



## Albert W. Blake Jr.

August 18, 1955 - January 27, 2016

Rye - Albert Willard Blake, Jr., 60, of Rye and formerly of Greenland and Manchester, died suddenly on Wednesday, January 27, 2016.

Mr. Blake was born August 18, 1955 in Ballston Spa, NY, son of Albert W. Blake, Sr. of Amherst and the late Geneva (Toof) Adams.

Al was raised and educated in Manchester and was a 1973 graduate of Trinity High School. After high school, he attended Saint Anselm College and worked in broadcast management for a number of years. He married his true love, Linda (Gerber) Chestney in 1984 and shortly after he and Linda married, Al completed his degree in marketing and management from Southern New Hampshire University. He began his career in the financial services industry with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network of Manchester before founding his own business, Seacoast Financial Network, LLC of North Hampton. He was a long-time member of MDRT (Million Dollar Round Table) Top of the Table every year since 1998.

Al was a member of National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) past president NH, a NAIFA national Sales Achievement Award recipient, NAIFA multiple recipient of National Quality Awards, and a recipient of NAIFA-NH Distinguished Financial Advisor Award.

Al was a devoted and loving Christian man, a great listener with a keen sense of humor, and made friends easily. He and Linda were active parishioners at Bethany Covenant Church in Bedford before moving to the Seacoast and becoming just as involved with the Bethany Church in Greenland, where they were involved with marriage mentoring. Al also was a leader in the men's ministry team, and a couple's small group leader. In recent years, Al and Linda have been members of Evergreen Covenant Church in Sanford, ME. He loved music and participated in the church's music ministry where he played percussion.

The last few years, he took up playing golf and enjoyed cycling and running.

In addition to his father and Linda, his beloved wife of over 31 years, Al also leaves his son, Jason A. Blake and his wife Angela of Swanzey; his daughter, Amy M. Blake of Keene; his siblings, Wayne Cunan of Londonderry, Patrick Cunan of Manchester, John Blake and his wife Delores, also of Manchester and Maureen Hamel and her husband Michael of Raymond. Al is also survived by his dear and beautiful grandchildren, Connor and Hailey.

Family and friends may visit from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2016 in the Remick and Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Bethany Church, 500 Breakfast Hill Rd., Greenland. Burial will be private. If desired, the family requests memorial donations to Evergreen Covenant Church, 1861 Main St., Sanford, ME 04073.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
(603) 926-6500  
info@remickgendron.com  
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

## Celebration of Life

FEB 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bethany Church  
500 Breakfast Hill Road  
Greenland, NH 03840

# Tribute Wall



“ *Albert W. Blake Jr.*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Dear Linda and family,  
So so very sorry to just hear of Al's passing. We 1st met Al over 25 years ago when my twins were just in 3rd grade and he was so patient and helpful in planning for their future college years. Ever since, even moving to SC we remained a loyal client of Al's . Such a happy, positive person, always the birthday call, always asking how things were with us. He was a fabulous person. So sad how life can just stop us in our tracks so unexpectedly. Never would have expected to hear this news. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during these difficult times.  
With Sympathy,  
Sandy and Ross Staiger*

Sandy Staiger - February 14, 2016 at 05:30 PM



*Sandy and Ross, thank you! AL was always fond of you too. Miss my guy big time.*

Linda Chestney - February 21, 2016 at 05:40 PM

MP

“ Dear Linda,

*Glenn and I just learned of Al's passing. We are stunned and so sorry for your loss. Please know our prayers are with you and your family.*

*Love,  
Marilyn Page*

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**Marilyn Page** - February 14, 2016 at 02:15 PM

LC

*Thank you Marilyn. It's definitely shocking. I appreciate your kind words!*

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**Linda Chestney** - February 21, 2016 at 05:39 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Albert W. Blake Jr..*



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February 09, 2016 at 05:52 PM

MD

“ Dear Linda,

*Josh and I are shocked and saddened to hear of the loss of Al, such a friendly, generous, wonderful soul whom we are honored to have known. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word to say and he made a person feel good just to be around him. Our hearts are heavy and our thoughts are with you and we will remember him fondly always.*

*With our love and sympathy,  
The Dame family*

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**Melanie Dame** - February 09, 2016 at 04:57 PM

LC

*Thank you for the kind words! You were wonderful neighbors that we were very fond of. Miss you.*

Linda Chestney - February 21, 2016 at 05:38 PM

LN

“*Sorry to hear of Al's passing.  
He was a great man< and always left us with a smile.  
He also never forgot everyone's Birthday.  
Rest in peace my friend.*

*The Novaks*

Lenny Novak - February 06, 2016 at 07:49 PM

LC

*Thank you for your kind words, Lenny. He will indeed be missed by many.*

Linda Chestney - February 21, 2016 at 05:41 PM

CS

“*Kim and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. Al was a wonderful mentor and friend. Words cannot express our dismay and sadness. We will miss his sunny disposition and gracious smile. Our deepest sympathy, Chuck and Kim Stephen*

Chuck Stephen - February 04, 2016 at 12:42 PM

LC

*Chuck--thank you! He was always fond of you, too! And thank you, too for your generous gift to the church in Al's honor. He worked hard to make it successful and would appreciate your thoughtful, generous support. Hugs.*

Linda Chestney - February 21, 2016 at 05:43 PM

JH

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Jill Hartmann** - February 02, 2016 at 02:48 PM

KT

*great pictures of you all ..you have had a great life together.love the pictures of Al..so happy I got a chance in this life to know him .  
Kellie Thinnes*

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**kellie thinnes** - February 05, 2016 at 11:37 AM

BK

“ *Dear Blake Family,  
We are so saddened by the loss of Al. David and I have known Al for 20 years as our financial advisor. It was terribly hard to believe the news on Sunday morning before heading to church. He was a very special person and we have no doubt that he is finding heaven wonderful. He always had such a big smile and laugh, had an easy going way and positive outlook. He had a great knowledge of his business and took so much pride in the MDRT. We always felt comfortable with Al. He never missed an opportunity to mention you Linda, so there was no doubt how much he loved you and his family. Al was certainly a Christian that demonstrated his belief through his actions. He quietly dropped hints of his beliefs by small things like book titles in the bookcase. I never asked him, I just knew. We will miss him very much and will continue to pray for your family. Sincerely Beth and David Koopman.*

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**Beth and David Koopman** - February 01, 2016 at 02:55 PM

LC

*Beth and David--thank you for your beautiful, meaningful words. Makes me cry. It's so very hard and my heart aches so. But I'm also grateful for so very much--amazing family and friends who are holding me up--and especially for the 31 years of marriage we shared. Blessings to you. Hugs.*

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**Linda Chestney** - February 21, 2016 at 05:45 PM

PM

“ *Linda and family,*

*I am very sad to hear about Al's passing. Al always had a smile on his face and brought a smile to mine. He had a wonderful sense of humor, cared deeply for others in a sincere way, and brought great joy to the world and the people God entrusted to him. While I have not seen Al in about a year, it seems like just yesterday. My prayers are with you and your family, Linda.*

*God Bless you. Paul Mitchell*

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**Paul Mitchell** - February 01, 2016 at 02:42 PM

LC

*Paul--thank you for your kind words. It's a journey and I'll lean on God to get me through. Hugs.*

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**Linda Chestney** - February 21, 2016 at 05:46 PM



“ Linda,

*Please pass on my deepest condolences to you and your family. My heart cries for you as you have lost your husband, your best friend and companion. It was clear the man loved you more than can be expressed.*

*The rest of us have lost a dear friend, a solid citizen, an astute business man deeply invested in building the secure futures of his many clients, a man of extreme generosity who truly cared for those in need, an athlete, a Boston sports fan, a socialite who did so for the right reasons and most of all, a man of God.*

