



## Deborah Evon Blake

July 17, 1947 - February 20, 2019

Deborah Evon Case Blake, July 17, 1947—February 20, 2019

Deborah Blake (71) ran into the secure arms of her Lord and Savior after two months of hospitalization. During that time, her husband, J.R., showed what it means to truly love and through it all Deborah showed her love for him. She loved all who came into her room and even comforted those who were upset, including her daughters.

She graduated from Sam Houston High School in 1965 and married J.R. Blake on August 21, 1965. They had three daughters, whom she homeschooled in addition to her roles as church musician, both GA and Acteen leader, and counseling countless heartbroken people. Together she and her husband J.R. were also youth ministers for many years. She worked at various churches across America with people of all ages. She was a devout Christian who truly loved and accepted people in the way she believed Jesus would. Deborah was passionate about giving to others and forgiving others. Later, she studied theatre at Bakersfield College, California. She spent many years working as a Costume Designer and filled various theatrical positions. She was crazy in the most fun and creative ways, so she naturally started doing theater in churches, then at schools, then moved on to work professionally in communities where she lived including Bakersfield, California, Houston, Texas, and others. She worked on many shows and

movies, providing fun and entertainment for others, while enjoying her role as costume designer.

She was born one hour before her twin sister, Rebecca (Davis), to Willie and Bernice Case. She had three more little sisters, and she was very proud of her sisters, who reared children that meant more to Deborah than they could ever know! Her supportive husband J.R. was a true and loving partner for more than 53 years. Their love inspired people all the way to the very end of her life. Her three grandbabies were never without a costume, someone to play video games, and a special song with their names inserted. Many children and grandchildren thought of her as mother and grandmother. You know who you are, and you know she truly loved and was proud of her family and her adopted family. Loving others was what Deborah Blake did best.

She is survived by her husband J.R. Blake, her daughters Elizabeth and her husband Michael McClaren, Rachelle Blake from Montgomery, Texas, and Mary Alyssan Griffin from California, grandsons Kiernan and Kaullin McClaren and Liam Blake Griffin, and her sisters Lynda Mock and Pam Norris, other beloved family and friends. Deborah was preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Bernice Case, sisters Rebecca Davis and Charlotte Welch, and grandson, Kyle McClaren.

A memorial service will honor Deborah on Saturday, March 2, 11:00 a.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 20850 Eva St, Montgomery, TX 77356 (<https://www.shmfh.com/>). A private burial was at Cartwright Cemetery, Montgomery, Texas.

After the service, a potluck luncheon reception will be at Lone Star Community Center, 2500 Lone Star Pkwy, Montgomery, TX 77356 (about two miles from the funeral home. Please drop off your potluck dish at Lone Star Center before the service or bring afterward). We look forward to this time with family

and friends to relax, remember, and love on each other. We welcome all to join us for the service and lunch.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to one of the following:

<https://gifts.mdanderson.org/>

<https://lovefostershope.org/>

<https://www.jdrf.org/donate/>

<http://www.autism-society.org/get-involved/donate/>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Montgomery

10129 FM 1097 Rd W

Willis, TX 77318

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<https://www.shmfh.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah Evon Blake*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Evon Blake.*



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March 01, 2019 at 02:34 PM

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“ To the Blake family:

So sorry for this great personal loss.

This is a sad & hard post to write. It has taken time to reflect on what I wanted to say.

Rachelle & I have been good friends for several years. Deborah & the whole family made me a member of that great “tribe” of extended family. We have weathered several life threatening crises together. My regret is not being as present for this crisis due to illness & sugery. I stayed in touch. Thankfully, I did get to see Deborah toward the end. This wonderful obituary says it all. It is Deborah’s life legacy!



She loved like Jesus & she taught others to love that way too. Deborah accepted everyone for who they were, where they were. She was crazy fun, & loved to laugh! Adventureous, knowledgeable & so talented. She taught me a lot about Life. I am a better person for having known her. Deborah was never a quitter, she was an “Overcomer.” She just fought harder!

In the end, her heart & her body gave out. Thank you Jesus for taking her “Home.” I will miss her a lot. But I know I will see her again. Rachelle says she is not an angel. That I have fault Theology! There are only so many angels created. I’ll just keep on believing until I get there. “I” see Deborah as totally healed & restored. Skinny, Dancing & Singing in Heaven 😊.

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia

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🙏❤️ & Hugs.

Laura Lee Carter 🌈

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Laura Lee Carter - March 01, 2019 at 01:00 AM

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Thank you. I won't tell Rachelle LOL

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elizabeth mcclaren - March 01, 2019 at 12:12 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deborah Evon Blake.



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February 28, 2019 at 11:13 PM



“ Deborah was so sweet and caring. She made me feel like I was family ❤️ I remember one time when we were first getting to know each other she took me to lunch and we were talking so much she missed the entrance to the restaurant and not just once. We circled I45 three times before we got there. We had so much fun visiting. We miss her so much!!!

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**Crystal Curle** - February 28, 2019 at 04:10 PM



LOL, Thank you, Crystal.

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**elizabeth mcclaren** - March 01, 2019 at 12:03 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Evon Blake.



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February 28, 2019 at 11:28 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Deborah Evon Blake.



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February 28, 2019 at 03:13 AM



“ What an amazing woman. We met at “the coffee house” and it was instant friendship. Her love for the theater and her gifted hands at costumes was amazing. Her and JR and her kids are such an example of what Love looks like. I know she is at an altime amazement now as she takes in all of heaven. She will he missed greatly but I’m still jealous of her being able to see Jesus. Love Pastor Kenny (PK) and Virginia Martin.

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**Kenny and Virginia Martin** - February 23, 2019 at 04:50 PM



*I must admit a tinge of jealousy myself.*

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**elizabeth mcclaren** - March 01, 2019 at 12:04 AM



“ This is a significant loss for the kingdom on earth.. A giant gain for heaven. She will be greatly missed but we all shall see her again. Pastor Jack and Evelyn Cluney<

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**Evelyn Cluney** - February 23, 2019 at 01:50 PM



*Thank you, yes, she will be greatly missed*

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**elizabeth mcclaren** - March 01, 2019 at 12:05 AM