



Drake Joseph DePaul

April 6, 2010 - July 30, 2024

Drake Joseph DePaul, age 14, of Drummond Island, Michigan, passed away far too soon on July 30, 2024, after a boating accident. He was born on April 6, 2010, to Joseph and Kara (Cloudman) DePaul. Drake's vibrant spirit, quick wit, and thoughtfulness left an indelible mark on all who knew him.

Drake attended DeTour Area Schools and played basketball, golf, baseball, and football for the DeTour/Cedarville Islanders. He was a member of his middle school student council, the downhill ski club, and competed in Quiz Bowl. Drake was very competitive and enjoyed hunting, swimming (first one in, last one out), boating, tubing, skiing, golfing, playing games, reading, drawing, driving anything, listening to music, and playing video games late into the night with faraway friends. He loved "good quality" chocolate, ice cream any chance that he got, hanging out with his friends and family, and executing a perfectly planned prank.

In school, Drake was a bright and curious student, known for his inquisitive mind and eagerness to help others. His teachers and classmates (usually) appreciated his banter and insightful debates. They admired his positive attitude and genuine interest in making the world a better place.

Drake was a beloved son, grandson, brother, and friend. His infectious laughter and kind heart endeared him to everyone he met, and his beautiful

smile was contagious. He was an adventurous soul, always eager to explore and learn new things, often with independent stubbornness as a driving force. Drake's love for life and family was evident in his elaborate party planning, thoughtful gift giving, deep loyalty, and fierce protectiveness. He prioritized helping his family to feel better if they were feeling down or came to their aid in accomplishing frustrating tasks. His homemade chocolate drizzle desserts, handmade cards, heartfelt apologies or comforting words and presence were the essence of who he was. He was always selflessly there to support his loved ones.

He is cherished by everyone who met him, and he touched countless hearts. He will be missed by his sisters' friends as much as his own, and he was so thankful for his Cedarville family and friends who made him feel like one of their own.

Drake is survived by his parents; sisters, Bella and Sophia; family dog, Teddy; grandparents, Gary and Barb Cloudman and Judi Bailey Martin; treasured aunts, uncles, and cousins; beloved friends and teammates from Cedarville, DeTour, and Drummond Island; and the valued Drummond Island Community.

Drake was preceded in death by his grandfather, Charles DePaul; and step-grandfather, Roy Martin.

Drake's life, though brief, was filled with love, laughter, and joy. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know him. Drake's family and friends will forever cherish the memories of his lively and joyful spirit and the love he gave so freely.

A Celebration of Life will be held Monday, August 5, 2024, at 12:00 PM, with a gathering starting at 11:00 AM, at the Drummond Island Yacht Haven in the Big Dock Building, 33185 S. Water Street, Drummond Island, MI.

In lieu of flowers, Drake's family has set up an account at the Detour Drummond Community Credit Union that will be used to establish a scholarship fund in his memory to honor his generous heart and love for helping others.

Cemetery Details

Drummond Island Cemetery

34318 S Townline Road
Drummond Island, MI 49726

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

AUG 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Yacht Haven - Big Dock
33185 S. Water St.
Drummond Island, MI 49726

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

LI

“ I’m so sorry for what happened but I have a story. When I first meant drake I had a huge crush on him and it never went away. But one day I was riding around with my brother and my cousin in our golf cart. He was on the gater with his cousin. And he invited me and my brother to ride with him and I was like omg he likes me.lol but I couldn’t go bc we had the golf cart and my cousin does not know how to drive it so I had to take it home well they went. I cried on the way home and was like nothing is going to cheer me up but some how drake did. And I was mad cause I wanted to stay sad and he made me laugh. And I said why does he always have to be so funny. He was a good kid and I’m so sorry he was always and will always be my favorite Drummond Island memory. We miss you drake you will always be loved. 🕊️LLD fly high 🕊️



lilly - September 15, 2024 at 01:14 AM

KC

“ Words are not enough, so very sorry to hear about your son. Joe and family you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Kate Campbell - August 07, 2024 at 03:24 PM



