



## Thomas E Blake

July 22, 1956 - May 10, 2020

Thomas E. Blake of Tullahoma passed this life on Sunday, May 10, 2020 at Vanderbilt Hospital at the age of 63. Funeral Services are scheduled for Friday, May 15, 2020 at 1 PM at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 301 S. Washington St, Tullahoma with burial to follow at Watson-North Cemetery in Winchester. The family will receive friends from 5 – 7 PM on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home and from 11 AM until 1 PM on Friday, May 15, 2020 at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Blake, a native of Lincoln County, was the son of the late McCrady and Sadie Ashby Blake. He was a retired U S Army Veteran and also served in the National Guard. He was very proud of being a veteran and was a true “serviceman”. He was a member of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church where he enjoyed singing in the choir. His favorite times were spent with his grandchildren and children. While his daughters were growing up, he coached both softball and basketball and later was a softball umpire. He also enjoyed driving trucks, cooking and fishing. “He would give a smile of encouragement to everyone he met.”

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Robert Patrick Blake and Joe Whittaker.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Blake of Tullahoma; daughters, Monica Blake of Nashville and Carla Childress of Nashville; sister, Deborah Nabors (Raymond) of Lincoln County; Mother-in-law, Mary Childress of Tullahoma; special niece, Connie Blake of Winchester; grandchildren, Aniyah, Preston

and Patrick Blake and Darwin Foster Jr. and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Please visit our website at [www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com) to leave online condolences. Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Watson-North Memorial Park

Winchester, TN 37398

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **14**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home  
401 N Jackson Street  
Tullahoma, TN 37388  
(931) 455-3481

## Visitation

MAY **15**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
301 S Washington Street  
Tullahoma, TN 37388

## Service

MAY **15**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
301 S Washington Street  
Tullahoma, TN 37388



# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas E Blake*

January 25, 2023 at 12:28 AM



“ *I only recently learned about the passing of Blake. I am saddened and very sorry for your loss. He was a good, kind, and gentle man and I will always remember playing basketball and softball with him back in the day.*

**Andy Baits** - January 25, 2021 at 12:00 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. I meet Blake when he first attended national guard drill in Fayetteville. He had a smile then and the last time I saw him he had the same smile.*

**Bobby & Brenda Sharp** - May 20, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas E Blake.*



May 15, 2020 at 12:47 PM

GW

“ *Tommie was a great cousins and most of all a brother love you man ...Rest in Him*



Glenn Webb - May 15, 2020 at 11:04 AM

TB

“ *He was big brother/father to some us servicemen and women. His wife became family to us too!! Big guy will be missed!!*



Tephane Rainey Brown - May 15, 2020 at 10:24 AM

RF

“ *Robert Patrick Reese And Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas E Blake*



Robert Patrick Reese and Family - May 15, 2020 at 09:40 AM

JH

“ *We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Thomas. Mike loved this man like a brother. He was always kind to us. He will surely be missed. Mrs. Joyce and family, you all are in our prayers. Mike and Jennifer Hullett*

Jennifer Hullett - May 15, 2020 at 07:44 AM

BJ

“ *Brotther "Jay" and Gloria Johnson purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Thomas E Blake.*



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**Brotther "Jay" and Gloria Johnson** - May 15, 2020 at 02:02 AM

PN

“ *Peggie And Michelle Northcutt lit a candle in memory of Thomas E Blake*



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**Peggie and Michelle Northcutt** - May 14, 2020 at 10:29 PM



“ *Tina Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Thomas E Blake*



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**Tina Gilliam** - May 14, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ *Brenda Wilson lit a candle in memory of Thomas E Blake*



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**Brenda Wilson** - May 14, 2020 at 06:03 PM

TF

“ *RIP Big man Blake I'll always remember being in the Guards and meeting you the first time you've always treated me like a little brother. But most of all you were a kind person not only to me but all the other soldiers who admire that great personality that you show .I'm going to miss you brother.*



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**Tony Taylor and Family** - May 14, 2020 at 12:33 PM

ME

*Such a gentle man always had a smile Truly Loved ❤️ His wife and 💕 Family will be missed sing on Brother with The ones Already 😞😞 There*

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**Miranda Edward** - May 14, 2020 at 08:41 PM

SS

*Always so nice to me. He was always smiling. Never met a stranger. Would see him and his beautiful wife at Short Stop Market.*

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**Sheila Sudberry** - May 15, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas E Blake.*



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May 14, 2020 at 10:28 AM

CH

“ *Charles & Mary Henderson lit a candle in memory of Thomas E Blake*



Charles & Mary Henderson - May 14, 2020 at 09:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas E Blake.*



May 14, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas E Blake.*



May 13, 2020 at 11:58 PM

MH

“ *Minnie L. Henderson lit a candle in memory of Thomas E Blake*



Minnie L. Henderson - May 13, 2020 at 11:21 PM

CS

“ So sorry for your loss. May God comfort your family.