*He was looked up to by many and admired by his competitors and comrades alike. To me he was dependable, honest and truthful at all times, logical and able to advise with an attitude and manor that never pushed or hurried anyone working with him. His patience and his love of others rose up in every endeavor he took up.*

*I will miss his kind advice and words of wisdom that came from his life experiences and from, I believe, his ability to hear God speak to him.*

*I cant believe I wont be having lunch or breakfast with him again. I can believe we wont all be bike riding around the Seacoast or going to Fenway. I'm trying to remember that our loss of his friendship is only short term because Al is now with Jesus. Can you imagine that? I hope to see him again one day down the road. I know he will greet me with a warm hug and his classic smile. I hope that I can be half the man Al was in the time I have to live.*

*If there is anything I can do, don't hesitate to call,*

*Matt Carpenter*

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**Matt Carpenter** - February 01, 2016 at 01:51 PM

LC

*My dear Matt, I'm only now rechecking this site and there were a lot of people who've left kind words that I'm just now responding to... but you have been on my mind because every time I drive by where Al died I think of you because it was right by the street where you used to live. It was on Elwyn--but near Taft. He started hyperventilating (we were on the way to the hospital because he had chest pains--all this was caused by our flight out and back to Hawaii--polmonary embolism) and I said, "Honey, pull over to the side and put on the brake." But he never responded. The car began climbing the embankment on the right, we got to the top and hit a stone wall and rolled the car--back onto the road landing on our roof. My seat belt must have released and I was perfectly clear headed and unharmed. I kicked my car door open and ran around to his side, calling his name. I got no response. The ER doc said he was gone then, but didn't suffer.*

*The most difficult thing I've ever done... but I'm also grateful for so much. I'm grateful he didn't die in Hawaii--I can't fathom getting him home alone 12 hours east. And I'm grateful I wasn't harmed or anyone else. And I'm grateful for the amazing friends and family who've held me up.*

*Thank you for our long-time friendship. It means a great deal. Love you, bud! Linda*

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**Linda Chestney** - February 21, 2016 at 05:54 PM

GL

“ *Greg Marchand, Mark Orfalea & Susan Lajoie purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Albert W. Blake Jr..*



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**Greg Marchand, Mark Orfalea & Susan Lajoie** - February 01, 2016 at 12:20 PM

JN

“Like a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memories survive in time of sorrow.” -Robert Louis Stevenson



*I am saddened by the news. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Julie Nichols** - February 01, 2016 at 10:50 AM

LC

*Thank you Julie! Hugs.*

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**Linda Chestney** - February 21, 2016 at 05:54 PM

JS

“ So very sad to hear of Al's passing. Love to Linda and family at this difficult time. Thank God for Al's life and testimony. Take comfort knowing that he is at home with his Savior. --Jeffrey Schuhmacher

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**Jeffrey Schuhmacher** - February 01, 2016 at 10:33 AM

LC

*Thank you Jeff for the kind words. They are a great comfort. Best, Linda*

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**Linda Chestney** - February 21, 2016 at 05:55 PM

BS

“ John, Dolores & Family,  
Saddened to hear about the loss of your brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your grieving process. God Bless you with good memories.

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**Ben & Joyce Cirino, Myrtle Beach, SC** - February 01, 2016 at 10:18 AM

BF

“ *Brett and Deena Forcier purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Albert W. Blake Jr..*



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**Brett and Deena Forcier** - February 01, 2016 at 10:08 AM

FB

“ *From the IT Team at Dave & Buster's purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Albert W. Blake Jr..*



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**From the IT Team at Dave & Buster's** - February 01, 2016 at 09:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Albert W. Blake Jr..*



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February 01, 2016 at 09:41 AM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Albert W. Blake Jr..*



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February 01, 2016 at 09:20 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Albert W. Blake Jr..*



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February 01, 2016 at 09:20 AM



“ *I feel fortunate to have had a client relationship with Al and Linda. I remember looking forward to my business meetings with Al. Despite some challenges I was experiencing with the project, I knew Al would bring a positive outlook and we would move forward with renewed vigor and a tuned up strategy.*

