hi for me we love you. Joey##imported-begin##Joey and Robin DiTommaso##imported-end##

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February 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry to read of Franks passing. I still see you and Frank through the eyes of a small child. You were such a handsome couple and my motherThelma who died in 2000 adored you. I'm sad that our families don't know each other as the older generation is gone. Please know I'm thinking about you and your children. Love, Ruth Fae##imported-begin##Ruth Fae Sawyer Hume##imported-end##

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February 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *This message is for Frank and Rene. I just wanted to say how sorry I am for your loss. I know its a rough time. I miss ya'll so much! Please call me when everything settles down. I really want to get back in touch with you two. I miss ya! Love, Abbie*  
*757-558-0144 Home*  
*757-237-4661 Cell*  
*God bless your family during this time.##imported-begin##Abbie*  
*Cornatzer Smith##imported-end##*

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February 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM