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Wayne M. Drew, 71, of Chili, NY, died at Strong Memorial Hospital on Friday, September 12, 2025, after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Born in Syracuse, NY, on November 29, 1953, he was the first of four children of the late Edward and Marion Lukaczyk Drew. He is survived by his beloved wife, Nancy De Leys Drew; daughter Amy Ekanayake (Dinesh & granddaughters Kayla and Honna); son David Drew (Lauren); daughter Alyssa Nicola (Timothy); siblings Judith Jones (Howard), David Drew (Kathleen), and Carolyne Martin, as well as several nieces and nephews. Wayne was known for his faith and trust in Jesus Christ, which formed the core of his being. He lived out what he believed. As an earthly father, he reflected the love of his Heavenly Father, not only to his family, but to everyone he encountered.

He was also known for having a vast knowledge on a variety of topics, from computers and phones, to cars and photography, often being able to recall specific numbers or minute details. He enjoyed being able to share this knowledge to help friends and neighbors, and didn't shy away from doing research to learn more about a topic with which he wasn't already familiar.

Family and friends are invited to the service of remembrance and celebration of the life of Wayne Drew at Pearce Memorial Church, 4322 Buffalo Road North Chili, NY 14514 on Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 1:00 o'clock pm.

Cemetery Details

North Chili Rural Cemetery

Buffalo Rd.
North Chili, NY 14514

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Pearce Church
4322 Buffalo Rd.
North Chili, NY 14514

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Jacqie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne M. Drew.*

Jacqie - December 19, 2025 at 10:01 AM

JA

“ *Jacqie purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Wayne M. Drew.*



Jacqie - December 19, 2025 at 10:01 AM

DE

“ *Dilrukshi E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne M. Drew.*

Dilrukshi E. - December 16, 2025 at 07:17 PM

ER

“ To the Friends and Family of Wayne Drew, My name is Edward Roe and I had the very distinct honor of working with Wayne at Getinge USA. I live in the Pacific Northwest and talked to Wayne often on the phone but would visit Rochester once in a while and always looked forward to a catch up session at Wayne's desk. We would talk Faith and Family, two of the most important concerns we had in common. And back at work, Wayne had a very unique capability of retaining and sharing technical knowledge at an extremely high level. Wayne set the standard of organizing and understanding complex topics then preparing and sharing in a useful way we could then apply to a solution in our times of need. No technical topic was out of reach with Wayne, and he always helped us learn things in a professional, patient, yet persistent way to be sure we understood. I have missed working with Wayne since he retired a few years ago, he left a gap in our work world and we missed his friendship and mentoring as well. Sincere condolences to all, we are thankful to have known Wayne and are sad to hear of his passing yet sending Praises for a life well lived. Sincerely,
Edward Roe

Edward Roe - September 23, 2025 at 11:58 PM

ND

Oh my, Ed! Thank you! He thought so very highly of you. I remember him often telling me stories of when he spoke with you. He was such a loving, kind husband & father and, yes, he had a very humble but beautiful mind. We all do and will continue to miss him immensely, but are comforted to know he is now with his Lord & Savior.

Nancy Drew - September 27, 2025 at 09:49 PM

BG

“ Wayne was first a foremost a follower of Jesus Christ. He was always kind and thoughtful to all. He was a devoted husband and father. He was intelligent and constantly reading. Our heart breaks for Nancy, David, Amy, and Alyssa, and their spouses and children! He has surely been ushered into his Heavenly Home.

Bobbi & Pete Guild - September 21, 2025 at 08:09 PM

JA

“ Wayne was such a quiet encourager who always inspired me with his thoughtful, probing questions on theological and biblical topics. I will miss him.

Jeffrey Altman - September 21, 2025 at 01:15 PM

DH

“ He was a wonderful Man who you always enjoyed talking too..He was a blessing.Dave Heimberger

Dave Heimberger - September 19, 2025 at 01:49 PM

PO

“ Wayne was an outstanding student at Roberts Wesleyan College, and I enjoyed having him in many physics classes. I also served as his academic advisor, and had the privilege of following his career. He was a strong Christian, and I appreciated very much my interactions with him at Pearce Memorial Church. Philip Ogden

Philip Ogden - September 18, 2025 at 12:16 AM



Thank you, Philip, for the kind words. I remember him mentioning you on more than one occasion. He was fond of you.

David Drew - September 18, 2025 at 01:00 AM

ND

Thank you, Phil for the kind words. He always thought that you thought more highly of him than what he deserved. You were a strong role model for him and he highly regarded you throughout his life.

Nancy Drew - September 18, 2025 at 09:32 AM

EH

I met Wayne while working with him at Kodak. We would often take an afternoon break together where we would discuss all kinds of different things. My favorite discussions were about Christianity. Wayne was much more knowledgeable on this topic but he was always patient with me. As a result, my faith strengthened and improved. I will always be grateful for our shared time. God please send your blessings on Wayne and his wonderful family.

Edward Housel - September 19, 2025 at 04:43 PM

RK

*Dear Nancy, David and Alyssa,
I just heard from Alyssa about Wayne's passing.*

He taught me so much about displaying loving kindness when faced with an issue that sometimes seemed out-of-control in human hands-- even deeply caring and loving hands.

I am a better person for having known Wayne and learned by his example...

*Peace
Rich Kreipe*

Richard Kreipe - November 28, 2025 at 05:17 PM