



## Morton H. "Marty" Blake

March 18, 2003 - May 2, 2003

Anderson - Morton H. "Marty" Blake, 65, Anderson celebrated his homecoming after a courageous battle with lymphoma May 2, 2003 at St. Johns Health System, Anderson Indiana. He was born March 18, 1938 in New Albany, Indiana, and resided in Anderson, Indiana. He worked for Chester B. Stem, Inc. and Stemwood in New Albany, IN as comptroller and served on the Board of Directors. In 1992, he continued his career as business & office manager for his son, Dr. Jeffrey Blake in Anderson. He was a member fo the of the National Guard for 6 1/2 yrs. He was a faithful member of Atwood Wesleyan Church in Louisville, KY, where he served as treasurer and a member of the church board for 15 years, transferring his membership to the 1st Church of the Nazarene after moving to Anderson in 1996. He enjoyed traveling, gardening and landscaping. He was a loving and faithful husband to his wife of 45 years, Marilyn "Joy" Weedman Blake, whom he married in Louisville, Kentucky; a dedicated & wonderful Dad to his daughter, Robin husband, Milo Eldridge of New Albany, IN and his son, Dr. Jeffrey wife, Jennifer Blake of Pendleton; a proud & devoted Pappaw to his grandchildren, Benjamin, age 12, Rachel, age 10, & Samuel, age 5, Eldridge of New Albany, IN and Emily, age 10, Amanda, age 8, and Ethan, age 6, Blake of Pendleton, IN. Also surviving are four brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; Alma & Bill Terry of Louisville, KY, Wilma Nix of DePauw, IN, Don Weedman of Louisville, KY and Jerry & Muriel Weedman of Franklin, NC and a host of special friends. He was preceded in death by a stillborn brother, William Blake and his parents,

Carl & Mary Elizabeth Roberts Blake. Services will be Tuesday, May 6, 2003 at 11:00 AM, at 1st Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Gary Cable and Dr. James Storey officiating. Burial will be in East Maplewood Cemetery, Anderson. Visitation will be Sunday, May 4, 2003 and Monday, May 5, 2003 from 4-8 PM each day at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home and Crematory, South Chapel, 200 West 53rd Street and 1 hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday. A Memorial Service will be held in the New Albany, IN area at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the 1st Church of the Nazarene, 2324 Jackson St., Anderson, IN 46016 or American Bible Society. A Prayer for my Father Our Heavenly Father, We praise you for your greatness, power and love. We thank you for your many blessings and gifts, all undeserved. And now as we sit in vigil, watching Dad linger in his broken physical state, we lean on your promises and embrace your strength. Yes, it is hard to remind ourselves of what we know, when our hearts hurt so much. Even when we question your will and plan, and even wonder if you are still by our side, your Word comforts us. Emotions are fickle and unreliable. Please help us to be human and emotional, but not to base our faith in You and your plans on our feelings at any particular time. We know that your will is perfect. Our desires may be selfish and contrary to your plan, but again, we are human as you have made us. We are your image, so we know that you cry as we cry. Please forgive our questioning, anger and shortsightedness. Christ asked for His will also, but ultimately, conceded to your will. Please forgive us for wanting our way. Matthew 26:39b "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." You never promised us immortality, you never promised us that we would not suffer, that we would not grieve or be sad. You did promise us that You would shoulder the burden, give us peace, and that there are more important things than we can ever imagine. You promised us eternal life in paradise, in Your presence and glory. This physical life is all we know, but it is only a minute part of our existence. Help us to keep the perspective. There is no doctrine of ?fairness?. You never promised us life would be fair. Until we can give up the notion that there

should be human justice and equality, this limited perspective on life will always leave us unhappy, coveting, and comparing. We will exist in bitterness, always thinking that life should be different. Life is not fair. Our human existence, by its definition, is cruel and it will always end in poverty. Life apart from God is empty. Even as we sit and question God, even as we sit and grieve and mourn, we still have Your fullness and peace and comfort. As we try to contemplate the future, we know that in the end, you will give us more than we deserve, more than we can ever imagine. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. We embrace this promise. John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." We pray that you will take care of Dad. We know you will, we know that when he comes home he will be happy and at more peace than we can ever imagine. But we still pray this as we come along side Your will. We pray that Dad's time here on earth passes with the least suffering possible. He wants to go, but, for whatever reason, You choose to keep him here longer. We have released Dad to you, and have assured You and Dad that we accept this course. We want him to go so he can experience your peace and healing. Help us to accept this difficult time. We pray for understanding, meanwhile knowing that understanding may not be in our best interest. PHP 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Dad's influence by his life has left us continually amazed. His witness for you during these last few months has been inspiring to so many, opening their eyes and hearts to You. We see Your greater plan unfolding. We know that if Dad's life has helped just one person come to you, that he would do this all again. Please help us to have the same hope, desire and willingness for sacrifice, as You and Your Son showed, as

