



Anne M Blake

July 8, 1943 - December 9, 2020

Anne M. Blake passed away peacefully December 9, 2020 in Surfside Beach, SC at the age of 77. Born on July 8, 1943 in Frostburg, MD she was the daughter of the late Stanton Melvin and Rosemary (Conway) Melvin and grew up in Mount Savage, MD. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl. Anne was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her family was her greatest achievement. She was known for her wit, her intelligence, her strong will and her skill at crossword puzzles.

Anne was a graduate of Ursuline Academy and attended Loyola College before transferring to and graduating from Frostburg State College. She dedicated most of her professional life to teaching and was a beloved English teacher at Bishop Walsh High School in Cumberland, MD for 30 years. After raising their family in Cumberland, Anne and Carl retired and moved south to Surfside Beach where they immediately became involved in their Oceanside Village community. Anne sang with the community chorus, was a member of the Red Hats, organized a ladies' golf & social group (the "nine & dine"), and volunteered at her community library. She also worked closely with Carl on the revitalization of the South Strand Chapter of the Lions Club where she became particularly involved with their scholarship program for outstanding local high-school students.

Her family was the most important thing in her life evidenced by her love for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Each of them received their own package of her famous Christmas buckeyes every year and she

kept up with all of them frequently via phone, text and social media. She took great pride in all of their achievements and will be greatly missed by them all. She is survived by her children, Patrick Blake and wife Krissy, Michael Blake, and Erin Clay and husband David; her grandchildren, Christian Blake and wife Juliette, Caroline Blake, Drew Blake, David Clay and Adam Clay; and great-granddaughters Flora Blake and Josephine Blake. She is also survived by her brother-in-law William Blake and his wife Jean and her sister-in-law Elizabeth Dow and her husband Roger and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life and burial services will be held at a later date, when circumstances allow.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor Anne's memory are asked to donate to the South Strand Lions Club scholarship program at South Strand Lions Club, ATTN: Wanda Beneke, 1757 Paddington Street, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Tribute Wall

JK

“ *Jim Kelley lit a candle in memory of Anne M Blake*



jim kelley - December 25, 2020 at 02:00 PM

JK

“ *Sorry to hear of Mrs. Blake's passing. She was a really fun teacher at Bishop Walsh, I really enjoyed her classes. I also enjoyed her sense of humor, and quick wit. I'm sure she was a great Mother and Wife. Pat, Mike and Erin, I am truly sorry for your loss. May your Mother Rest in Peace until you meet again. God Love You all.*

*Jim Kelley
aka Jimmy Joe*

jim kelley - December 25, 2020 at 02:00 PM

DT

“ *I had the honor of being taught by Mrs. Blake and also being friends with her son, Pat. She was one of the best teachers I had in school. She saw all my faults but used her humor and wit to help me to grow. She brought Shakespeare, Edgar Allan Poe, and Ray Bradbury to life for me and helped me become the avid reader I am today. She was an amazing woman and teacher and she will be missed. Sending love and prayers to the family, Dee Stegmaier Thornley.*

Deanna Thornley - December 24, 2020 at 12:31 PM

KM

“ Mrs. Blake was a fantastic and beloved English teacher who greatly influenced my education. She taught with a piece of chalk in one hand and her coffee mug (never empty) in the other. This morning I'm cheers-ing her with my cappuccino. My heart goes out to your family especially during this first holiday season without her.

Kevin McGann - December 24, 2020 at 10:50 AM

LS

“ Condolences to Anne's family/ She and Carl were great friends for many years and both will be greatly missed.

Lew spangler - December 24, 2020 at 08:21 AM

SB

“ Our dear Anne! She will be missed by all who knew her. She leaves a huge legacy with her family, her former students, the Lions, her neighbors and friends. She brought smiles,laughter wherever she went. Hope she & Carl are holding hands again!

Steve & Sandra Barbour - December 22, 2020 at 05:39 PM