



Thomas G. Blake, Jr.

October 14, 1949 - January 1, 2020

Thomas Gene Blake, Jr. passed away on January 1, 2020, at his home in Neavitt, Maryland. Tom was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. He was a gentle and kind soul with a servant's heart, whose heavenly welcome was undoubtedly glorious.

Born on October 14, 1949, in Easton, MD, Tom's early childhood was spent here on the Eastern Shore, but at the age of 7, his family moved to Independence, MO, where he would spend most of his life. Tom graduated from Fort Osage High School in Independence, where he played Varsity Football and met the love of his life, Jacqueline (Wallar) Blake.

Married for 48 years, Tom and Jacquie raised their children in Independence while Tom was a fire sprinkler fitter and member of UA Local 314. They made lifelong friendships at Cornerstone Church where Tom served as deacon and operated the sound system. His service on the Board of Directors for the Rachel House Pregnancy Resource Center afforded him the opportunity to further serve others in need. They moved to Blue Springs, MO, where Tom continued to be a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and assumed a fatherly role in his grandson Christian's life.

In 2006, Tom brought Jacquie back to the Eastern Shore to make a home in Neavitt, surrounded by fond childhood memories, the water and his family. Tom honored his faith in God by placing service to others at the forefront of his life. He served as President of the UMC Riverview Charge and was on the Board of Trustees for Neavitt UMC. He cared for his aging aunt and uncle, until both of their deaths, while battling his own illness without complaint.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Lazetta (Ball) Blake and Thomas Blake Sr. Tom is survived by his wife Jacquie Blake of the home; his daughter Jana Blake of Trophy Club, TX; his daughter and son-in-law, Jill (Blake) Morton and Robert Morton of Papillion, NE; two grandsons, Christian Blake and Brody Morton; his brother and sister-in-law,

Rodney and Danielle Blake of Trophy Club, TX, and their children Stephanie and Christopher; his brothers-in-law John Wallar of Mayflower, AR, and Stuart (Bud) Wheeler of Huffman, TX; his aunt Anna Lee (Blake) Grisham of Wadesville, Indiana; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins who he loved so dearly.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 9, from 6 to 8pm at Framptom Funeral Home, Ostrowski Chapel 312 S. Talbot Street, St. Michaels, MD. A celebration of life service will be held on Friday, January 10, at 1pm at Bozman United Methodist Church, 7988 Bozman Neavitt Road, Bozman, MD, with burial in Neavitt Cemetery. Reception to immediately follow.

Arrangements are entrusted to Framptom Funeral Home by the Coales
(www.framptom.com)

Cemetery

Neavitt Cemetery

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Comments



“ Tracy Jean Brown lit a candle in memory of Thomas G. Blake, Jr.



Tracy Jean Brown - January 10 at 05:38 AM



“ Best daddy in the world



Jana Blake - January 05 at 12:10 PM



“ Dale and I have the fondest memories of Tom and his family. Tom was the most congenial person to get along with. He was so easy going and laid back, always had a smile on his face. He was the nicest man and neighbor. Our deepest sympathy to Jackie and the girls whom he loved so much.

Judy Weatherford - January 05 at 09:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Jackie and the family.



Phil Foster - January 05 at 03:27 AM



“ Tommy was my cousin he was such a nice man took me to my first ever Chiefs game, my second ever Royals game and occasionally stopped by my house to go eat with him. My heart goes out to Jakie and the kids and his brother Rodney. May you rest forever at peace.

Led Brown - January 04 at 05:46 PM



“ Tommy was my cousin. He was the kindest sweetest and most fun cousin! I have wonderful memories of our childhood. Jackie my heart goes out to you. With loving memories.



Kathy Brown Mueller - January 04 at 03:59 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Blake family at this very sad time. God Bless and comfort you with all your memories.
Penny Cain xo

Penny Cain - January 04 at 12:59 PM



“ Best dad and papa ever



Jill - January 04 at 12:16 AM



“ There are just no words of comfort at this time for his family. I was sad to hear from my son Riley that Tom had past. Tom was a big part of our life. He was a hockey grandpa and was always willing to help out in getting the boys to practice and was always there cheering them on. My memories of Tom made me smile tonight, he was a very kind man. Big Love to the Blake family. We love you. Angie, Riley and Bryson

Trowbridge.

Angie Trowbridge Martinez - January 03 at 10:38 PM



“ To our dear friends in the Blake family - Our hearts are so very saddened at the loss of this wonderful friend and brother in Christ. Tom was so much a part of our church family in so many areas - building our facilities in Blue Springs and Pleasant Hill, working with our worship team as a sound tech, and just being an all-around great man who was always full of love and fun. We could tell so many stories! We know his absence will be very difficult for each of you but God is good and you will see him again. We pray for your hearts and lives to be comforted as only our Heavenly Father can do. We love you.



Georgiann and Tom Manz - January 03 at 08:23 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Gail Blake Benzel - January 03 at 07:52 PM



“ Gail Blake Benzel lit a candle in memory of Thomas G. Blake, Jr.



Gail Blake Benzel - January 03 at 07:51 PM



“ Valerie Brinson lit a candle in memory of Thomas G. Blake, Jr.



Valerie Brinson - January 03 at 06:13 PM



“ What does it mean to be a servant?

Uncle Bobby was infact just that. He was a servant and devoted follower.

He was always one to humble himself, submit to God, and meet the needs of others.

He will be greatly missed in the Blake Family- and will always be remembered as my "Uncle Bobby", and remembered for his overalls <3

Stephanie Blake - January 03 at 03:05 PM



“ Tom was the kindest person and the best father-in-law you could ask for.



robert morton - January 03 at 12:26 PM



“ Tom has been my best friend for 40 years. An awesome and kind man. His passing has left a big hole in my heart. Love you buddy. We will meet again.

Lloyd Jackson - January 03 at 03:11 PM



“ Tommy Blake was my cousin. Lazetta was my mother's sister. I remember after he was born and visiting when they lived in Easton. When he was a little older, Mr. Trax left his keys and his car, Tommy started the car up and drove through his shed. After they moved to Neavitt, "Little Tommy" would catch minnows and larger fish from the crabhouse wharf and would stick his little arm up the opening in the Coke Machine Cokes were only 5 cents then and he would share with others. I remember him playing with Carroll Wesley Newcomb and his dog Prince. He was another cousin. He always played outdoors. He slept with his eyes open. I suppose he did not want to miss anything. But wow the skeeters would bite and he had welts over his little body. He loved playing with Larry Jones and

Kathy Higgins. There were many kids in Neavitt at the time. My brother Ralph was a little older, but enjoyed the time we had together. After Hurricane Hazel blew the crabhouse across Ball's Creek, it wasn't that long before Uncle Tommy found work in Kentucky and later Missouri. Rodney was very young when they moved away. Grandmother Ball and our family was saddened by this move, but understood the importance of taking care of family. They would come to visit every year, but we missed Tommy and the family when they would go back home. Now I can see the family welcoming him back home, a home where life is eternal, everlasting. I love you Tommy Blake and look forward to seeing you and our family when I leave my earthly place. God will bless you in Jesus' name forevermore more. Amen.

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Janet Brown Hammed - January 09 at 03:02 AM



“ Joe Ostrowski lit a candle in memory of Thomas G. Blake, Jr.



Joe Ostrowski - January 03 at 10:49 AM