



Richard Monroe Blake

March 2, 1925 - April 2, 2022

Richard Monroe Blake, age 97, of Henderson, KY passed away at 7:13 p.m. on April 2, 2022 at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville, KY.

Monroe was a United States Army Veteran. He enlisted on May 6, 1943 at the age of 18 years old in Evansville, IN. He was sent to England and was assigned to the 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division. Monroe was in the first wave of servicemen to storm Omaha Beach in the Normandy Invasion. His other battle campaigns included Battle of Hurtgen Forrest and Battle of the Bulge. He was honored with a Bronze Star. Monroe was a member of First Baptist Church and a retired carpenter. He loved woodworking and did so most of his life. Most people will remember him for the huge red tomatoes and vegetables that he grew from his own garden and sold at a stand he ran for many years.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Sissy, second wife Wanda and last wife Marcella Blake; children Latina and Dennis Blake and siblings: Bill, Clifton, Marvin, Donnie Blake and sister Margie Watson.

Monroe is survived by his sister Nadine Swallier (Albert) of Henderson, KY, his brother; Jerry Blake (Doris) of Evansville, IN, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to Monroe's Life Celebration from 11:00 a.m. until the service on time on Sunday at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 10th, 2022 at the funeral home with Rev. Ray Buckman officiating. Burial will follow at Fernwood Cemetery in Henderson, KY, escorted in procession by the Patriot Guards.

Military honors will be rendered by the American Legion Worsham Post #40.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross, Western Kentucky Chapter, 1700 Frederica St. Suite 105, Owensboro, KY 42301 or St. Anthony's Hospice, 2410 S. Green Street, Henderson, KY 42420.

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home, online condolences may be made at www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Fernwood Cemetery

Henderson
KY 42420

Previous Events

Life Celebration

APR 10. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home
629 S. Green St.
Henderson, KY 42420
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

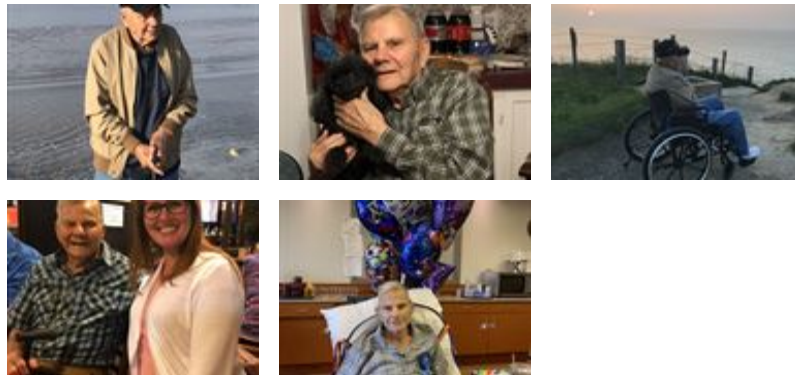


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November 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM



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Benton-Glunt Funeral Home - April 08, 2022 at 09:19 AM

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My condolences to Monroe's surviving family. My Mother was Nellie Watkins ne Blake, so I think they were first cousins. Her Mom & Dad were Albert & Lilly Blake. I had not known about Monroe serving at Normandy. Makes me very proud. And if he survived that, no wonder he made it to age 97. May he Rest In Peace in God's hands.

Rick Watkins - April 09, 2022 at 01:16 PM



I would like to send my condolences to all Monroe family. My mom was Nevada Wilkerson Hundley. So that makes us kin. Essie was mom aunt. I want you to know how proud of Monroe that he served his country. May he rest in peace.

Wanda Hundley Hicks - April 10, 2022 at 05:51 PM