

# John Blake Sr.

*May 25, 1934 - December 22, 2005*

John is survived by wife: Jane, children: Morris, Arthur (Edna), Ruth Anne (Bruce), Norma, Esther (Ellis), Jeffery, daughter-in-law Elaine, brother: William, sisters: Ruth and Marjorie, Grandchildren: Dinah, Keenon, Jacklyn, Morris Jr., Ashlyn, Lynsey, Shannon, Wade, Jessica, Hope, Charlene, Sasha, Darby, Tyler (Tannis) and Florissa, Great Grandchildren: Tyanna and Dominique. John also held a special place in his heart for all his nieces and nephews.

John was a kind, compassionate, out-spoken, wise, humble, and loving man. He will be fondly remembered for his strong sense of humor and his courageous strength and will, which he maintained despite his illness.

A very special thank you to everyone who came to visit John at the hospital. You all brightened his spirit by your presence. Special gratitude to our cousins Charlie Blake and Carol Maring, Ruby Heron, Herbert Blake, Lawrence Blake, Mary Clark, Verna and Ellen Blake, Effie DeBastien, Bella Kay, Aunty Annie Cook, and Chubbo. Your assistance in providing care to John and being a support to the family has helped us a great deal.



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*... think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched...  
for nothing loved is ever lost - and he was loved so much.*

**E. Brenneeman**