



Richard H. Blake

September 13, 1939 - February 16, 2013

Richard Harold Blake, a Kroger retiree who pursued a range of avocations including photography, model railroading, amateur radio, fishing, Web design, genealogy, and dulcimer playing, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013, in Huntington after a nearly six-year battle with cancer. He was 73. A Huntington native who attended New York's Nyack Bible College and managed restaurants in Virginia, Michigan and Pennsylvania before returning to Huntington in the 1970s, he rose from cashier to front end manager during his nearly 30 years with the Kroger food store chain. His many side interests reflected his true passions, though. He held the most advanced amateur radio operator license available, served for a time as webmaster for the KYOWA Genealogical and Historical Society, did audio engineering for Lewis Memorial Baptist Church, where he attended regularly, and played with the Tri-State Mountain Dulcimer Society. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Sarah Roseanne Fleshman Blake, daughter Kathy Blake Thompson of Seattle, Wash.; son Dr. Kenneth Richard Blake and daughter in law, Amy Simpson Blake, both of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; grandchildren Jessica Gayle Thompson of Huntington; Kelly Christine Thompson of Fredericksburg, Texas; David Andrew Thompson of Kerrville, Texas; Joshua Kenneth Blake and Justin Richard Blake, both of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and his brother, Robert Larry Blake and sister in law Dianne Hagley Blake, both of Barboursville. He was preceded in death by his mother, Roberta Arline Blake and his father, Milton Harold Blake, both of Barboursville. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 16, 2013, at Henson Mortuary, Barboursville, W.Va. Entombment will follow in White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Barboursville. The Family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Henson Mortuary. The family thanks the staff of the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House for their care and comfort. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting www.hensonmortuary.com.

Comments



“ Memories In The Heart - Author Unknown

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Feel no sorrow in a smile that he's not here to share
You cannot grieve forever, he would not want you to
He'd hope that you can carry on, the way you always do
So talk about the good times and the ways you showed you cared
The days you spent together, all the happiness you shared
Let memories surround you. A word someone may say
Will suddenly recapture a time, an hour, a day
That brings him back as clearly as though he were still here
And fills you with the feelings that he is always near
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Lisa Blankschen - February 16, 2013 at 10:42 PM



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Lisa Blankschen of Statesville, NC - February 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM



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Ann Wolford - February 15, 2013 at 09:47 PM



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Richard Hodge - February 15, 2013 at 01:48 PM



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Roy Collins - February 15, 2013 at 01:29 PM



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Cornelius Williams Jr. - February 15, 2013 at 12:24 PM



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Michael Wilson - February 14, 2013 at 08:56 AM



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