



Roland L. Blake

February 8, 1926 - January 3, 2014

Dover – Roland L. Blake, 87, of Dover, formerly of Hampton and Stratham, died Friday, January 3, 2014 at the Riverside Rest Home in Dover where he has resided for the last 5 years.

Mr. Blake was born in Amesbury, Mass., on February 8, 1926, a son of the late Roland L. and Mildred (Randall) Blake.

Roland was raised in Amesbury, and graduated from Amesbury High School with the Class of 1944 and then enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After his discharge from the service he worked as an upholsterer with his father at R.L Blake and Son Furniture in Amesbury, later expanding the business to include sales of new furniture. He also taught upholstery classes at Haverhill Trade School, Haverhill, Mass. during the 1950s.

He and his late wife, A. Lorraine Blake, who died in 2011, were married in 1948 and spent over 63 years together. The family summered at Plaice Cove in Hampton Beach for years before permanently settling in Hampton in 1968 and eventually to Stratham in 1985. Roland was an avid gardener and loved fishing and boating. He loved to tell stories. Boasting of his ride from Amesbury to the top of Mt. Washington on his bicycle was one of his favorites.

He is survived by his daughter, Holly Blake of Stratham, two nephews and

many cousins including Sally (Blake) Lavery of Exeter; additionally, the staff of Riverside Rest Home, who were not only caregivers but a much appreciated extended family.

There will be no visiting hours. Graveside services will be held at 1 P.M. Wednesday, January 8, 2014 in the Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody, MA. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Riverside Rest Home Staff Appreciation Fund, 276 County Farm Road, Dover, NH 03820. Arrangements are by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton.

Cemetery Details

Puritan Lawn Memorial Park

185 Lake Street
Peabody, MA 01960

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Puritan Lawn Memorial Park
185 Lake Street
Peabody, MA 01960

Tribute Wall



“ *Roland L. Blake*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



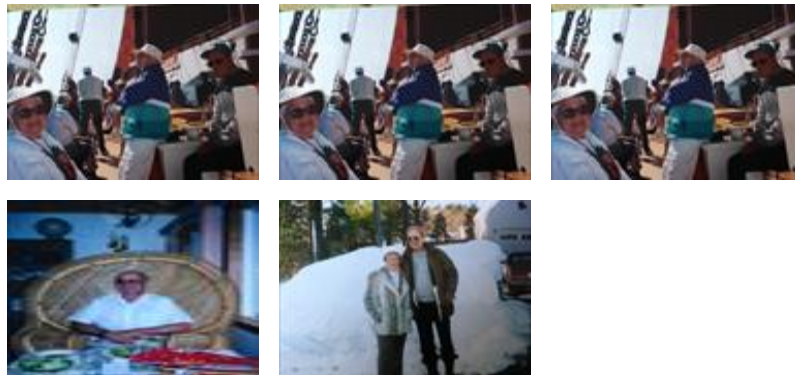
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Holly - January 07, 2014 at 01:20 PM



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Holly - January 07, 2014 at 01:12 PM

SB

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I worked with Roland for many years on the side road toll. He was like a second father to everybody there! Thoughts and prayers with you.



Steven Brigandi - January 07, 2014 at 12:00 PM

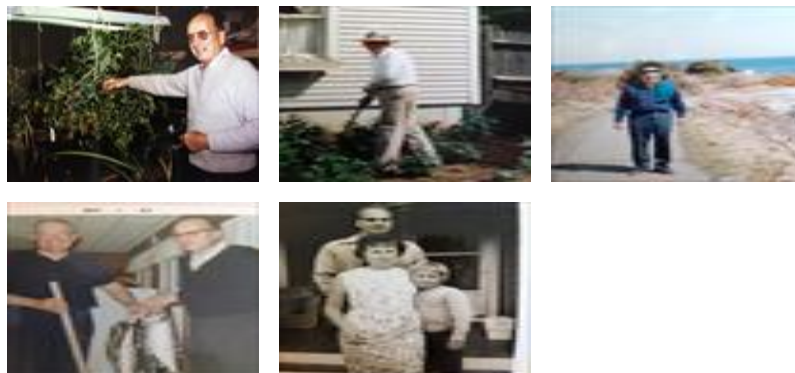
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Thank you Steven. I know he thought very highly of the folks at the toll!

