



## Joan F. Blake

April 20, 1948 - February 18, 2018

Exeter – Joan Francis (Mathews) Blake, 69, of Exeter, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 18, 2018 at the High Pointe Hospice House in Haverhill, MA after an extended illness.

Joan was born in Amesbury, MA on April 20, 1948, the daughter of the late Francis J. and Edna I. (Cray) Mathews.

She was raised in Merrimack, MA and graduated from Pentucket Regional High in West Newbury with the Class of 1966. Joan worked briefly at Western Electric in North Andover, MA before graduating from New England Barbering College and Massachusetts Barbering College. She cut hair at Shapely Shapers of North Hampton for many years before going to work for Pet City of Stratham. Joan loved animals and animals loved her. It was said that she had a sort of magic touch where certain animals that no one else could even approach would gravitate to her.

Joan was one of the longest living kidney transplant recipients in the world.

Joan was a member of the Seabreeze Quilting Guild of Exeter, the Hudson Automobile Club and the Greenland United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband Geoffrey T. Blake, her son Eric K. Blake of

Manchester, her brother Frederick J. Mathews and his wife Betty of Blairsville, PA and her sisters, Lynette Cody of Conklin, NY and Ellen Atwood of Bowdoinham, ME. She also leaves many nieces, nephews and cousins and her and Geoff's dear friends, the McNeil and Freeman families.

Visiting hours will be from 2 to 4 pm on Saturday, February 24, 2018 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. A memorial service will be held in the funeral home at 4 pm immediately following the visitation. Family and friends are respectfully invited. Burial will be in the spring. If desired memorial donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd Street, New York, NY 10016, online at <https://www.kidney.org/support>.

# Cemetery Details

## High Street Cemetery

150 High Street  
Hampton, NH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

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

## Service

FEB 24. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joan F. Blake*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Elizabeth Herrick sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan F. Blake*



**Elizabeth Herrick** - February 26, 2018 at 04:28 PM



“ *Sending our love and wishes to our family across the seas .  
Joan may your journey end with a reunion with all our love ones.xx  
Ellen (cousin from Australia)*

**Ellen arnott** - February 24, 2018 at 09:24 PM



“ *Although we never met we knew all about Joan and our American family, our sympathy goes out to Geoff and Eric and to all of the Matthews and Blake families, reunited with Uncle Taxi and Aunty Iris, with love from Raelene and family and also Iris's sister Lorraine, her husband Ken and extended family*

**Raelene Nevill** - February 24, 2018 at 09:04 PM



“ *Sending our deepest sympathy at this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Stig and Diane Ingvarsson*

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**Diane Ingvarsson** - February 24, 2018 at 04:48 PM

PL

“ *Sister--not of blood--but of heart. Over 50 years of memories together. Family car trips to the White Mountains, Christmas, ALL the graduations from Pentucket, your kidney transplant, the weddings, becoming mothers. I will never forget you and all you meant to me, my siblings and parents. You were such a special person. God bless you.*

*Peggy Mcneil Lopez*

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**Peggy Lopez** - February 23, 2018 at 08:44 PM

SP

“ *I never got to spend much time with you but the last call you made to me over the summer filled my heart with joy. The happiness in your voice telling me how your friends took you out for lunch and the laughs you shared. I was so happy for you to share such a special moment with me . My last words to you were “I love you” and I meant that from the bottom of my heart. Love and strength to Geoff, Eric and family. ❤️ Peace be with you! Stacey, Lou, Ally, & DJ*



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**Stacey Pizzuti** - February 23, 2018 at 07:30 PM

GP

“ *R.I.P. Joan. I miss your calls to Sue. When I would answer, you would always kid with me and make my day a little brighter. Fly high with your birds and watch over your family. You are sorely missed.*

*Gary Poland*



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**Gary Poland** - February 23, 2018 at 03:45 PM

DD

“ *Dottie [Caruso] Mullen -{ Aunt Tish's daughter} purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joan F. Blake.*



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**Dottie [Caruso] Mullen -{ Aunt Tish's daughter}** - February 23, 2018 at 03:04 PM

AJ

“ *My deepest sympathies for you and your family Bonnie.*



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**Amy Jensen** - February 23, 2018 at 01:24 PM

AF

“ *I remember attending sports events our boys participated in and sharing wonderful conversations. A great lady who will be missed by family and friends. April Frey and family*

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**april frey** - February 23, 2018 at 09:06 AM

RL

“ *Ronni Longwell lit a candle in memory of Joan F. Blake*



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**Ronni Longwell** - February 22, 2018 at 06:33 PM

RL

*In memory of a lovely lady who shared a love of quilting and who adored her family. Fly high with the angels Joan!*

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**Ronni Longwell** - February 22, 2018 at 06:35 PM

PL

“ *To a funny lady who always had a positive attitude. Blessed to have known you and will remember our friendship. Make the Angels laugh Joanie like you did for us on earth. Pat & Doug*



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**pat Lundin** - February 22, 2018 at 04:35 PM

SR

“ *Shawn, Gina, Lauren and Ryann purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Joan F. Blake.*



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**Shawn, Gina, Lauren and Ryann** - February 22, 2018 at 09:50 AM

KB

“ Fly high, dear Joan. We will always hold you close in our hearts. Sending lots of love to you in heaven. Thank you for being such a light in a world with much darkness.

*Much love to you, Geoff and Eric.*



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**Kathleen Blake** - February 21, 2018 at 09:32 PM

GF

“ Greenland United Methodist Church Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Joan F. Blake.



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**Greenland United Methodist Church Family** - February 21, 2018 at 08:22 PM

ND

“ Nancy And Dave sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan F. Blake



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**Nancy and Dave** - February 21, 2018 at 05:31 PM

ND

*Like a butterfly, Miz Joan is now free!*

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**Nancy and Dave** - February 21, 2018 at 05:32 PM

ND

“ Nancy And Dave lit a candle in memory of Joan F. Blake



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Nancy and Dave - February 21, 2018 at 05:28 PM

ND

“ Nancy and Dave purchased the In Memory - 6" L x 2.5" H Memorial Stone for the family of Joan F. Blake.



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Nancy and Dave - February 21, 2018 at 05:18 PM

ND

“ Joanie ~

*You were such a bright, funny lady and a great addition to the family. Sorry we didn't get to spend much time together, but NH isn't exactly around the corner - not from NJ and certainly not from NC! Will always remember your tortoises, and that great head of hair!*

*For Geoff and Eric, you were a gentle, guiding light. Rest in Peace, Dear Heart. You will always be loved and remembered.*

*Nancy and Dave*

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Nancy and Dave - February 21, 2018 at 05:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Joan F. Blake.



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February 21, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ *Exeter Hampton Cooperative* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Joan F. Blake.



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**Exeter Hampton Cooperative** - February 21, 2018 at 08:47 AM



“ *Debbie Noyes* lit a candle in memory of Joan F. Blake



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**Debbie Noyes** - February 20, 2018 at 08:38 PM



“ *Nownes Family* purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of Joan F. Blake.



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**Nownes Family** - February 20, 2018 at 07:38 PM

BH

“ *Bonnie Hightower sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan F. Blake*



**Bonnie Hightower** - February 20, 2018 at 03:21 PM

BH

*Another angel to add to our collection of family who look after us here on earth. Geoff and Eric certainly had a loving wife and mother. As their guardian angel Joan I know that they will be well looked after.*

**Bonnie Hightower** - February 20, 2018 at 03:28 PM

BH

“ *Bonnie Hightower lit a candle in memory of Joan F. Blake*



**Bonnie Hightower** - February 20, 2018 at 03:18 PM