

### *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God has chosen for me.

I took His Hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work or play, tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I've now found peace at the end of the day.

If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joys.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes, these things I, too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow; look for the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life has been full, I savored much: good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.

Perhaps my time seems all too brief; don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.

Lift up your heart, and peace to thee, God wanted me now ~ He has set me free.

### *To My Daddy*

I prayed for more time, for another hug and for another "I love you!" I wish you could have seen yourself through my eyes, only then could you have understood how much you mean to me. Gone are the days we use to share, but in my heart you will always be there. The gates of memories will never close. I miss you more than words can describe. Though I can no longer hear your voice, I still see your face and feel your love. Until we meet again. I love you Daddy. Your #1 daughter, Shakana

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of Larry Lynd Blake, extends a very heartfelt *Thank You*, for all expressions of sympathy and the many acts of kindness shown during his illness and since his transition. We embrace you for helping to make our grief just a little easier to bear. To God be the Glory.

Final Arrangements entrusted to Marlan J. Gary, The Chapel of Peace

## *Celebration of Life*



*Larry Lynd Blake*

*Sunrise*

JANUARY 9, 1963

*Sunset*

DECEMBER 31, 2022

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023

VISITATION 9:00 AM | CELEBRATION OF LIFE 10:00 AM

MARLAN J. GARY, THE CHAPEL OF PEACE EAST

5456 E. LIVINGSTON AVENUE

COLUMBUS, OHIO 43232

## Obituary

Larry Lynd Blake, loving son of the late Charles and Helen Blake, passed peacefully into the Arms of God, surrounded by his family and best friend on December 31, 2022, at the age of 59.

Blake, as he was affectionately called, grew up in Grace Baptist Church and later became a member of Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church. He was an excellent student while attending St. Augustus Elementary and Junior High, Linden McKinley High School where he played basketball and ran track, and Wilberforce University where he received a BS degree in Organizational Management. He loved watching sports, particularly his favorite Ohio State Buckeyes and those 49ers!

Larry spent 35 years with the state. His career developed as a Correction Officer, Corrections Warden Assistant 1, Labor Relations Officer 2 at Orient, Labor Relations Officer 3 at Workers' Compensation, Labor Relations Officer 2 & 3 at Youth Services and his current position as Deputy Director, Labor Relations & EEO at the Ohio Industrial Commission. After learning about his illness, Larry continued to work with great effort and energy until his health declined.

Larry's charismatic personality attracted many friends, and he enjoyed bowling, golfing, sharing good conversations and lots of laughs! But his greatest joy was going on cruises and traveling with his wife, and spending time with his daughter, sons, and grandchildren. His warmth and sense of humor that engaged many, will never be forgotten.

Larry was predeceased by his parents, Helen and Charles Blake; brother, Charles Blake II; grandparents, Virginia (Isom) Boone and Harry (Mitty) Blake; aunts and uncles, Roberta (Harry) Blake, Virginia (Billy) Sanders, John Boone; and grandson, Stephan.

His memory will forever be cherished by his wife of 30 years, Robin D. Blake; daughter, Shakana (Adam) Miller, sons, Taqoua (Amanda) Johnson, Joshua Johnson and twin sons Kyle and Sean; sisters, twin sister Lori Blake, Cyndi (Beau Davis) Winters, Suzanne (Richard) Hockstein and Jessica Russell; six grandchildren, including foster grandchild, Quentin; mother and father-in-law, John and Hester Stone; brother-in-law, John Stone Jr. and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including special cousins Tanya McDay and Brenda D. Spencer; best friend, Terrail Johnson; and special friends, Earl and Alisha Myles, Victoria Hubbard and Kevin Jones.



## Don't Weep for Me

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To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*



## *Order of Service*

The Prelude.....Organist

The Processional.....Members of the Clergy

Invocation.....Minister

Musical Selection.....Christopher Patrick

Scripture..... Old Testament, Proverbs 16:9  
New Testament, John 3:16

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister

Piano Tribute .....Jeff Turner

Acknowledgements & Resolutions.....Tanya McDay

Family Tribute (2 minutes).....Lori Blake, Twin Sister, Brenda D. Spencer, Cousin  
Kevin Jones, Special Friend

Reading of the Obituary.....Read Silently

Musical Selection.....Joshua Johnson

### *The Eulogy*

Rev. Dr. Quentin Respress  
Kingdom Power Baptist Church

Closing Remarks & Benediction.....Minister

The Postlude.....Organist

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## A collage of 15 photographs showing various family members and groups of people. The photos include: a young boy and girl with heart decorations; a group of five adults; three individual portraits of young people; a family of four (two adults and two children); two laughing children; a black and white photo of a woman with two children on a couch; a group of children standing together; a family of four indoors; three people standing outdoors; a family of four outdoors; a family of four outdoors; a family of four indoors; a couple walking outdoors; and a couple standing on a beach.