



## Judy Blake

November 23, 1937 - June 26, 2015

She was born November 23, 1937, in Ellington, MO. She married Clyde L Blake March 15, 1969. Judy was a high school English teacher for 20 years, teaching in Ellington and at Northwest High School in House Springs, MO. She lived a full and wonderful life of service to her Lord and Savior. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister and friend.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde; her sister, Roberta Buford Shaver; her parents, John V and Golda M (Neely) Buford; her grandparents, Senator Carter M and Carrie (Copeland) Buford, and Samuel A and Clara B (Hargrove) Neely.

She is survived by her daughter Elizabeth "Betsy" Blake and grandson Zachary Blake Wells of Ozark; brothers Byron DeForest and wife Wanda; John S Buford and wife Donna; step-daughters Deedra "DeeDee" Clay and husband Vic, Charlotte "Tudie" Avett and husband Rich; step-son Donald "Tig" Blake and wife Kelly; Grandchildren Chris Clay, Kevin Clay, Anna Showalter, Tracy Blake, Travis Blake, Todd Blake, Katie Davis, 20 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and many, many friends.

Visitation will be at Adams Funeral Home, Nixa, 6 to 8 pm, Monday. Also a visitation will be in Chapel Hill Mortuary, Cedar Hill, MO on Tuesday, 6 to 8 pm. Funeral service will be Wednesday at 10 am, also at Chapel Hill.

Interment at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

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# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Cedar Hill  
6300 Highway 30  
Cedar Hill, MO 63016  
(636) 274-4100  
info@stlfuneral.com  
<https://www.stlfuneral.com>

## Service

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## Committal

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Judy Blake*

January 06, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *I attended Northwest, and I remember the good teacher that she was. Whether or not she knew it, she influenced my selection of a career as an educator and English teacher. Wonderful teachers are more valuable than they ever know. May the Lord be with her family as they deal with her loss. Debra (Baumbach) Megahan*

June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was honored in 1964 and 1965 to have her as my English teacher and mentor in her role as the Class of 1966 advisor at Northwest High in House Springs.*

**Larry Coleman** - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *This lady was exemplary as my high school English teacher in 1963 and 1965. Then by the time I did my student teaching at Northwest, Miss Buford had become Mrs. Blake. Competent, caring, and professional, she was a great mentor. She leaves a gentle footprint on my life. My condolences to her family and friends. It was a blessing to know her.*

**Judy Sherrell** - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ When I had her as my Senior English teacher at Northwest, she was still Miss Buford, and so I always think of her that way. She was a tremendous teacher. In fact, I know that I have often thought of her teaching while I've prepared my own classes. To be a role model without even knowing it is a fine thing. She was and remains, in my life at least, an enduring role model. I know she would have been pleased with my career and only regret that I saw her only once after high school, and that was only a few years after graduation. We had a student teacher for part of the year I was in her class, and like all students who somehow think they are defending their "real" teacher's territory, we were hard on her. I remember vividly how, after that student teacher had finished up, Miss Buford stood in front of the class and said this: "I am so very ashamed of the way you treated her. She deserved your best, not your worst." When we protested that the student wasn't nearly as good as our real teacher, Miss Buford said, "No. You are wrong. She will be a fine teacher. I just wish she had seen what a fine class you are. I do not believe she did." She was wonderful and strong and smart and honest. More than that, and I think you can see this from all of the signatures and memories, she affected the lives of so many of her students. I graduated in 1966. Just think how many more students' lives she touched after that. -- My sorrow for your loss; my joy for how long the world got to have her around.

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**Diana George** - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ May The Lord comfort you in this time of loss. Ms. Buford was one of the best teachers I had at NHS. So sad for the loss of such a wonderful lady.

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**Annie LITTON** - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM