



Arthur Edward Blake Jr.

January 13, 1949 - March 25, 2024

Arthur E. Blake, Jr. passed away on March 25, 2024 after a long hard battle. He was 75 years old.

He was born in Newton, NJ to the late Arthur E. Blake, Sr. and Helen Hummer Blake. He was the oldest of seven children. His brother, Douglas A. Blake, predeceased him. Of his siblings, he is survived by Elyse (Dan) Allen, Pam Wolfe, Diane (Harold) Schank, Allison (Bob) Struble, and Andrew Blake.

Art grew up in Hackettstown, NJ and attended St. Mary's Elementary School. He graduated from Hackettstown High School with the class of 1967, where he was a three-sport athlete in football, wrestling, and baseball. He received both scholastic and athletic honors, including Most Outstanding Athlete in his senior year. Art went on to attend Western Maryland College (McDaniel) where he continued playing football, wrestling, and baseball starting his freshman year. His collegiate career culminated with him being elected tri-captain of football, co-captain of wrestling, and captain of baseball, the first athlete to accomplish these honors in the history of the college. At graduation, he was recognized as the John A. Alexander Award winner as the college's Outstanding Male Athlete. In 2002, he was inducted into the Western Maryland College Sports Hall of Fame. He was also inducted into the Kent County High School, Hackettstown High School, MPSSAA Wrestling, and the Maryland Modified Softball Halls of Fame.

WMC is also where he met the love of his life, Virginia Golden Blake. They were married in 1972 and spent over 51 years together in Kent County.

In 1971, Art began teaching in Kent County and retired after 38 years in the school system. He helped coach football, wrestling, baseball, and lacrosse at Kent County High School and youth fields and gyms across the state. He was extremely proud of the young people whom he coached who are now giving back to their communities.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his two sons, Davey (Caitlin) and Mikey (Kelly), and his grandchildren, Parker, Presley, Julia, and JoJo. Art lived a fulfilling life and loved to fish (especially trout) and hunt. He is grateful to his family, friends, and community for allowing him this opportunity.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, April 14, from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm at Red Acres Hydroponics in Worton, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Fisher House of Bethesda at 24 Stokes Rd. Bethesda, MD 20814, Tunnels to Towers Foundation at www.t2t.org/donate, or to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital at www.stjude.org/donate.

Previous Events

celebration of life

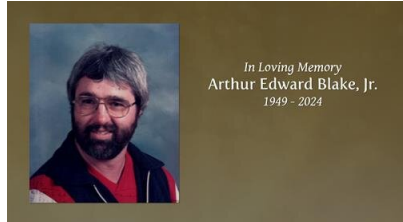
APR **14**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Red Acres Hydroponics
25367 Lambs Meadow Rd
Worton, MD 21678

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 09, 2024 at 11:25 AM

MP

Sorry to hear of Coach Blake's passing. He was a great coach. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Monique Saunders Patrick

Monique S. Patrick - April 14, 2024 at 08:08 AM

KE

“ *Art Blake leaves me memories of kindness, leadership and a model of a truly good person. He will be missed by all he touched. Thank you Coach Blake. Kevin Eckert - KCHS '74*

Kevin Eckert - April 14, 2024 at 09:12 PM

MP

“ *Sorry to hear of Coach Blake's passing. Prayers are with the family. Monique Saunders Patrick*



Monique S. Patrick - April 14, 2024 at 08:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arthur Edward Blake Jr..*



April 11, 2024 at 06:53 PM



“ *Cheryl Saunders lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.*



Cheryl Saunders - April 10, 2024 at 08:55 PM



“ *Sorry to hear the passing of Art Blake. We taught together at Worton Elementary and Chestertown Middle Schools. A nice person. My condolences to the family. You will be missed. Cheryl Saunders*

Cheryl Saunders - April 10, 2024 at 08:53 PM



“ *Artie's Family,
I'm so very sorry to hear of Artie's passing. He was such a wonderful person. May God bless you all. May he rest in peace.
My sincere condolences,
Donna Hendershot Windham*

Donna Hendershot Windham - April 09, 2024 at 12:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Arthur Edward Blake Jr..



April 09, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ FSK High School Wrestling Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur Edward Blake Jr..

FSK High School Wrestling Team - April 09, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ Ginny, we are sadden by the passing of Art. He was a friend and a great coach. You all are in our prayers and thoughts. Jean Foreman & Family



Jean Foreman - April 06, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ Jean Foreman & Family lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.



Jean Foreman & Family - April 06, 2024 at 02:47 PM

MS

“ *An Awesome Coach always willing to help my condolences to the family prayers comfort strength and love sent your way*



Michele Somerville - April 05, 2024 at 10:43 PM

JM

“ *I am shocked. Art was a coworker and friend. We met as wrestling coaches way back and again when we worked together at Chestertown Middle School. I will always remember trout fishing together. Rest in peace my friend. My most sincere condolences to Ginnie and the boys.*

Joe millward - April 04, 2024 at 07:08 PM

MB

“ *Melinda Blyman lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.*



Melinda Blyman - April 04, 2024 at 02:39 PM

IG

*My condolence to his family.Mr. Blake was my favorite gym teacher in Chestertown middle school.
He was tough off but I like them a lot*

Ida Goines - April 05, 2024 at 09:45 AM

KP

“ Dear Ginny, Davey, Mikey, and Family,
You are in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers
as you remember and honor Art. We're so
blessed with wonderful, fun memories of
times spent with you for over 50 years and
will miss his quick laughter, mischievous sense of humor, and giving
spirit. Always loved, never forgotten.
Love, Keith, Chelle, Kerrie, and Craig Porter and Family



Keith Porter - April 04, 2024 at 02:06 PM

JB

“ He was such a great coach and alway willing
to help he had a good heart sending prayers
and my deepest sympathies to the family



Juanita Burris - April 03, 2024 at 10:19 PM

BB

“ Bernie And Steve Blevins lit a candle in
memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.



Bernie and Steve Blevins - April 03, 2024 at 10:30 AM

VR

“ Valerie Murray Reihl lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.



Valerie Murray Reihl - April 02, 2024 at 07:56 PM

VR

I have fond memories of him while being his aide in gym class for a short time at KCHS class of '75.

Valerie Murray Reihl - April 02, 2024 at 07:58 PM

MV

“ Rest well, good friend. I can never ever repay you for all you gave me and did for me. There are scores of people who will echo these sentiments. You left a legacy second to none.

Marvin VanDyke - April 02, 2024 at 07:04 PM

JB

“ To my buddy Art. The fight is over but the memories live on. The woods and water will be a lonlier place since your gone.

Joseph Brinton - April 02, 2024 at 03:48 PM

DS

“ Rest in peace, Art, and my heartfelt condolences to Ginny and the Blake Family!

Debbie Struder



Debbie Struder - April 02, 2024 at 01:19 PM

CH

“ *Carole Hickman lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.*



Carole Hickman - April 02, 2024 at 10:54 AM

CH

Ginny and family, Heartfelt sympathy to all of you.

Carole Hickman - April 02, 2024 at 10:55 AM



“ *Dear Ginny and family, We are so sorry to hear of Artie's passing. He was such a wonderful person who cared deeply for our whole family...The Robinsons, Suttons and Chances. We have such fond memories of him as a family friend, an amazing coach, caring teacher and wonderful softball player. Much love and prayers of comfort, Sandy (Sutton), Dave, Josh, Hayden and Peyton Chance*



Sandy Chance - April 02, 2024 at 10:49 AM

MR

“ *If you went to school in Kent County you knew Mr. Blake. Touched so many lives. Prayers to your family.*

Melissa White Rubin - April 02, 2024 at 10:48 AM

RL

“ Robin L Leager lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.



Robin L Leager - April 02, 2024 at 09:47 AM

JE

“ Josh&Edih Elborn lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.



Josh&Edih Elborn - April 02, 2024 at 03:39 AM

DB

“ David&Stefanie Blyman lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.



David&Stefanie Blyman - April 02, 2024 at 03:11 AM

LF

“ Our condolences to the family. Linda & Gary Fry



Linda Fry - April 01, 2024 at 03:50 PM

DA

“ Ginny and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Please know I will keep you in my
prayers.
Debbie

Debbie Alexander - April 01, 2024 at 01:29 PM

JS

“ Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of
Arthur Edward Blake Jr.



Jeanette Stubbs - April 01, 2024 at 10:47 AM

JK

“ Jack. And. Debbie Kemp lit a candle in
memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.



Jack. and. Debbie Kemp - March 30, 2024 at 06:24 PM

DK

“ Debbie Kemp lit a candle in memory of Arthur
Edward Blake Jr.



Debbie Kemp - March 30, 2024 at 06:23 PM

CC

“ Carol Callaway lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.



Carol Callaway - March 30, 2024 at 05:34 PM

BB

“ My sincere condolences to Ginny and all of Arts family. My heart hurts for you all. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Beth Brinton

Beth Brinton - March 30, 2024 at 04:49 PM

JL

“ John, Lauren, Hunter, and Alex Lowe purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Arthur Edward Blake Jr..



John, Lauren, Hunter, and Alex Lowe - March 30, 2024 at 10:31 AM

JL

“ John, Lauren, Hunter, and Alex Lowe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur Edward Blake Jr..

John, Lauren, Hunter, and Alex Lowe - March 30, 2024 at 10:31 AM

LF

“ Shocked and saddened. Haven't seen Artie for years and years. Played ball with him in the Kent League way back in the early 80's. Artie was a good and unselfish man. Condolences to his friends and family

Larry Faulkner - March 29, 2024 at 06:16 PM

JV

“ Artie Blake a true Brother from AGT. Artie always walked the fine line between cocky and confident. What I admired about him was that he always backed up what he said. There was a magnetism about Artie nobody in our fraternity could ignore. When he spoke, the Bros. listened, even Roy Brown. A three sport student athlete, a leader, teacher and friend. Rest in peace good buddy and may perpetual light shine upon your soul, Artie.

John Verderosa - March 29, 2024 at 05:55 PM

TT

“ Art was a classmate at Hackettstown High School-many wonderful memories from the Class of '67. My condolences to Art's family. Sincerely, Ted Terhune

Ted Terhune - March 29, 2024 at 04:43 PM

LS

“ We have very fond memories of the days when Art coached our two boys in baseball. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

Ken and Louise Stonesifer



Louise H Stonesifer - March 29, 2024 at 03:31 PM

ER

“ Ginny, so very sorry for this huge loss. Thinking of you and MIkey and Davey and sending our love and prayers for peace in your memories of this wonderful man

Elizabeth A Rice - March 29, 2024 at 01:30 PM

MS

“ Marybeth Sprayberry lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.



Marybeth Sprayberry - March 29, 2024 at 07:36 AM

PW

“ Paul and I send our condolences.

phyllis wallace - March 28, 2024 at 08:47 PM

RS

“ Many memories helping Mr Blake and Zott keep score with wrestling. He will surely be missed !



Rhonda Spry - March 28, 2024 at 08:47 PM

RC

“ Art, may you rest in peace. Say hello to Doug.

Richard Cannell - March 28, 2024 at 05:31 PM

MY

“ *Mrs Erika Young lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.*



Mrs Erika Young - March 28, 2024 at 02:31 PM

MY

He was a great friends in HHS I will always remember the good times

Mrs Erika Young - March 28, 2024 at 02:33 PM

FL

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Blake family. I got to know Art late in life through wrestling of course. I officiated many McDaniel matches at tournaments through-out Pa. We would always reminisce about life in Hackettstown and HHS and of course talked at length about wrestling. He was a mountain of man and outstanding athlete and coach. Gone but never forgotten. Rest easy Tiger,*
Frank Leitner

Frank Leitner - March 28, 2024 at 02:18 PM

GS

“ *Ginny and family,*

I am so saddened by the passing of Cousin Artie! My prayers and heart ho out to you.

Love,

Cousin Gloria

Gloria Sparkman - March 28, 2024 at 12:58 PM

TE

“ Our sincerest condolences to Ginny and the family on the loss of a wonderful coach, friend and man. Our hearts and prayers are with you.
Timmy and Andrea



Timmy and Andrea Edwards - March 28, 2024 at 12:17 PM

LP

“ LORI BUTLER PERRY lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.



LORI BUTLER PERRY - March 28, 2024 at 10:55 AM

LP

“ Lee Phillips lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.



Lee Phillips - March 28, 2024 at 10:49 AM

LP

“ My heart goes out to my cousin Art's family. Art and I were one of 37 Hummer cousins and although we drifted apart while raising our families, I'm so glad we reconnected these last couple of years. That Hummer blood truly is "thicker than water." He was tough as a kid and even tougher in his long fought final battle. We lost "one of the good guys" and he will be missed !

Lynn Pohl - March 28, 2024 at 10:32 AM

JP

“ Jimmy & Mary Price planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur Edward Blake Jr..

Jimmy & Mary Price - March 28, 2024 at 10:28 AM



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March 28, 2024 at 10:28 AM

RM

“ Robin Stem McKinney lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.



Robin Stem McKinney - March 28, 2024 at 08:17 AM

BC

“ BARBARA P COLEMAN lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.



BARBARA P COLEMAN - March 28, 2024 at 07:35 AM

DJ

“ *Darlene&Sam Johnston lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.*



Darlene&Sam Johnston - March 28, 2024 at 07:34 AM

MU

“ *Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.*



Marie Usilton - March 28, 2024 at 07:29 AM



“ *He was a great role model to many. Our prayers.*

Matt Larrimore - March 28, 2024 at 04:55 AM

TM

“ *So sorry Ginny and family for your loss.
Sending prayers
Terry and Paul*



Terry Milash - March 27, 2024 at 07:40 PM

CD

“ So very sorry Ginny. He was a roll model & friend to many.



Cathy Daggett - March 27, 2024 at 07:13 PM

DH

“ Donna Hollett lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.



Donna Hollett - March 27, 2024 at 06:33 PM

DI

“ Donna Ingram lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.



Donna ingram - March 27, 2024 at 05:15 PM

DI

Ginny my heart goes out to you and the family. I will miss him

Donna ingram - March 27, 2024 at 05:17 PM

GS

“ *Mr. Art was my elementary school gym teacher. He was a very person. My condolences to his family.*



George Short - March 27, 2024 at 04:41 PM

GS

Very nice person

George Short - March 27, 2024 at 04:41 PM

SQ

“ *Sara & David Quinn lit a candle in memory of Arthur Edward Blake Jr.*



Sara & David Quinn - March 27, 2024 at 04:21 PM