*He smiled so much. Great sense of humor. I know the community will miss him immensely.*

*-Andy Ward*

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**Andrew Ward** - February 01, 2016 at 08:52 AM



*Andy, thank you! And you were terrific to work with too!*

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**Linda Chestney** - February 21, 2016 at 05:56 PM

CK

“ Dear Linda,

*We are so saddened to learn of Al's passing- he really was an extraordinary man!*

*I was so delighted to receive my annual birthday phone call from Al recently- all the way from Hawaii no less! After hanging up I remember thinking, who else would be so thoughtful to do that? He really was one of a kind!*

*You both have done so much for our family and have enriched our lives since you became our North Hampton neighbors a few short years ago.*

*We hope that we can be there for your family during this very sad time.*

*We will miss 'Uncle Al' very much.*

*The Kellys-Carolyn, Mike, Palen and Naish*

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**carolyn kelly** - February 01, 2016 at 08:22 AM

LC

*Hello Carolyn and Mike--yes indeed he was a special guy. I was so fortunate to be married to him for 31 years. We love the depot so. And love having you as our neighbors! Thank you for your kind words!  
Hugs, Linda*

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**Linda Chestney** - February 21, 2016 at 05:57 PM

MM

“ Dearest Linda and family, we were extremely saddened at the news of Al's sudden passing. You and Al have been an amazing influence and blessing to countless couples through church ministry, and touched many through financial mentoring services of important life choices. We have no doubt he will be missed by the multitude. The glory goes to his Lord and Savior Jesus, for the seeds sown, watered and nourished by Al, shall continue to grow into fruitfulness and shall multiply throughout eternity. May God's grace, comfort and wisdom fill and rule your heart and soul during this time of loss and transition.

*Respectfully, Roy and Maurita Mitchell*

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**Maurita Mitchell** - February 01, 2016 at 08:02 AM

LC

*Beautiful words. Thank you Marita. I miss him so very much. My heart aches. But I'm so very grateful for the life we had together for 31 years. I'm blessed. Hugs*

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**Linda Chestney** - February 21, 2016 at 05:59 PM

MK

“ Dear Linda and family-We were shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Al. He was our "financial guy" going all the way back to the home office days in Greenland.

*May the happy memories of your life together bring you all comfort at this time.*

*With Sympathy-*

*Mark and Monica Kleparek*

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**Monica Kleparek** - February 01, 2016 at 07:47 AM

LC

*Yes I remember you two as some of his early clients... special, too. Thank you for your kind words. He will be missed by many.*

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**Linda Chestney** - February 21, 2016 at 06:00 PM

JL

“ Once in a little pond, in the muddy water under the lilly pads lived a community of water beetles. They lived a simple and comfortable life in the pond. Once in a while, sadness would come to the community when one of the beetles would climb the stem of a lilly pad and would never be seen again. They knew when this happened, their friend was dead, and gone forever. Then one day, one of the beetles felt an irresistible urge to climb up that stem and was determined that he would not leave forever and come back to tell his friends what he found at the top. When he reached the top and climbed out onto the surface of the lilly pad, he was so tired, and the sun was so arm, he decided to take a nap. As he slept, his body changed, and when he woke up he had turned into a beautiful blue tailed dragonfly with broad wings and slender body designed for flying. So, fly he did. And as he soared he saw the beauty of a whole new world and a far superior way of life to what he had ever known existed. Then he remembered his beetle friends and how they were thinking by now that he was dead. He wanted to go back and explain to them that he was now more alive than ever before. His life had been fulfilled rather than ended. But he knew his body would not go down into the water. He could not tell his friends the good news. Then he understood that their time would come, when they too would know what he knew. So, he raised his wings and flew off into his joyous new life!

*Al has raised his wings and is off into his joyous new life! My prayers and thoughts go out to you, Linda and your family.*

*John LeMieux*

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**John LeMieux** - February 01, 2016 at 06:34 AM

LC

*John that was beautiful. A wonderful metaphor from one of my favorite people. I've always loved that you have such a tender heart. Hugs, Linda*

Linda Chestney - February 21, 2016 at 06:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Albert W. Blake Jr..*



February 01, 2016 at 04:25 AM

LG

“ *Dear Linda and The Seacoast Financial Family, Marc and I were heartbroken to hear of the loss of Al. We have only known him as clients for a short time, but what a blessing he has been. He is a sincere, loving, one-of-a-kind gentleman who clearly loved helping people through his work and faith. Praying for your strength to deal with this difficult loss, particularly for you Linda. He always spoke so highly of you with great love. Will commit psalm 91 in prayer to you all. God bless, Lauren & Marc Gagnon*

Lauren Gagnon - January 31, 2016 at 10:25 PM

LC

*Thank you for the uplifting, kind words.*

Linda Chestney - February 01, 2016 at 04:27 AM

LW

“ Love Neil & Wendy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Albert W. Blake Jr..



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**Love Neil & Wendy** - January 31, 2016 at 09:20 PM

FD

“ My thoughts are with Linda and wish you much strength. Words escape me, tears do not. He cannot be duplicated nor replaced and was known to many (including some of us adults) as “Uncle Al”. When we called or saw each other he called himself Uncle Al and I called him the same.

*Al Blake, eternally positive and always taking on new challenges. Al was instrumental in advancing my career as a financial advisor, helping me develop my often faltering faith and mostly being a good friend and confidant – asking for nothing. He was a better friend to me than I was to him. You will be missed by many.*

*Frankie DePeters*

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**Frank DePeters** - January 31, 2016 at 08:06 PM

LC

*Beautifully said Frankie! You're one of the good guys. Love, Linda*

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**Linda Chestney** - February 01, 2016 at 04:29 AM

BP

“ *Brian Keane, NAIFA New Hampshire President purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Albert W. Blake Jr..*



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**Brian Keane, NAIFA New Hampshire President** - January 31, 2016 at 06:11 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Albert W. Blake Jr..*



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January 31, 2016 at 05:25 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Albert W. Blake Jr..*



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January 31, 2016 at 05:20 PM

SK

“ *The world has lost a great man Al was kind and a hard worker and did everything for everybody that he could.... The financial services world truly lost one of the best!*

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**Steven Kiel** - January 31, 2016 at 04:57 PM

LC

*Thank you for your very kind words about my husband. He truly was one in a million.*

**Linda Chestney** - February 01, 2016 at 04:43 AM

TW

“ *Tasha and Ken Wilson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Albert W. Blake Jr..*



**Tasha and Ken Wilson** - January 31, 2016 at 04:36 PM

TW

“ *Dear Linda and Family,*

*Al was a great friend to us and we will dearly miss him! He gave so much of himself, had such a great personality, and genuinely cared for others. When we think of Al, one word comes to mind...selfless. He lived his life to honor God and to be a blessing to others. The two of you were really a powerhouse for many! Countless couples benefitted from Al's campy sense of humor, integrity, and straight talk. He was not afraid to be honest about his own failings and lessons learned to help others avoid the same mistakes. We will always be grateful for the love and concern you both showed during our weekly dinner chats to help us start off life together as a couple. We hope and pray that his legacy can live on through others who have been touched as we have by his love.*

*Ken and Tasha Wilson*

**Tasha and Ken Wilson** - January 31, 2016 at 03:37 PM

LC

*You know how much we love you two. God brings together kindred spirits sometimes and the blessings ring throughout eternity.*

Linda Chestney - February 01, 2016 at 04:47 AM

SM

“ Shirley Morgan and Sayoko Morgan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Albert W. Blake Jr..



