



Mary Anne Blake

March 21, 1927 - May 17, 2022

Mary Anne Blake, age 95 of Zanesville, OH, passed away 10:35 PM, Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at Helen Purcell Home in Zanesville.

She was born Monday, March 21, 1927 in Zanesville, the daughter of Walter Phillip Freiermuth and Mary Faye (James) Freiermuth. She was married on Saturday, June 26, 1948 to Lewis Blake who preceded her in death on Saturday, December 20, 2003.

Mary Anne's life was one of family, friends, music and service.

She attended St. Nicholas High School and graduated as valedictorian in 1945. Her great love of music began during this time. She studied classical piano music, played in the band and also sang in the church choir. Her love for music continued as she later served as choir director and organist at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. She served as the funeral organist at St. Nicholas Catholic Church and pianist for the Greater Zanesville Singers. She also enjoyed composing music and poetry.

Mary Anne held many secretarial positions over the years, including those at law offices, Big Brothers, St. Nicholas Catholic Church and Veterans Services. She served as president and secretary of the local Catholic Social Services Board, a member of the Liturgy Committee and was appointed to the Diocesan Sub-Committee of Sacred Music.

Mary Anne's true passion was always her family. Her love was the foundation of her family. She was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and her family always came first.

Mary Anne is survived by two children, Tim (Brenda) Blake of Nashport and Bev (Joe) Olah of Zanesville, grandchildren, Tayler, Kevin, Alec and Caden Blake and Stacy (Ron) Maurer; one great-grandson, Evan Maurer.

In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by one son, Gregory L. Blake and her sister, Dorothy Freiermuth.

Friends may call from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, OH. A Funeral Mass will be held 10:30AM on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at Saint Nicholas Catholic Church, 955 Main Street, Zanesville, with Fr. Martin Ralko officiating. Burial will conclude in the Mount Olive Cemetery Zanesville.

To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olive Cemetery

2057 East Pike
ZANESVILLE, OH 43701

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home
935 Forest Avenue
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 452-5494
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<https://www.hilliscombsnestor.com>

Burial

MAY **25.** 11:45 AM (ET)

Mount Olive Cemetery
2057 East Pike
Zanesville, OH 43701

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Anne Blake*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *I just learned today that Mary Ann died in May. Please accept my condolences. Mary Ann was a good friend of mine and a wonderful person. I knew her when I was the pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish many years ago. I will offer Mass for the repose of her soul, although I am certain she has gone to heaven. May your sweet memories of Mary Ann console and comfort you. Peace, Fr. Michael DeTemple, O.P.*

Michael DeTemple, O.P. - September 04, 2022 at 05:00 PM



“ *Bev&Joe and Tim& Brenda,
Please accept our condolences on the passing of your mother. She was a wonderful lady, and I know she will be sorely missed.
Dave&Sally Goins*

David Goins - May 24, 2022 at 04:25 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to all Mary Anne's loved ones. Such a sweet, sincere and loving person. I was privileged to get to know her through our years in the Greater Zanesville Singers. She was truly a great musician and a greater friend.*



Nancy Burbacher - May 23, 2022 at 04:35 PM

SC

“ My condolences to Mary Anne's family. I always enjoyed singing in the St Thomas and Greater Zanesville Singers which she was a big part of.

Suzanne Crawford

Suzanne Crawford - May 23, 2022 at 10:02 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Anne Blake.



May 22, 2022 at 07:50 PM

RH

“ So sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed her and Dorothy. What a pair!!

Ruth Hendershot - May 22, 2022 at 10:24 AM

ST

“ Bev and Joe,
Mary Anne was such a lovely person. Thinking of you. Sending my sympathy to your entire family.

Sue Thuma - May 22, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Anne Blake.*



May 22, 2022 at 08:12 AM



“ *Thinking of you and so sorry for your loss, my father, (Clyde Holbert Jr.) and Mary were best friends,*

Michael Holbert

Michael Holbert - May 22, 2022 at 07:36 AM



“ *Bev and Joe
Thinking of you so very sorry
Sandy Boedeker*

Sandy Boedeker - May 21, 2022 at 03:51 PM



“ *Bev,*

My sincerest condolences for your loss. May your entire family be surrounded with strength, peace, love, and priceless memories...especially during this most sorrowful time.

Tisha Tucker-Cash - May 21, 2022 at 01:03 PM

PM

“ *Tim and Family,
So very sorry for the loss of your Mother, she
was such a sweet soul! She was the organist
for our wedding and I had so much fun
picking out our music with her! May all your
memories comfort you at this time.
Peggy and John Moon*



Peggy Moon - May 21, 2022 at 12:19 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family
of Mary Anne Blake.*



May 21, 2022 at 11:13 AM