Clara Smith - May 13, 2020 at 10:40 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas E Blake.

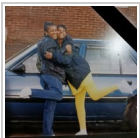


May 13, 2020 at 09:44 PM

JB

“ Cousin was a true blessing in my life i remember him holding me when i was a baby taught me a lot in my life he told that there was something special about i recall when i was deacon he told me i was like a role model for him i'm so thankful for that when he heard that i accepted my call in the ministry whenever i would preach he and Joyce would show that meant so much to me i will always cherish the laugh and smile and encouragement he always gave me Joyce Monica Clara Debbie i love you all always  
Minister Jamie Bean

Jamie Bean - May 13, 2020 at 09:05 PM



“ Big Tommy loved loved loved his family. I only got to meet him a couple of times, but the one thing that stuck out to me was hos love for family, especially. RIP

Deena Marie - May 13, 2020 at 06:22 PM

IV

“ Isaac and Veda purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas E Blake.



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**Isaac and Veda** - May 13, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas E Blake.



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May 13, 2020 at 04:13 PM

FF

“ Joyce, Monica, Carla, and family,  
Tommy was a good cousin, friend, kind, sweet, generous, nice, lovable, would do anything for you that he could, and was always there for anyone that needed him. He will be missed and God now has him working in heaven. He is absent from the body but present with the Lord. Always know that he may be gone from this earth but He is still watching over you. We love you all and are in our prayers,

*Faye and Janis*

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**Faye Ford/Janis Fuqua** - May 13, 2020 at 03:00 PM

LK

“ Tommy will be remembered for that big small that he always greeted you with. Just to hear him talk about Joyce and the girls, you all was his joy. We will miss his willingness to help and put a smile on your face with some of his jokes.

*We love you family, Bobby and Linda King*



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**Linda and Bobby King** - May 13, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas E Blake.



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May 13, 2020 at 12:03 PM

JF

“ Dear Joyce, Monica and Carla, I am heartbroken for you and all of those that knew and loved “Blake “. He was a gentle man that dearly loved his family. I know that he will be deeply missed. Please know that I hold you in my thoughts and prayers. Blessings for you all as you journey forward. - Julie

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**Julie Hutson Foreman** - May 13, 2020 at 11:01 AM

ID

*Ms Joyce,  
My deepest condolences to You and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Ida DeLucenay** - May 13, 2020 at 03:53 PM

RW

“ To the family. Sorry to hear of the passing of ( BLAKE ) as i knew him. He was a great guy. My earliest memories of him were watching him play basketball at the community centers here in Tullahoma. He was giant to us when we were younger, and we loved to watch him dunk the ball. You cant find a better person than he was, always smiling and friendly to all. I know he will be greatly missed. We will be keeping your family in our prayers. Ray Williams

Ray williams - May 13, 2020 at 10:07 AM

JJ

Rip my brother You are where everyone is trying to get

joe johnson - May 13, 2020 at 09:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas E Blake.



May 13, 2020 at 09:27 AM

NB

“ Nancy Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Thomas E Blake



Nancy Blackwell - May 13, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Thomas E Blake.



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May 13, 2020 at 01:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Thomas E Blake.



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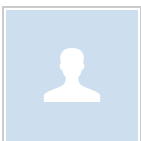
May 13, 2020 at 12:58 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of this gentle giant of a man. His heart was every bit as big as he was! I always loved seeing “the big sissy” and Mrs. Joyce. I am so sorry for your loss and pray you will be comforted by our Lord and Savior as you remember such an incredible man.  
I love you, you big sissy!  
Christy Bunch*

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**Christy** - May 12, 2020 at 11:59 PM



“ *Tender Tribute* was purchased for the family of Thomas E Blake.



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May 12, 2020 at 09:36 PM

SD

“ *Susie Damron lit a candle in memory of Thomas E Blake*



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**susie damron** - May 12, 2020 at 09:09 PM

HF

“ *Hammond Beville Family: Bryan, Michelle, Evie, Cammie purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Thomas E Blake.*



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**Hammond Beville Family: Bryan, Michelle, Evie, Cammie** - May 12, 2020 at 03:52 PM

MB

“ *I had the honor of serving in the Tennessee Army National Guard with him. During one drill he asked me if I knew his daughter, Monica. It turned out that I went through the police academy in Nashville with her. It reminded me of what a small world we live in and how we can be interconnected in ways we could never imagine.*

*He was a bright light in the world and a great example of both a father and a grandfather. His legacy lives on in his children and grandchildren. We were all blessed to know him.*

*May God bring you all peace and comfort,*

*The Hammond Beville Family  
Bryan, Michelle, Evie, and Cammie*

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**Michelle Hammond Beville** - May 12, 2020 at 03:41 PM