Shirley Morgan and Sayoko Morgan - January 31, 2016 at 01:55 PM



“ 196 files added to the album LifeTributes



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - January 31, 2016 at 01:05 PM

LT

“ Linda, Jason, Amy and family. Words cannot express how profoundly saddened we are to learn of the loss of our loyal and trusted friend. Al was deeply committed to you, Linda and always spoke so lovingly about you. We grew to know him professionally and personally over the years. Al saw us through many ups and downs, and brought assurance and confidence to work with him every day. He was a gentle man, filled with kindness and peace. He demanded excellence of himself in all he did, and was a living example of how to live a Christ filled life. We are so blessed to have known him, and he will be truly missed. We know that Al was living his life filled with God's purpose, and we pray that each of you will all be surrounded with the comfort of God's presence as you go through this difficult time. Lynda and Ray Talkington

lynda Talkington - January 31, 2016 at 12:58 PM

LC

Lynda, what beautiful words you share Bout my wonderful man. It's heart-enriching when others can observe these thugs that sometimes we don't see because we are to close to it. My gratitude and love, Linda

Linda Chestney - February 01, 2016 at 04:51 AM

LC

Sorry--darned auto correct. "These things..."

Linda Chestney - February 01, 2016 at 04:54 AM

WF

“ With Love, John & Joanne Farwell purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Albert W. Blake Jr..



With Love, John & Joanne Farwell - January 31, 2016 at 09:40 AM

TL

“ Linda, and family, Al was the guy everyone wanted to be like. I got to know Al well over the last couple years, and was always greeted with a smile. I can't believe he is gone. He was in the prime of his life, celebrating with those he loved, and God took him home. He will be missed, I will miss him terribly. Please know that I am here for you, and Linda, if there is anything I can do, I will be there. RIP Al.

Tom Love

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**Tom Love** - January 31, 2016 at 07:53 AM

LC

Tom, what beautiful words! Thank you. He truly was an exceptional human being. Blessings, Linda

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**Linda Chestney** - February 01, 2016 at 04:57 AM

RS

“ Dear Linda and family, this is such very very sad news. We knew Al on a professional basis and always found him to be exceptionally kind and caring in his work. He was always so positive and upbeat. We hope you are comforted by beautiful memories of your lives together. With deepest sympathy and prayers.

Roseanna Spizzirri & Jim Shortall, currently Naples, FL

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**Roseanna Spizzirri** - January 30, 2016 at 09:06 PM

LC

Roseanna, thank you got Your beautiful kind words. It is a balm to my wounded heart. Gratefully, Linda

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**Linda Chestney** - February 01, 2016 at 04:59 AM

RF

“ *Richard T. Roy and Family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Albert W. Blake Jr..*



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**Richard T. Roy and Family.** - January 30, 2016 at 02:32 PM

JB

“ *Dearest Linda, Jason, Amy, and Al's entire family,*

*Our love, thoughts, and prayers are with you all. As always, we are blown away by Al's amazing spirit ,strength, smile, and love for all especially his beautiful bride. What a difficult time and experience God is asking of all of you. We will never understand the big picture but know a new angel is there in heaven awaiting all of us.*

*A celebration of Al's life is what we should offer up as Al would certainly want this Know we are all here for you.*

*Many hugs and much love until we can deliver them In person.*

*Jeannine & Bob Blood*

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**Jeannine Bryant-Blood** - January 30, 2016 at 02:03 PM

LC

*Jeannine and Bobby, two of my favorite NML people--thank you for your beautiful, kind words. And thank you, Jeannine for the very early morning phone call--old friends aren't afraid to do that and I love you for it. We loved our NML family and you two certainly stood out in that crowd. Thank you for your wonderful friendship over the years. Your kind words help heal the broken heart.*

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**Linda Chestney** - February 01, 2016 at 05:07 AM



“ I have known Al for many years back to when he attended Bethany Covenant in Bedford. Al was one of those guys who could balance his serious and comic sides so well. I was last with him when he took me to lunch at the Weathervane restaurant in Bedford following the death of my wife. The Weathervane was recently torn down and now Al is gone too. I will miss Al very much.  
Kevin Martin

Kevin Martin - January 30, 2016 at 01:56 PM



My dearest Kevin, thank you for the kind words. It's early here on the Seacoast and I here the fog horn braying in the distance--a calming balm to my hurting heart. Likewise your kind words help heal the pain. You certainly understand better that better than most.  
Blessings and a big hug! Lin

Linda Chestney - February 01, 2016 at 05:13 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Albert W. Blake Jr..



January 30, 2016 at 01:36 PM

JK

“ Our heartfelt condolences to Linda, Jason, Amy and family. This is a tragedy of overwhelming grief, no words would seemingly close this open wound. Although time and lifes twists and turns have separated us for a time we still have so many fond memories shared together. His eternal smile and effervescence were like the brightly colored ties he wore. Too much time spent in his endless candy trove. Many early morning breakfasts in every diner across the State. Full throttle, all in, every time.

We ask why someone with such tremendous gravitas and zeal can be taken so soon. We are left very alone trying to continue with his spirit.

May the closeness and warmth of your family and dear friends give you the comfort and strength to carry on . We know this is his ultimate wish.

Our heartfelt condolences ,

Kendra and Jeff Kantar

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Jeff and Kendra Kantar - January 30, 2016 at 01:16 PM

LC

Thank you Jeff and Kendra, you were always a special part of our NML inner circle.

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Linda Chestney - January 31, 2016 at 05:56 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Albert W. Blake Jr..



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January 30, 2016 at 01:11 PM

DR

“ We have lost one great man, one who cared deeply for his family and the lives of so many, many that he touched over the years. It was an honor having Al as part of the Northwestern Mutual family for so many wonderful years. Our hearts go out to Linda, Jason and Amy, and his entire family. He is in a good place now in Heaven, but he will be greatly missed by all of us who knew him, respected him and loved him so very much. With our heartfelt sympathy and love,  
*Dick and Marsha Rawlings, Bedford, NH*

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**Dick and Marsha Rawlings** - January 30, 2016 at 11:52 AM

LC

*Dick, you were one of Al's most admired people. We often asked, "What would Dick Rawlings do?" You were a mentor and surrogate father to Al. He loved and respected you so much. A funny story--after we moved to the Seacoast and that business decision didn't go as well as expected he asked you what to do, your response was, "you got yourself into this, you get yourself out." We still laugh about that. Thank you for the blessings of your friendship, guidance, and wisdom over the years. Love you to pieces. You're in my prayers for your hospital stay... Love, Linda*

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**Linda Chestney** - February 01, 2016 at 05:23 AM

ML

“ *Al was one of the most genuine and kind souls we have ever met. He loved everyone and wanted to help anyone he could. What a giving person. We felt this instantly and feel blessed to have the opportunity to not only meet but get to know both Al & Linda. While we don't understand why he went to his maker so early, there must have been an urgent need for him there which Al would not question. We were blessed to have spent some quality time with both last week and have been in shock since. Rest in peace Al and keep your wonderful work going until we join you brother.*

*Mike & Terri Lincoln.*

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**Mike & Terri Lincoln** - January 30, 2016 at 11:42 AM

LC

*My dear Mike and Terri--thank you for the amazing, fun last memories! A highlight was the Polynesian Cultural Center... The various venues with the native dance and music was fabulous. My crazy husband--the Tonga hut with the drums was right up his alley. Being on stage playing drums was exactly Al in his element! He'd be so proud if he knew that he's had 852 viewings. Thanks for the memories. With much love,  
Linda*

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**Linda Chestney** - February 01, 2016 at 05:31 AM

LG

“ *Al is the man who has always taken care of everyone around him showing sincere concern for all. Words fail us as we send our deepest sympathy and love to Linda and the family.*

*Linda & Brian Gale*



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**Linda Gale** - January 30, 2016 at 10:04 AM

LC

*Linda, thank you for the kind words and heart felt thoughts. Hugs, Linda*

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**Linda Chestney** - February 01, 2016 at 05:34 AM

