



## Joseph James Blake, Sr.

June 6, 1947 - January 15, 2008

Mr. Joseph James Blake, Sr., age 60, of Utica, passed away on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 in the comfort of his home with his loving family by his side. Born in Utica on June 6, 1947, Joseph was the son of the late Carlton Blake and the late Mamie Heness-Spano. He was raised and educated locally. A proud veteran of the U.S. Army, he served his country in the Vietnam War. On March 17, 1972 Joseph met Doris Horton with whom he shared a wonderful union of 35 years.

Joseph loved spending time in the company of family. During his leisure time he enjoyed camping, fishing, and surfing the net. He was also a die-hard Dallas Cowboys football fan. Joseph was a past board member of the Cornhill People United, and he was affiliated with the Utica Neighborhood Housing Service. He was a parishioner of Historic Old St. John's Church.

Joseph is survived by his lifelong companion, Doris E. Horton; his daughter and son-in-law, Monica and Kevin Honaker of Mohawk; his sons and their families, Robert Horton and Tammy Wynn of Forestport, and Joseph Blake, Jr. and Lisa Vanasse of Dolgeville; his 9 grandchildren; and his 1 great-grandchild. Survivors also include his sister; several nieces and nephews, many cousins; and his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Louise and Ted Alamond, Ruth and Rich Migano, Ann and Al Dot; and his brother-in-law, Walt Raymond. He was predeceased by his sister, Christine Capron; and his sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, Helen Raymond, and Theresa and Vince Mascaro.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. for the care and love they provided to Joe and his family.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 11:00-1:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Joseph's funeral service will commence on Monday morning at 9:30 at Historic Old St. John's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated with Military Honors. Inurnment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Tribute Wall



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