



## Irene L. Blake

September 24, 1938 - December 28, 2022

Irene L. Blake of Broadneck, MD, departed this life December 28, 2022, at the age of 84. She was born the eldest child to the late Allen M. Johnson, Sr., and Anna Louise Johnson on September 24, 1938, on Johnstontown Rd, Quakerneck, MD. She graduated from Garnett High School in Chestertown, MD, with the Class of 1956 and later that year, in November of 1956, she was joined in matrimony to Herbert Blake.

Irene was a caregiver and a babysitter for various families as a teenager. She worked Vita Foods, Campbell Soup, and Washington College. From there she was a private duty nurse until her retirement in 2017. She was a lifelong member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church where she served as an Usher and president of the Souls of Faith Choir. She was also a member of the United Methodist Women and sang in the 100 Voice Choir and The Chancellor Choir. She was a faithful asset anywhere and anytime she could be of service.

Irene loved cooking and baking for family and friends. She prepared the most delicious meals. Her specialty was homemade rolls and homemade ice cream. She enjoyed sewing and making her own clothes. She truly loved family and family gatherings. Irene was affectionately known as “Granny” by her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She will forever be known as a beautiful soul and sweet spirit.

Irene is preceded in death by her parents, Allen and Louise Johnson; her husband, Herbert Blake; and her sister, Bernice Butler. Irene leaves to mourn her daughter, Joann Miller; grandchildren, Tyran Miller (Courtney) and Michaela Miller; great-grandchildren, Samari, Jayden, Noah, and Wynter; one brother, Allen M. Johnson Jr. (Ruby); one sister, Christine Burke; five godchildren, Earl Blake Jr., Daniel Dorsey Sr., Lori Butler Perry, Latoya Burke, and Latoya Green; one uncle, Walter Dickerson (Yolande) from Brooklyn MD; one sister-in-law, Shirley Dorsey; her lifelong friends, Minerva Phillips, Leon "Mousie" Roberts, John Hunter, and Barbara Warner; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Services will be held on Sunday, January 8, at 1 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown. A visitation will be held two hours prior, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Irene L. Blake*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - January 05, 2023 at 01:47 PM

DP

*Joann may God bless you thru this sad time just keep your head up n remember God got this yes you loved her but God loved her more.*

**Diane Phillips** - January 08, 2023 at 08:42 PM



“ *Irene L. Blake*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Irene L. Blake*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Irene L. Blake*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

BR

“ *Barbara Robinson lit a candle in memory of Irene L. Blake*



barbara robinson - January 08, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ *62 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 05, 2023 at 01:47 PM

YT

“ *It's hard to say Goodbye so I'll just say Farewell until we meet again! I'm going to stand by your children for know you would want me to do that! Love you n miss you my Love!*



Your Baby Sister Teeny! - January 04, 2023 at 08:56 PM

YT

“ I find Comfort n knowing that all your pain n misery is gone n you are resting n the arms of our Most High Savior! I will miss you more than words can say! RIP my Love until we meet ago!

Your Baby Sister Teeny! - January 04, 2023 at 08:46 PM

TO

“ I am going to miss you Aunt Irene 😔 You will always be in my heart, although it hurts me to not have you here physically, I am comforted by the fact you are no longer in pain. I ❤️ you 😘



Toya - January 04, 2023 at 08:31 PM

JB

“ Aunt Irene will truly be missed, what a beautiful spirit and heart...



Juanita Burris - January 04, 2023 at 05:44 PM

PM

“ Pam Taylor Marvel lit a candle in memory of Irene L. Blake



Pam Taylor Marvel - January 03, 2023 at 01:20 PM

DJ

“ *Joann and family know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. You have my deepest sympathy.* ”



Denise Jones - January 02, 2023 at 08:13 PM

RR

“ *Rosie Reed lit a candle in memory of Irene L. Blake* ”



Rosie Reed - December 31, 2022 at 08:46 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Irene L. Blake* ”



Jeanette Stubbs - December 31, 2022 at 04:02 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss* ”



Sharon McClinton - December 31, 2022 at 01:10 PM

IC

“ Iris Carter lit a candle in memory of Irene L. Blake



Iris Carter - December 31, 2022 at 07:31 AM

DJ

“ To the family you are in my thoughts and prayers.



Denise Jones - December 30, 2022 at 10:49 PM

LW

“ Linda Wachowiz sent a virtual gift in memory of Irene L. Blake



linda wachowiz - December 30, 2022 at 08:51 PM

LP

“ Lori Butler Perry lit a candle in memory of Irene L. Blake



Lori butler perry - December 30, 2022 at 08:40 PM