



William R. Blake

August 24, 1949 - February 13, 2025

William R. Blake, 75, passed away on February 13th, 2025, in Delaware Ohio after a swift but fierce battle with pancreatic cancer. Bill was born on August 24th, 1949, in Steubenville, Ohio, the son of Richard Harper Blake and Iona Musser Blake of Noble County, Ohio.

Bill graduated from Steubenville High School in 1967. He received an undergraduate degree majoring in business from Ohio Northern University in 1971 continuing on to earn his MBA from Baldwin Wallace in 1974. He was employed with the Kayes Company serving as a dedicated sales manager in the auto parts industry for over 40 years before his retirement.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Kathy Scott, whom he married on August 5, 2006, and his loving parents Richard and Iona Blake.

He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer (Colin) Monahan and their son, Everett; his son, William (Sarah) Blake and their children, Vivian, Farrall and Evelyn; the mother of his children and first wife, Sandra Blake, his step son, Rob (Krista) King and their son, Alex; his step son, Mark King and his son, Preston; his sister, Delores Farrall (John deceased) and their sons, John, Greg, and David and his sister, Diane Frawley (Mike deceased) and their children, Shannon and Sean.

Many have been the recipient of Bill's friendship, kindness, and generosity throughout the years. He was an avid photographer and collector of cars and found much joy in restoring historic vehicles. He dedicated his free time to organizing local "car club" activities and could always be found in the background assisting with charity events. Since his wife's passing, Bill took on her volunteer work at Sourcepoint of Delaware assisting with Meals on Wheels deliveries for those in need. Bill took great pleasure in researching his family genealogy and making connections with those near and far. He was also a member of the New England Lodge #4 F & A in Worthington.

A private family service and burial will be held at Olive Cemetery in Caldwell, Ohio where Bill will be laid to rest alongside his parents.

A celebration of life, hosted by the friends and family of Bill Blake, will take place on Saturday May 24th at the Brookside Country Club located at 2770 W Dublin-Granville Rd. in Worthington Ohio from 10am-2pm. Event details: CARS & COFFEE: MEMORIAL EDITION You're encouraged to bring your favorite ride to create a special display that Bill would have loved to be a part of. Enjoy brunch with coffee and mimosas Please let us know if you will be attending by contacting chuckputsch@hotmail.com by Saturday May 10th.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 24. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Brookside Country Club
2770 West Dublin-Granville Road
Columbus, OH 43235

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Tribute Wall

FA

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farrall - March 25, 2025 at 10:41 AM

RO

“ My sincerest condolences to the Blake Family. Bill is truly a great guy in all aspects. He has the biggest smile and warmest heart. He never had anything bad to say about anyone, even if it was warranted. I'm gonna miss our long, funny, uplifting, spiritual talks. I'll never meet another like Bill, he's in his own lane and 1 of a kind. Thank you for trusting me, come back in another life form my friend. I'm hurting bad and gonna miss you dearly..!! No More Pain.!!

Robby - March 09, 2025 at 11:10 PM

MJ

“ Bill Blake will be missed by his neighbors on Cottswold Drive. He loved cars, people and pets, in that order. Always congenial and generous, his home became the center for car club events, New Year's DAY or Christmas parties.

After Kathy's death he healed by volunteering at SourcePoint and traveling to visit family and friends.

Every evening when his garden lights come on, Fred says, "Bill's lights came on." May his courage and grace shine in our hearts.

Mona Jones - February 26, 2025 at 07:10 PM

CC

Bill would often text you about the wildlife traveling between your backyards. Whether it be deer in snowy months or a family of raccoons relocating during a summer rain.

And that special bottle of Jameson carried all the way home from Ireland, those were the little things that made you “neighbors”.

Christa Collins - March 31, 2025 at 08:38 PM

EM

Bill and I met through his son "Billy" though I never met him. Billy worked for a former employer of mine, and when I asked about his background, he told me that his Dad had just done extensive genealogy. I got in touch with his Dad because I had extensive genealogy, and low and behold we were related! We invited him and Kathy for dinner, and my husband John and Kathy had many connections re New Mexico. It was amazing. I am going to miss my cousin! We have such memories of him and Kathy. They are now together in heaven although we know that losing him is painful. He adored his grandchildren! God's love to all of you during this sad time.
Eleanor Blake Meekins

Eleanor Blake Meekins - April 07, 2025 at 03:13 PM

FA

“ *He always would come to my games and after them, he would give me toy cars*

Farrall - February 25, 2025 at 04:28 PM

ME

“ *We want to express our deepest sympathy to Bill’s family, friends, former co-workers and all of us in his car club who will miss him so much. Bill always had a wonderful smile and warm greeting for everyone he knew. The world will be a bit less bright without Bill in it. — Ron and Mary Ann Edwards*

Mary Ann Edwards - February 21, 2025 at 12:35 AM

JF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bill’s passing. I met him when my husband and his brother visited Bill. We had lunch at his favorite German restaurant.

Tom, my husband’s brother and my husband, Denis, were buddies back in Steubenville. They moved to Baltimore when their Dad passed when they were only teens. However, Tom and Bill stayed friends.

After that visit, I started texting with Bill. Long distance friendship.

We would “watch” Bill’s Ohio State football team together unless Bill was actually at the game.

We visited his home and there met Kathy and his pets! It was a really nice weekend where they showed us their favorite places. The favorite part was a ride in his favorite car! So cool!!

Since the loss of Kathy, we have been to visit him a couple of times at a restaurant on our way to or from Cincinnati.

He is a loss of a really nice guy! So glad I got to know him. We’ll miss you Bill!



joanne Francy - February 20, 2025 at 03:32 PM

JC

“ I am saddened to hear of Bill’s passing. My condolences to his family. Bill was a very special person and friend. We worked together in the Automotive Aftermarket for many years. He was always a pleasure to be around and I will miss my friend.

Jim Culp - February 19, 2025 at 11:00 AM

JS

“ This makes me sad. I had the pleasure of making Bill’s acquaintance at the Porsche rally in Ohio and going to the AF museum with him. Very fine gentleman.

Jeffrey Spahn - February 18, 2025 at 09:18 PM

JT

“ OMG. This is so unexpected as we had agreed in late fall to meet for lunch after the new year weather pending. We did business together for almost 20 years at Bowman Distribution but, more than that he was a true friend and gentlemen. I so enjoyed Bill’s company and we shared a hobby with our cars. Condolences and prayers to the family. I will miss having lunch with Bill he will be severely missed by the people and community he served.

James Tanzer - February 18, 2025 at 11:12 AM

CG

“ I was shocked to hear of Bill's passing and can't imagine a world without Bill Blake in it. I met Bill in 1967 when I was the Ada theater popcorn girl and he bought popcorn from me while he was a freshman at ONU. Bill and I dated briefly; he was always a gentleman and broadened my tiny Ada world with conversations about his classes at ONU, movies, photography and family. Years later he re-entered my life and introduced me to his wife Kathy. They became friends with my husband Frank and we enjoyed several visits and dinners together. Conversations often took more spiritual turns about life and connections. There's no one like Bill. Sending my sincerest sympathy to his family and loved ones.
Charleen Krofft Gangemi

Charleen K Gangemi - February 17, 2025 at 04:32 PM

JM

“ Ouch! What a great guy. We only new each other through the Arthritis Foundation but Bill was always friendly to me.



James McLeasster - February 17, 2025 at 03:14 PM

CW

“ Sorry to hear of my cousin, Bill’s passing..
We had wonderful memories of going to
Steubenville and down on the farm with
family. I was his sister, Delores’s flower girl.
My husband and I always talked to Bill about
cars. We all had this in common and so did our dad’s. Loving and
working on vehicles, ran in the family.
Sending prayers and comfort to family and friends that knew and
loved, Bill.



Cheryl and Jeff Wilson - February 16, 2025 at 11:25 PM

LG

“ Such a great Triumph car enthusiast and all round fantastic chap.
Met him in the Summer of 1998. Hopefully he is having a blast
driving his TR6 in Heaven now! RiP & Bless William.

Leon F Guyot - February 16, 2025 at 10:25 PM



“ I was deeply saddened to hear about Bill’s passing. My connection with Bill goes back over 60 years to Steubenville, where he and my brother, Thomas, were in the same class. I first met Bill when I was around four years old—there’s even a photo of me with my “Tammy” kitty, and Bill is the young man in the middle, circa 1960. I believe the other fellow is Jimmy Toner?

