



Drake Alan Drobnick

September 20, 1950 - September 17, 2018

Drake Alan Drobnick, age 67, died at home suddenly on Monday, September 17, 2018 after a long stay at the University of Michigan hospital for heart failure. He was born on September 20, 1950 in Reading, Pennsylvania, the son of Albert and Mary Jane (Shunk) Drobnick. Drake's passion for electrical safety drove him to be a leading electrical safety expert throughout the nation. He sat on the board of the National Fire Protection Agency and helped write the NFPA 70E and IEEE standards. Drake was a former Safety Director at Ford/Visteon, Electrical Safety Consultant, and long-standing member of the United Auto Workers Union. He is survived by his wife Gayle, son Bryce, as well as his grown daughter Jennie, her husband Kyle and their son Landon, and son Joshua. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the American Heart Association. To leave a memory you have of Drake or to sign his guestbook, please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Drake Alan Drobnick*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM

JC

“ Dear Gayle, children and Drobnik family members,
I would like to think I am a passionate safety and health professional. But I also have my role models that enkindle that fire. And the first person that comes to mind in that regard would be Drake. Although late in my career, he was a huge role model for me - not just in what he taught, but in the welcoming, friendly and inviting workshop style in which he helped get so many of us safety professionals up to speed in electrical safety. Clearly, he helped me to master one of the more (if not THE MOST) difficult areas in the safety profession by giving me confidence to trust my skills of reasoning and considering what's behind the standards he was teaching. After making electrical safety a comfortable subject for me (which was once overwhelming to me, as his encouragement and teaching style was second to none), I brought him out to our workplace in California twice. He would have been here again in just a couple of weeks.

I fortunately got to know a little about Drake personally. You see, I come out to Michigan every summer and hope to have a summer cabin on a lake one day. We shared a love of family and I must believe he was a man of faith, as his witness of joy and respect was something that just radiated! I just loved this man through-and-through! And so, I am so sorry for your loss, but am in great hopes that we will all be reunited in heaven. Once again, I want to offer my condolences and thank you for sharing Drake with my profession. He made many, many contributions to our profession and I know he made many of us better professionals. Thank you!

I thought of Drake as I played cello at mass last Sunday night. I just tried to attach a personal recording but don't think it was successful. Just please know dear family that I will keep Drake and you in my prayers and music.

Sincerely,
John Parente, 63
Davis, California

John Parente, CSP, CIH - October 03, 2018 at 12:05 PM

KM

“ Hello Gayle and the Drobnick Family,
I had the wonderful pleasure of working for many years with Drake at the Visteon plant in Lansdale. He was a great person to work with, funny, endearing, and an advocate for his co-workers and their safety. I fondly remember his own commitment to his health , walking on the walking trail and breaks and lunches. I'm saddened to hear of his passing at such a young age when I'm sure he was most enjoying his grandchildren.
With deepest sympathy,
Kathy Michalik - Nurse at the former Visteon plant- Lansdale

Kathy Michalik - September 25, 2018 at 02:13 PM

JG

“ Drake was a good person and cared much for others. He worked with us at Toyota to help train the team members there and save lives by passionately promoting safety. He was dedicated to his convictions, fun to be with and had a great sense of humor. But make no mistake he was business with his business. We will miss you (and already do my dear friend) Drake Drobnic.

From your friends at Energy Transfer Technology
Joe, Mike, John and Chris

Rest in peace

John Goodman - September 24, 2018 at 01:42 PM

ZO

“ Warmest condolences to the family and loved ones. Please know that God cares for you and wants you to throw all of your anxiety on him. 1 Peter 5:6,7

Zoe - September 21, 2018 at 08:46 PM

TS

“ Drake is a great person. I enjoyed working with him and serving with him on the NFPA 70E Standard Technical Committee.

Tony Selk - September 21, 2018 at 06:45 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Drake Alan Drobnick.



September 20, 2018 at 03:46 PM

MO

“ I am so sorry to hear that my friend Drake passed away!!! Drake was a very interesting and engaging speaker with total passion for electrical safety. He was a leader in the electrical industry in safety and has provided expertise to many around the United States. His teaching has saved many lives by ensuring electrical people know how to be safe!! What more could anyone ask in their lifetime than to be a good father, a good husband, a good grandfather, and a mentor to many!!!

Mark C. Ode - September 20, 2018 at 11:23 AM

MM

“ Dear Drobnick family...I had the pleasure of working with Drake om the NFPA 70E committee for the past 12 years. I had a great time working with him and his passion and sense of humor will be missed!! Very sorry for your loss.

Mark McNellis - September 20, 2018 at 10:26 AM

ME

“ I served with Drake on the NFPA 79 committee. He did important work insuring machine safety in the workplace. I will miss him. My condolences to his family.

*Matt Egloff, PE
Butte MT*

matt egloff - September 20, 2018 at 10:07 AM

CB

“ Drake was a great person and an excellent trainer of Electrical Safety who helped deliver and grow the Electrical Safety Training Program at Toyota! His dedication to the craft and passion for helping others learn will certainly be missed. From all of us at Toyota, rest in peace Drake.



Chip Boertlein - September 20, 2018 at 07:20 AM

LB

“ On behalf of the NFPA 70E Electrical Safety Committee, I'd like to thank Drake and his family for his long time commitment to electrical safety and his many contributions to the NFPA 70E Committee. He will be missed.

Louis Barrios
Chair, NFPA 70E Committee

Louis A Barrios - September 19, 2018 at 08:15 PM