have so many of Your saints before us. MT 25:21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Dad has showed us the responsibility and stewardship. He has shown us love and commitment. He has shown us strength. He has raised us in Your presence and in relationship with you. Here-in lies his legacy. He and Mom have raised a Christian family, and we will pass that on to our kids, and teach them to pass it on to theirs. You have given Dad so much. Please help us to remember that even though he suffers and dwindles, he has been blessed, and these blessings far outweigh what he has lost in this short time. Matthew 25:20 I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. 21 A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. 22 So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. In the coming days and years, more of Your plan will be revealed. We hope that there will be more understanding. We know that we will be healed and will grow from this. It may be slower than we want, it may be more painful than we want, but we can be assured that we will be better for it. Like Dad, we have committed our lives to Your glory. This will require still more sacrifice, more questions, more discontent and more testing of our faith. Through this, we will always have Your joy. Like Dad, we will focus our purpose and vision on eternity?ours and those around us. We may not understand at times, but help us to accept these things. Phillipians 3:13, 14 But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. In the next few hours or days, Dad will claim his prize. This knowledge is comforting. Help us to press on. Help Mom to feel your peace, joy, and comfort. This present suffering will end, our grieving will lessen, and we will go on. God wants this Dad wants this, and we need this. Life will go on. Maybe not how we had planned or hoped, but under God's

Divine protection. One day we will understand, but only after our families and friends have endured the same grief and mourning that we now endure, as those before us have experienced. Dad endured the same with his father and feared that we would suffer the same. He persisted and grew, like he knows that we will. We will grieve and mourn, but we will celebrate in the intervals. Joy will overcome sadness in time. Finally, we hold on to Your promise and this hope: Isaiah 40:31 But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Thank you again, for all that you have done, and all that you will do. This is hard?we would be lying if we said otherwise. But you will strengthen us and bless us in ways that we can't image or necessarily understand. Thank you for lending Dad to us for these 65 years. Happy soaring, Dad. We will always love you and remember our time with you. Amen. Love, Your son, Jeff Daddy's Daily Digest- Tuesday, May 6, 2003- the final entry Daddy has fought the good fight. He has finished the course. He has kept the faith. On Friday, May 2, 2003, at 10:20pm, Daddy received his crown of righteousness. He is now rejoicing in heaven with the saints, sitting at the feet of Jesus. Even though he lost the battle to the vicious disease of cancer, daddy has won the war. Throughout the battle, daddy was a courageous soldier. His positive attitude and upbeat spirit encouraged us all. His faith in God- his heavenly Father, strengthened us and showed us the depth of the relationship they had together. What a legacy he has left behind for his family and his friends. I know God must be truly wonderful in so many ways, because my daddy was made in His image....and my daddy was wonderful in so many ways. My daddy was generous and giving. He was gentle, yet firm and guided with a loving hand. He sacrificed a great deal for his family, but took this as a privilege in his role as dad. He was kind and so very thoughtful of others. I am so very blessed to , not only know Marty, but to claim him as MY daddy. Throughout the battle with lymphoma, I was terribly proud of my dad and I am so VERY proud to be his daughter. As happy as I am for him that he is now living in his new heavenly home, I am going to miss

him so VERY much. I already do. I can't imagine life without my daddy. He was a most wonderful, loving and faithful husband to my mom. When mom returned to college in the late 1980's, he supported her in every way. Through two shoulder surgeries, he lovingly nursed her back to health, helping her with her physical therapy, the cooking, the cleaning, and numerous other ways. He was so thoughtful of her--even giving her a mother's day card just last week, before he got worse. Her birthday and anniversary cards are already in his briefcase, ready to be given to her next month. He loved her dearly and often expressed that she was the best thing that ever happened to him. Mom always said HE was the best thing that ever happened to her. They were truly "best buds". In just six weeks, mom and daddy would have celebrated 46 years of wedded bliss. Daddy was a great dad, too. He offered many opportunities to expand and broaden us. Mom and dad made sure we were at church, taking us everytime the doors were open. We had family devotions, along with many family vacations. Music lessons were provided, along with other support to further develop our talents and interests. Daddy used his bonuses each year to pay our college bills. Daddy willingly and unselfishly used that extra to further our education. Dad and mom invested much in the rearing of their children, and I trust and pray they are pleased with their investments, growth AND dividends. Daddy has been a most wonderful grandfather. Six grandchildren were blessed to call him Pappaw and share walks, jokes, games, vacations, books, play-time, popcicles, fun, and donuts. I grieve that these years won't continue, but the memories are rich and sweet---and hopefully, long-lasting. For the kids, this song will have more meaning: Heaven is a wonderful place, filled with glory and grace. I want to see my Savior's face and pappaw's face Heaven is a wonderful, Heaven is a fabulous, Heaven is a wonderful place. Daddy was also a good friend to many. Even though my parents' move to Anderson brought great sorrow to me, I have gradually seen how good this move was for them. During the past seven weeks, I have seen first-hand how loved my parents are, and how much they

love their new friends and church. The steady flow of visiting friends, care given to us by so many, and needs being met by choir members all demonstrate to me that God's hand definitely was in the move. Daddy was a good listener.. He provided fatherly advice to those who were hurting. He offered his shoulder and his ear to so many. He was loved by a host of employees, co-workers, sales reps, and other medical personnel. and this from a man who always said he disliked doctors! Cancer destroyed my daddy's body, but it did NOT destroy his spirit, his sense of humor, his big smile, his thoughtfulness, his faith in God, or his love for us. Throughout the last hospital stay, when the cancer made him paralyzed and gradually took over his body, daddy kept joking, smiling and laughing. He kept working, too, doing office work on his bed. He would remind us, "don't sweat the small stuff" or "it will be okay." He thanked anyone and everyone for whatever they did. Not a single unkind word or thought crossed his lips. He never complained. All the nursing staff loved my daddy! They cried with us when we cried. They rejoiced with us when we rejoiced. And now, our dear friends and fellow prayer warriors- we thank YOU for being a part of our battle, our journey-- through the ups and downs, through the praises and the prayer requests, and through our victories and our disappointments. We could not have come this far without your support, care, concern, notes and prayers. We feel blessed you were on our side. We are grateful that \*daddy is now in heaven with a perfect body and NO cancer, with his Lord and Savior, wearing his crown of righteousness \*the church family is supporting our physical needs \*daddy's life has touched so many others' lives in a variety of ways \*our family and our fellow prayer warriors have grown closer to each other and to God through this experience Please pray that \*God will give all of us the grace and strength to meet each new day \*God will help mom make the monumental adjustment to no longer having daddy as her helpmate \*scientists and doctors can find a cure for lymphoma, especially the aggressive strain that took my daddy \*God will continue to use my daddy's life and ours for His glory and that this celebration service of daddy's life will bring new souls to the Lord....so they,

too, may someday fight the good fight, finish the course, keep the faith and receive their crown of righteousness which the Lord will give them. Blessings and Love to each one of you... Thank you , again, for being part of our team. We are on the winning side!! Robin, for the Blake soldiers p.s. As a side note.....Daddy's favorite song was Amazing Grace....this song was used several times during the service today...at the cemetery, our family sang Amazing Grace as the casket was being lowered into the ground.....as soon as we finished singing, there were church bells in the distance playing....and they were playing AMAZING GRACE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! and the sun was shining brightly, too..... what a perfect day... [www.LooseFuneralHomes.com](http://www.LooseFuneralHomes.com)

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Dr. Blake, When I have spoken to you during my appts I can tell that you really understand the pain that I have after having lossed my mother. I can also tell how much you miss your father. I was just looking through the memorials today & ran across your dads. I often get on this website to look at my moms memorial. I wish you knew just how much it helped me to read what you wrote in his obituary. I have struggled so much & am so grateful to have ran across this. I remember seeing & talking to your dad & he was so nice & understanding. I remember always commenting about him to my mom when I would deal with him. I am very blessed to have you as my doctor & know you understand how I feel & to know you have the strong Christian beliefs that you do. It\'s obvious you had a wonderful dad. He was helpful to hear you say "Thank you for loaning him to us for ? years". I finally went & talked to the counselor at my church & he said something similiar. He helped me to understand that my mom was God\'s child & that he loaned her to me & that he would never forget any of his children. I am starting to focus on the wonderful 53 years she had on this earth & the 33 of them I spent with her instead of just dwelling on her death. She taught me so much & I want to honor that. Thank you again for everything. God Bless your family.

