

## **John R. Drake**

John R. Drake, 76, of Minster and formerly of Troy, died Tuesday, July 27, 2004 at Wilson Memorial Hospital, Sidney.

Mr. Drake was born Dec. 5, 1927 in Troy, the son of the late Russell A. and Margaret E. Fulkerson Drake.

He married Vinnie M. Shellhaas, March 12, 1950. She survives.

Other survivors include a daughter Teresa (Brian) Kirchner of Troy, a son Tim (Diana) Drake of Springboro; and 12 grandchildren.

A sister Jane L. Haines of Troy, also survives.

A sister preceded him in death.

Mr. Drake was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Troy.

He was an Air Force Veteran of the Korean War. He was retired from First National Bank & Trust, Troy, after 28 years of service, and then retired as vice president from Peoples Building & Savings, Troy after 15 years. He was treasurer of the city of Troy from 1969-1993.

He was a 1946 graduate of Troy High School. He attended Ohio Northern University and graduated from the American Institute of Banking. He attended graduate banking schools at the University of Oklahoma, Ohio University and Kent State University.

He was past president of the Miami County Cancer Society, past president and charter member of the Sertoma Club, Troy, past member of the Troy Kiwanis and a lifetime member of VFW Post 5436, Troy.

He was a past member of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio School of Banking Alumni Association, the Ohio School of Installment Credit Alumni Association, and the National Association of Accountants.

He was a past member of the Troy Senior Citizens Board of Directors, past treasurer of the Lincoln Community Center, past president of the Miami County Unit - American Cancer Society, and past secretary and treasurer of Civic Pride Inc.

Rev. Theron Smith officiated at a funeral service held July 30, 2004 in Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery, Troy with military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 1130 Vester Ave., Ste. G., Springfield OH 45503.