“ Debbie Ender lit a candle in memory of Drake Joseph DePaul



Debbie Ender - August 07, 2024 at 07:57 AM

AS

“ We are so sorry for your loss; heard the service was just beautiful. Our thoughts are with you from Indiana 💜

Angelyn Smith (Joice Germaine's sister) - August 05, 2024 at 07:04 PM

HM

Barb, I am so sorry to hear of Drake's accident. There really are no words but sending love and prayers...He was a very talented handsome young man. God bless, Helen (Lynn) Clark Morrison

Helen Morrison - August 08, 2024 at 12:47 PM

BM

“ Just a wonderful service today. Julie and I feel just horrible for your whole family. Wishing there were more we could do. Excellent service. My God's grace be with you. Bruce and Julie MacGregor

Bruce Alan MacGregor - August 05, 2024 at 03:33 PM



“ Katrina Joly lit a candle in memory of Drake Joseph DePaul



Katrina Joly - August 05, 2024 at 01:08 PM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss of your beautiful son. Our hearts go out to the family.

Katrina & Ken Joly

Katrina Joly - August 05, 2024 at 01:08 PM

SP

“ Joe and Kara, we are devastated to hear of the tragic loss of your son. Please know we are thinking of you during this difficult time.
Bill and Sharon Peet

Sharon Peet - August 05, 2024 at 10:32 AM

CR

“ Joe and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. This hurts our heart so badly.
We have been and will continue praying for you all. Please know
you are loved.
Chuck and Kelly Russell.

Chuck Russell - August 04, 2024 at 10:25 PM

BR

Joe and family - we are grieving with you and praying for you and the entire family. We are asking for Gods comfort in your lives.
Bill and Lu Russell

Bill & Lu Russell - August 05, 2024 at 11:09 AM

SD

“ My heart aches for the loss of your beautiful son. I knew Joe when he was a little boy growing. May it help to know the community cares and is praying for all of you 💔🙏

Sandy DePlonty - August 04, 2024 at 05:38 PM

DK

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Words cannot express how my heart breaks for all of you. I can think of nothing else. Nothing makes sense of this and nothing ever will...but your infinite love for your beautiful boy (and his love for you) will see you through and I'm so grateful for all the love around you. May God hold you tight.
Much Love, Dee and Ella Frank

Dee Klamerus-Frank - August 04, 2024 at 04:33 PM

SH

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I'm just a random person who read this and my heart breaks for all of you. Prayers for all for healing 🙏🙏
Volunteer Firefighter,
Sherry

sherry - August 04, 2024 at 12:18 PM

CR

“ A bright light has gone from this world. I hope and pray that you, and your family, have many fond memories of Drake to sustain you.
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Carol Richwine - August 04, 2024 at 09:13 AM

JK

“ Kara and Joe and to your beautiful families — my heart absolutely breaks for you. There are no words that can convey how we hold you in our thoughts and prayers. This tragedy will never make sense. The only thing that will, is that the love you held for Drake will never end. It is timeless! I am so very sorry for the suffering that you all shoulder. My deepest hope is that the compassion and love of your family and friends will support you during this unimaginable time of grief and loss. Lots of love to you — Justin Klamerus

Justin Klamerus - August 03, 2024 at 10:20 PM

JN

“Karn i am so sorry to hear this i know what it like to lost o Son .y hear is with you all

Joanne Nelson - August 03, 2024 at 04:41 PM

DG

So very sorry for your tragic loss. We all wish there was something we could do to ease your pain. You are all in our uppermost thoughts and prayers. May God bless you all with eventual peace. ❤️❤️🙏🙏

DianeBosley Grams - August 03, 2024 at 07:11 PM

SM

Joe and Kara, we are heartbroken over your tremendous loss. Drake was truly an incredible young man who made a positive impression on everyone he graced with his presence. We hope the memories and knowledge of all the joy that Drake brought to those around him will bring peace and comfort to you and your family. With all our love. The Morton Family

Scott Morton - August 05, 2024 at 09:06 AM

ML

Joe, Kara and family, I am deeply sorry for your loss, and although I never got to meet Drake, I am certain he was the same kind of a wonderful young person that I have always known your family members to be. My prayers are with you all.

Mike Langendorf - August 05, 2024 at 04:19 PM