JH

“ *So sad to lose Al. He was so special and kind and our kids called him Uncle Al. I completely trusted him with his advice and loved his goofy sense of humor. Heaven has gained a true saint. My deepest sympathies to Linda and family. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. - John and Sharon Hatch, Derry, NH*

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**John Hatch** - January 30, 2016 at 09:43 AM

JM

*I think the earth is going to rotate a bit slower without the energy of Al. He was confident and driven and kind. He was always looking for opportunities to be of assistance and to build. God bless you Al Blake...we'll miss you terribly. God bless you Linda and family and the team at Seacoast in this difficult time. -Steve and Jean Mathieu, Manchester, NH*

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**Jean Mathieu** - January 30, 2016 at 10:03 AM

LC

*Steve and Jean, thank you for the thoughtful, kind words! He was truly one in a million. Hugs, Linda*

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**Linda Chestney** - February 01, 2016 at 05:39 AM

LC

*John and Shaon, thank you for the beautiful thoughts. It is so enriching to hear these kind words about my guy. He was indeed an extremely special man. Hugs, Linda*

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**Linda Chestney** - February 01, 2016 at 05:43 AM

KH

“ *May God bless Al Blake and his family .My prayers are with you at this time of great loss. Much love ,Kellie Thinnas Al you were the BEST!!!*



Kellie hamel - January 30, 2016 at 07:13 AM

AS

“ *Andrea & Gordon Sherwin lit a candle in memory of Albert W. Blake Jr.*



Andrea & Gordon Sherwin - January 30, 2016 at 07:02 AM

JW

“ *Jamie Whitten lit a candle in memory of Albert W. Blake Jr.*



jamie whitten - January 29, 2016 at 10:27 PM

SM

*We all just met Al two weeks ago when he stopped over to visit us, his new neighbors on Ocean Blvd. in Rye, and he was very happy with his new gorgeous ocean front home and he spoke lovingly of his wife Linda. I immediately thought Al was a super person and I am so shocked that he is here today and gone tomorrow. I am grateful that we all had a great conversation and saddened for his family's loss. With much sympathy, his friends at Crown Colony.*

SandyBeach and Billy McCann - January 30, 2016 at 04:03 PM

TS

*In the financial world Al was noted as an MBRT member for many years, meaning " Million Dollar Round Table". But to me it meant "Mentor, Determined, Respected, True friend. His positive nature, determination and good humor will be sorely missed by the thousands of individuals with whom he touched. my only deep regret beside his sudden passing is not having spent more time with him while he was here. Our sincere condolences to Linda and Jason and the entire Blake family.*

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**Ted and Joyce Sharples** - January 30, 2016 at 07:00 PM

CL

*Linda, Dennis and I were shocked and deeply saddened to learn of Al's sudden passing. Al was not only our very trustworthy financial advisor for many years but also a very special friend. May all those memories that you and your family have of Al give you comfort during this extremely difficult time. Our sincere sympathy, Carol and Dennis Lundberg, Raleigh, North Carolina*

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**Carol & Dennis Lundberg** - January 31, 2016 at 08:59 AM

MV

*Al was unique - caring, committed and always smiling. Uncle Al was always a welcome guest in our home, a knowledgeable and trusted advisor and good friend. Al's perpetual smile, quirky humor and genuine sincerity will be sorely missed.*

*Linda - Al spoke of you often and lovingly. Our deepest condolences for your loss. His absence will leave a void in the lives all those whom he touched.*

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**Mike & Sally Varanka** - January 31, 2016 at 10:46 AM

TH

*Linda and family. Our memories of you and Al go way back to your Bethany (Bedford) days and running into you in Portsmouth. I have fond memories of building our new church and how involved you and Al were in that process. We were so saddened to hear of your loss. Way too young for a great guy. You are in our prayers.  
Tommi and Bill Hall*

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**Tommi Hall** - February 01, 2016 at 10:18 AM