Holly - January 07, 2014 at 02:41 PM

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Holly - January 07, 2014 at 10:57 AM

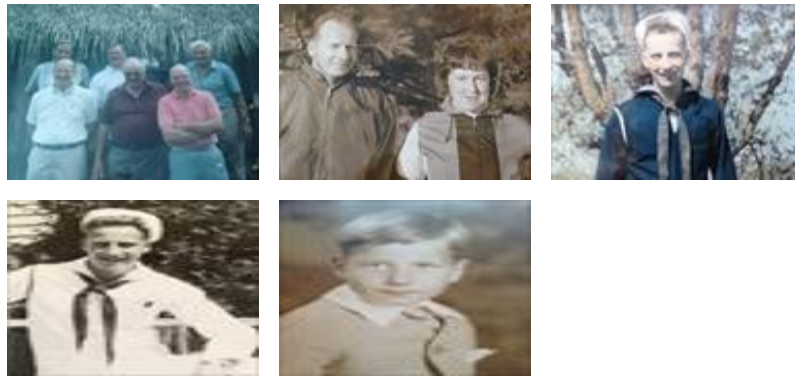
EM

“ I am very sorry for your loss. You may find comfort at Revelation 21:4, “And he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.” We can look forward to the time when God will take away all reasons for distress and even gives us a hope of a resurrection. (John 5:28, 29)

Emily - January 07, 2014 at 10:56 AM

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Holly - January 07, 2014 at 09:40 AM

SB

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Sheree Brownb - January 06, 2014 at 08:58 PM

SL

“ *Holly so sad to learn of your dad's passing. Please know you are in our thoughts ad prayers. Sue & Ben Launi*

Sue Launi - January 06, 2014 at 07:10 PM

HO

Thank you Sue!

Holly - January 07, 2014 at 06:43 AM

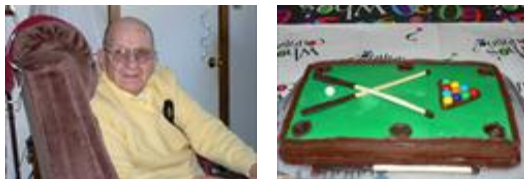
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“ *As a friend of Holly's for several years, I met Roland at Riverside to do Energy work on him to ease his pain and grief over the loss of his beloved wife. He was such a joy to speak to that our last encounter included no energy work at all, he simply wanted to talk. And talk we did. He was a fascinating man with a warmth and depth to him that I truly enjoyed being around. I bless his Journey and am happy his wife is by his side once again.*

Helen Oakley - January 06, 2014 at 10:10 AM

SB

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Sheree Brown - January 05, 2014 at 09:17 PM

SL

“ A light has gone out of my life. As I look back now, Rollie almost seems like my older brother, rather than my first cousin. His Dad, also Roland, and my Dad, Raymond, were brothers. They even shared the same birthday, but different years. Our families were always close, often gathering on Mundy Hill in Amesbury, where our grandparents lived, or at Plaice Cove, where Uncle Roland and Aunt Mildred had a cottage in the early years. When Rollie(Sonny) got engaged to Rainy I remember feeling disappointed because I thought he should have waited for me to grow up, I was about 12 at the time and he was 10 years older. However, he was Best Man at my wedding in 1972.

Rollie, Rainy and Holly have been such a big part in my life, always there for me and for my parents. They pretty much adopted me when my husband passed away in 1992, including me on holidays etc. What nice times we had at Nordic Village over Christmas in 1992 and 1993, particularly difficult years for me. Through them I met the Kirbys, who told me about RiverWoods, where I am blessed to live now.

I am grateful for all the memories and for their wonderful daughter, Holly, but Rollie's passing leaves a great void for me, as did Rainy's 3 years ago. I know how proud they were of their daughter, and deservedly so, and I know she will help us keep and share those special memories.

Sally Ann (Blake) Lavery

Sally Ann (Blake) Lavery - January 05, 2014 at 02:34 PM

SB

“ Holly, Kim and Sally, I am so saddened by Rollie's passing. He was such a sweetie with a great sense of humor and memorable laugh. I loved his laugh. We shared common ground by working for the State of NH. I will miss hearing his numerous "toll" stories and the inside stories of the furniture business. Rollie had a sweet tooth for peanut butter kisses and Lindt chocolates. My mom and I use to send him Goldenrod PB kisses and it always impressed me that he never failed to call to say "thank you" by phone or leave a voice message. Sometimes, when we connected, we'd have a nice little chat about just about anything. I was privileged to be able to spend many a meal, visit, laugh, and chat with Roll and I will miss him. My heart is with you all at this time and always.

Sheree Brown - January 04, 2014 at 09:15 PM

SB

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Sheree Brown - January 04, 2014 at 08:53 PM