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**Stacy McCord** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ *What a blessing Marty's testimony, during his final days on earth, has been to my life. He faced death so very bravely, trusting fully in our Lord, his Refuge. When Marty went to be with the Lord, he left no question as to how very much he loved his family. He, also, left knowing how very much his family loved him and how they worked so hard to give him the very best care and support possible. What an empty spot he left in their lives, but he is waiting for them in Heaven. He is waiting to spend eternity with them in a place that knows no pain or troubles - just endless joy! Thanks you, Marty, for being my friend.....Frances*

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**Frances Phillips** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *We will be keeping your family in our prayers as you go through this tremendous loss. We especially remember the hearty laugh & huge smile of Robin's father as they attended Homecoming Activities at IWU. He fought a courageous fight! He will be greatly missed by all!!*

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**Connie Whonsetler** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *This is so touching. What a wonderful and supportive family he has. I am truly sorry for your loss. No more suffering for him, he is in a special place now with a healthy and rested soul and I am sure he is looking down on all of you with a smile. You are in my thoughts and Prayers Always.*

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**Paula** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ *I am truly sorry for your loss. I followed all of your posts about your dad's struggle and hoped and prayed that things would turn around for him. I wish the best to you and your wonderful family. Barbara*

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**Barbara Inlow** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *What a marvelous celebration for the home going of a wonderful Christian man, Marty Blake. Our prayers and sincere sympathy to the courageous family whose witness of God's grace during trials of illness will influence many people to know God's peace and comfort are real. May God richly bless each of you. Cordially in Christ, The John Bashams*

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**Dorothy and John Basham** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ *my sincerest sympathy to all of you - he fought a courageous battle*

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**donna villemaire** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *I am very sorry for your loss, but what a wonderful man your dad was, Robin. May your memories help to sustain your and your family, especially your mom. Time and God's grace will heal the pain. May the rest of us fighting lymphoma stay strong in God's love. You have been an inspiration and loving Christian witness to me. God Bless.*

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**Judy Meyer** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ *Prayers and heartfelt condolences to you and your family from a fellow caregiver from the nhl list.*

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**Eleanor Horrox** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dear Robin: Thank you so much for sharing the last days of your dear, dear Daddy with us. We have rejoiced and cried and rejoiced with you. May God hold you and sustain you, your dear Mother, your brother, all the grandchildren, and the entire family during these next days of emptiness, and anticipation of seeing your dear Daddy once again. You are loved and prayed for. Mitchell and Janice Cotrone

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**Mitchell and Janice Cotrone** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ May you find God's strength and peace during these days of grief and thanksgiving.

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**Jim and Patty Holladay** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Marty is a very special man. His faith and integrity with which he made this journey has been an inspiration to all who know him. He is loved and we truly looked forward to his visits to the office. Our prayers, support, love, deepest sympathy, and Christian celebration are with his family in their time of loss. Sincerely, Jeffrey A. Mathison, M.D. Jalaine Hanneken Christine Esche Missy Jones

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**Jeffrey A. Mathison, M.D.** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Robin, Milo, Blake Family, You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Mike Chapman

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**Mike Chapman** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Robin, Milo, and family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You and all that grieve for Marty will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May the Lord Jesus provide you with strength and peace. With much love and sympathy, Julie & Jason

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**Jason & Julie Hand** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ I'm a patient of Dr. Jeff Blake. I have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Blake. He was always helpful and pleasant and he will be missed. My sympathy goes out to Dr. Blake, his family and his office staff. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Kelly S. Jarrell Due

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**Kelly S. Jarrell Due** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I'm a patient to of Dr. Jeff Blake's and I had the pleasure of meeting Marty a couple of times over the past 6 years and he was a very kind man. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Dr. Blake and his entire family. With loving thoughts, Stacey & Katlyn Layman

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**Stacey Layman** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dr.Blake & Family, I am very sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are passed on to you,your family, and you office staff in this time of sorrow. With Sympathy & Prayers, Shelley, Todd, Jordyn Hare

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**Shelley Hare** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ My prayers go out to the entire family. Mr. Blake was always a very sweet spirit at Dr. Blake's office. He will be sadly missed by many.

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**Susan M. Kidd** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Dr. Jeff Blake & Family, We're so very sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad and your kids' Pappaw. Our sympathies & prayers, Tim & Debbie Livesay, Zac, Kaitlyn & Emily

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**Tim & Debbie Livesay** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Know that our thoughts are with you. May God continue to shelter you in His love. Love and prayers Don and Harriet.

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**Don and Harriet Chapman** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I am a patient of Marty's son Jeffery Blake. I had spoke with Marty on different occasions at Dr Blakes office. He was a very nice man and all my thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

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**Cheryl Shirley** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I know Marty from Dr. Jeff Blakes office. I will miss his friendly smile and I will always remember that awesome kindness that he always shared. God bless! Chris McClish

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**Chris McClish** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I am so sad upon learning of Mr. Blakes passing. Whenever I had a question regarding insurance, he was so wonderful to talk to. I always looked forward to seeing and talking to him. What a huge loss for so many people. He would always listen to whatever I had to say no matter what I was talking about. All of my Heart felt sympathy, Sloan Hurt

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**sloan** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM