



## Ivan Richard Blake

October 2, 1940 - January 21, 2016

Ivan R. "Dick" Blake, age 75 of Cameron, WV died Thursday, January 21, 2016 in Ohio Valley Medical Center, Wheeling, WV.

He was born October 2, 1940 in Moundsville, WV, the son of the late I.B. and Hilda Wellman Blake.

He was a US Army veteran; a retired foreman from McElroy and Ireland Mines; a member of Ebenezer United Methodist church; a private consultant for the Coal Mine; loved horses, and was the owner of Wolf Run Ranch.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Gary; a niece Kathy Mason; and a nephew, Greg Blake.

Survivors include his wife, Mary A. "Annita" Pettit Blake; seven children, Cyndi (Doug) Blake of Georgetown, SC, Anita (Harold) Rush of Cameron, Rick (Shelly) Blake of Old Washington, OH, Sonja (Eddie) Chambers of Benwood, WV, Katrina (Donald, Jr.) Wasmuth of Glen Easton, WV, Lora (Troy) Simms, and Jesse (Whitney) Broughton, all of Cameron; four sisters, Daunetta (Jeff) Fromhart, Becky Blake, Barbara (Ronnie) Mason, all of Moundsville, and Judy Blake of Akron, OH; a brother, Bobby (Athena) Blake of Weirton, WV; and a sister in law, Wanda Blake of Moundsville; 25 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville where funeral services will be Monday at 1pm with Rev. Rodney Hubbs officiating.

Interment in Halcyon Hills Memorial Park, Sherrard.



# Cemetery Details

## Halcyon Hills Memorial Park

Sherrard, WV 26003

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 24. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville  
400 Jefferson Ave  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
(304) 845-0400  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

JAN 24. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville  
400 Jefferson Ave  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
(304) 845-0400  
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## Funeral Service

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JAN 25. 1:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville  
400 Jefferson Ave  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
(304) 845-0400  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

# Tribute Wall

FS

“ *cruising I am saddened to hear of Dicky's passing. We were best buds back in the late 50's and early 60's before I left Moundsville due to the Army. We shared great times in his 57 Chevy convertible cruising after our dates were back in the house. People still are in awe when I tell them of the 45 rpm record player that was installed just above the hump. We worked side by side for many teenage years in different gas stations... he in his family's Gulf station and me for "Windy" Rulong's Texaco. Those were fun times and I will cherish them always. Miss you my friend.*

*Frank Stankus*

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**Frank Stankus** - February 12, 2016 at 01:16 PM



“ *My dad was a great cowboy but he was the best dad he taught me so many things how to work hard, how to respect other people and most of all myself, if you get thrown off get right back on and much more. One of my favorite things he used to say was "It isn't worth doing unless you do it right"*



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**Katrina Wasmuth** - January 26, 2016 at 08:16 AM

LA

“ I will always remember Dick with fondness and respect. Our kids grew up together and all of us spent many hours practicing the barrels in the ring and going on trail rides all over Marshall County. He was always willing to help start someone riding and teach them to respect the horse. This cowboy will be missed.

Linda Alley - January 25, 2016 at 02:05 PM

RA

“ We'll forever miss you Dickie and treasure the times we had growing up.! Our thoughts and prayers remain with all the family members!!! Roger and Donna Allen

Roger And Donna Allen - January 25, 2016 at 11:35 AM

LF

“ Dick doing what he does the best riding horses and helping the younger generation get hook on riding horse and barrel racing RIP Cowboy you will never be forgotten.



lisa Fonner - January 24, 2016 at 10:47 AM

FM

“ Freda Campbell, Vicki Quigley, and Marsha Mercer purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Ivan Richard Blake.



Freda Campbell, Vicki Quigley, and Marsha Mercer - January 23, 2016 at 03:30 PM

JT

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Jill Thomas** - January 23, 2016 at 09:09 AM

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“ I'll never forget the day uncle Dickie took time out of his busy schedule to take us in the back of his pick-up to his field full of beautiful horses and I thought "this is heaven on earth" he even saddled one up for us to ride. Dickie was one of the strongest men I ever knew he worked and fought til the very end, he never made it to Yellow Stone, but I like to think he's got the best view now. Love You Uncle Dickie, Jill

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**Jill Thomas** - January 23, 2016 at 09:08 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time*

*May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

*May your memories of Ivan R. Blake, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is complete. I thank you for your service and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with the family of.....*

*US Army Veteran, Ivan R. Blake, “A True American Hero” God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*



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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - January 23, 2016 at 07:53 AM

JP

“ *Janice Pettit lit a candle in memory of Ivan  
Richard Blake*



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**Janice Pettit** - January 23, 2016 at 04:21 AM

JP

*May God Bless and Comfort everyone in Dick's family.*

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**Janice Pettit** - January 23, 2016 at 04:23 AM

DA

“ *My heart is broken, I grew up with that family and although I've been  
far away they are always close to my heart. Rest in Peace, Dicky.  
Bob, Barb, Judy, Becky and Dawnetta, my thoughts and prayers are  
with you and I love you all.*

*Dale Allen*

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**Dale Allen** - January 22, 2016 at 05:31 PM