Fast forward to July 2019, and through my work with Auto-ISAC, I had a meeting at Honda in Marysville. That trip gave me the chance to reconnect with Bill and meet Kathy, and we shared a wonderful evening at a local Irish pub. It was incredible to see him and how the years had passed, but Bill’s warmth, kindness, and passion for cars was very evident.

Bill was a true car guy and a genuinely great person. He will be missed by all who knew him. I am grateful for the memories and the chance to reconnect after all those years. My thoughts are with his children, the family, and all who knew and loved him.

*With deepest sympathy,
Faye Francy*



Faye Francy - February 16, 2025 at 10:02 PM

JM

Thanks for posting the photo and sharing this memory ~Jennifer

Jennifer Monahan - February 17, 2025 at 07:16 PM

MI

I am very saddened to see the news of Bill's passing. I knew Bill as the older kid up the street with the coolest red Mustang that has been alive in my memory ever since. He was a kind guy us neighborhood kids all liked. By the way that is Jimmy Toner in the picture, also a good friend.

Mark Indovina - February 19, 2025 at 05:11 PM

JL

“ Bill was a great friend and neighbor. He will be missed. Wesleyan Woods won't be the same without him. Rest in peace, Bill. Prayers for all his family.

Jennifer Longstreth - February 16, 2025 at 10:01 PM

JM

You were a much loved neighbor Jenn. Thanks for visiting and bringing him cheer

Jennifer Monahan - February 17, 2025 at 07:19 PM

GS

“ I'm so sad to hear Bill has died. We had done business together for over 45 years. The magic was our friendship. Bill was a true friend and will be sorely missed. My condolences to his family.....you were lucky to have him as your Dad and Grandpa... you all were his center.

May our paths meet again, your friend always, Gary Smith

Gary Smith - February 16, 2025 at 08:33 PM

PS

“ I was saddened to hear the news of Bill passing. We spent over 35 years working together. Bill was as passionate about our business as he was about his classic cars and his commitment to his car clubs. My condolences to his children.

Pat Sheffer - February 16, 2025 at 07:58 PM

RG

“ *Bill was a great 40 Year Friend!
So many nice memories over the years.
He loved hosting the British Oil Change Day Every Year at his very cool shop.
Meeting Bill at the Check The Oil Show every June was a blast. Bill would wear his Sohio Shirt
from the old days when his dad had a Sohio Gas Station. We judged together on Fridays at the Arthritis Show for many years.
He enjoyed the Delaware Car Show so much.
His passion for all cars was so cool.
He enjoyed meeting everyone and was fun to be around.
Rest in peace my dear friend.
Ron Gallagher*

Ron Gallagher - February 16, 2025 at 06:19 PM

MT

“ *So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Always enjoyed his company and our years together at the annual Arthritis Foundation Auto Show.*

Mark Thomas - February 16, 2025 at 06:00 PM

MG

“ *Debi and I have many fond memories at the Arthritis Car Show in Dublin. He always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. He will be dearly missed.*



Mark Garrett - February 16, 2025 at 04:32 PM

MY

So sorry to hear of my cousin Billy passing . Remembering the good times growing up down on the farm . Prayers and hugs to the rest of the family .

Robert and Marsha Young

Marsha Young - February 16, 2025 at 08:55 PM

RS

We in my family did not know Bill well, but we knew him well enough to like him well and enjoy his company. My mom and I are greatly saddened to learn of this.

Karin and Robert Scott

Robert Scott - February 16, 2025 at 10:05 PM

MF

We're going to miss you Bill, I'll miss our conversations, heading over to your garage when I was in town, talking cars, business in general. It was great working with you the past 27 years. I'm saddened and will miss you. Condolences from all of us at Heartthrob Exhaust.

Mike Forbes

mike forbes - February 17, 2025 at 12:41 PM

OG

I was shocked to hear of Bill's passing and can't imagine a world without Bill Blake. I met Bill when he was introduced to me and my wife by his wife Kathy. Through the years we became closed friends and we enjoyed multiple visits and dinners together. Bill held interesting conversations about historical Ohio with my wife Cathy and, with me, his passion for cars. Often we took spiritual turns about life and made connections with the spirits. There's no one like Bill. Sending my sincerest sympathy to his family and loved ones. Until we meet again my friend! Oscar and Cathy Gonzalez

Oscar Gonzalez - February 17, 2025 at 06:58 PM