



James P. Blake Sr.

April 5, 1938 - December 19, 2025

James P. Blake, Sr., 87, of North Irwin, formerly of Finleyville, died Friday, December 19, 2025. He was born April 5, 1938 in McKeesport, a son of the late William and Pearl (Wyant) Blake and was also preceded in death by his first wife Bonnie (Forbes) Blake, his second wife Daisey (Kemp) Blake, and brothers William and Gary Blake. Jim was a 1955 graduate of McKeesport High School, was a Vietnam veteran who served 22 years in the Army. He then retired as field operations manager for Icee Co., Bridgeville. He was a member of the American Legion, Post 212, Donora and the White Oak Rod & Gun Club. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and rode with the American Legion Riders in Monroeville, Charleroi, and Donora and also with the Patriot Guard. He participated in French & Indian War reenactments and volunteered as a van driver for the Washington County VA. He is survived by his children Marlene Riegger, Vicki Ethier, Pamela Williams, David (Dawn) Blake, and Jim (Amy) Blake Jr.; his step-children Dianna (Joseph) Fogel, Vicki (Joseph) Griffith, and Fred "Bud" (Patricia) Carter; grandchildren Jennifer Ellison, Jay Ethier, James Blake III, Emma Marzolf, and Arthur Blake; great grandchildren Hailey Ellison, Taylor Ellison, Addy Ethier, and Blake Ethier; also several step grandchildren and great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, December 22, at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main St., Irwin where a funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 23, with Rev. Glenn Meyers, officiating. Interment will be at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery Details

National Cemtery of the Alleghenies

1158 Morgan Road
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642
(724) 863-1200
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

DEC **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CV

“ *Cousin Jim was such a wonderful stoic man I'll remember him always. His first wife Bonnie was my Aunt Grace's daughter and my father was Melvin "Murph'O' Bryon was her uncle . Jim was one of the nicest men I've ever had the privilege to speak to and remember dancing with him at my wedding in 1980 . My sincerest condolences to his family and do to recently having a heart attack myself I can't be there in person but I will be in thoughts and prayers to you all. Mrs. Cathie O' Bryon Vaniel.*

Cathie O'Bryon Vaniel - December 22, 2025 at 08:26 PM

WM

“ *William M. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James P. Blake Sr..*



William M. - December 22, 2025 at 08:50 AM

WM

“ *William M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James P. Blake Sr..*

William M. - December 22, 2025 at 08:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James P. Blake Sr..*



December 22, 2025 at 12:08 AM

SH

“ *Shaniah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James P. Blake Sr..*

Shaniah - December 22, 2025 at 12:08 AM

MS

“ Marlene RIEGER & PK Williams Sweet purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James P. Blake Sr..



Marlene RIEGER & PK Williams Sweet - December 20, 2025 at 12:46 PM

MS

“ Marlene RIEGER & PK Williams Sweet planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James P. Blake Sr..

Marlene RIEGER & PK Williams Sweet - December 20, 2025 at 12:46 PM

T6

“ The ICEE Company 62 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James P. Blake Sr..



The ICEE Company 62 - December 20, 2025 at 08:24 AM

TB

“ Tom and Renee Benn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James P. Blake Sr..



Tom and Renee Benn - December 20, 2025 at 06:07 AM