



P. Blake Ricket

April 1, 1972 - August 12, 2007

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35, of Memphis, died unexpectedly, Sunday August 12, 2007.

He was born April 1, 1972 in Mt. Clemens the son of Frederick and Sharon Potter Ricket.

Paul was a 1990 Richmond High School graduate and had attended St. Clair County Community College, Port Huron, and Kalamazoo Community College. He was employed by J.B. Webb of Farmington Hills as a design engineer. He enjoyed mountain biking, hiking, reading, music, roller blading and scuba diving.

Surviving are his mother and her husband Sharon and Fred Reynolds of Clay Twp.; four sisters Marlena (Potter) and Lee McGuffin of Memphis, Lisa (Potter) and Ken Dalton of Fairhaven, and Lara (Ricket) Scott Rybski of Marine City, Elaine Melon of PA, brother Kim Ricket of Manchester, MI, ; grandparents Melvin and Dorothy Potter of Memphis and Margaret Buckingham of Holly; nephews, Shawn and Shane Dalton and Justin Potter; niece, Kaitlyn Reckling; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father Frederick and best friend John Finn.

Cremation arrangements are by Kaatz Funeral Directors, Richmond.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the family.

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“ I was introduced to Blake when I was married to my ex-husband, but since my divorce, I had lost touch. I just recently found out about Blake's passing. If I remember correctly, Blake had a mischevious personality. Every time I'd see Blake with Finn it seemed to me they were plotting a prank on someone. Blake was alot of fun to be around. I would like to send my sympathy to all of his family and friends. Blake was a good, kind and gentle soul and will be truely missed by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Joanna Jacobson##imported-end##

February 04, 2008 at 10:26 AM



“ I miss you and think of you often. I know over the years we have grown apart, but the memories we created have and will last forever. I have always had a great respect for you and your ability to accomplish all you set your mind to do! You taught me to take what I have and do just that. I know we will walk together again!
Love,
Your Step-Brother
Todd##imported-begin##Todd##imported-end##

January 22, 2008 at 03:16 PM



“ *Marlena, Justin & family, I was very sorry to find out about your loss. Blake, you were a good egg. Not many people I have met in my life had the strength and character that you possessed, from an early age you were knocked down and got right back up. I didn't know you long, but it didn't take long to know you were someone pretty cool. In my heart, I know that, in you, Justin had a good man in his life, and for that no words can express my appreciation. Rest in peace, Blake. God Bless you, and your family.##imported-begin##Mike Walker##imported-end##*

November 14, 2007 at 01:10 PM



“ *uncle blake i miss you so much.i just cant seam to get that your gone and i can't belive that you did this to all of us.i remember when you would always come over and take me ice skateing and you would try to push use down and shove us into the wall.you were always there for me when i was down and just fine. the first time i ever rode a bike you were there the first time i ever rode roller skates you were there.i just wish you could be here for all the other first.i just hope that you are with you dad and john.but wherever you are i hope you found happyness and peace.i know that i will see you in another life time but into that day i love you ucle blake##imported-begin##shane dalton##imported-end##*

September 23, 2007 at 08:19 PM



“ Uncle blake i miss you so much you do not even know.... I miss you calling saying hey PRINCESS you wanna go for a bike ride.... its kills me to think ill never get a phone call from you... who's gonna be there when i need help with my car? who am i gonna ride bikes with now or race my rc car with.....no one thats who. I miss uncle blake very much he was the best there ever was... him and I always had are differences...but we always got through our rough times. I cant even begin to think about how life is going to be with out uncle blake.... but i know ill see him again later in life.. I miss and will always miss you uncle blake and you always be in our hearts.....I Love You Uncle Blake....
I truly hope you found peace and happiness.....##imported-begin##Justin Potter##imported-end##

September 01, 2007 at 11:52 PM



“ Sharon, and the Girls and family,
Blake is truly missed with all my heart and you are all also in my heart and in my thoughts and prayers. I have now since been downstate twice and it seems that something is just missing. On previous visits I would pull in Mom's and he was always right there with that wonderful Big Bear Hug to great me in this last past year since we have become so closely bonded at Mema's wedding. That eve. was so special for he and I and our reuniting. The eve. when He, Carol and I had so much time together and all three of us really got to know one another since they were both so young when I saw them last. and the eve. which I will call THEIR BEGINNING. That eve. I will never forget. I miss him so much and only wish that I had known him throughout the years but so thankful for this short time of us getting together. My last visit with him was so precious and little did I know that that would be our last since he seemed so himself. I now so preciously prize that time and that eve. He gave me alot of insight which I now can hold in my heart as truth and that being that he truly was being troubled by not being accepted by Carol's parents and that he loved her dearly and that they were driving him crazy and only wished that they could let Carol make her own choices!! Also that he resented that they even were best of friends with his Dad and he didn't even get to know him and that he thought that they would treat him differently since he knew that his father wouldn't approve of their actions. I know that he would want all of you to know that since that was his last words to me from his heart. I learned to really love him and that eve. I heard the pain from it all but never did I realize that it was troubling him so badly and wish that I could have spent more time now with him just knowing how badly he then really needed an ear and a heart to listen. I also know that he loved all of you and knew you were also there for him and that can be a peaceful feeling that we all did what we could but God had a different plan. I'm sure that he will hold a place right next to him for us all to be together again. My thoughts and prayers and with all of you. I am here for you if there is anything I can do. He will be truly missed. I love you...until we can soon talk again..Hugs and Kisses###imported-begin##Kathy VanPelt###imported-end##

August 27, 2007 at 02:06 PM



“ I was about 10 years old when my dad told us we had cousins that we hadn't met before, and they were going to be up at grandma's house in Lexington. Blake jumped right into our group, and our lives were never the same again. That was more than 25 years ago. Over the years three of us cousins became so close, grandma would often comment how people just wouldn't understand how close we were. We shared something so precious and magical, a combination of family, friendship and kindered spirits. Lexington became our playground growing up, and a place to reunite as adulthood had taken us in so many different directions. No matter how far or how long, we always were able to pick right back up...laughing, exchanging stories, capturing some of that wild freedom of youth, occasionally doing something completely crazy...at least for me, for Blake and Melissa, probably not so much. But even through the trials of growing up and adulthood, we could share the hardest parts of our lives, and it was always a safe place to be. We shared support and affection. One of the things I will miss most are those hugs, when Blake gave a hug, you were properly hugged, squeezed all the way to your soul. He never hesitated to tell us he loved us, and he knew we adored him. His infectious laugh, the mischief that danced in his eyes, talking all night long, the wit and wisdom he brought to any situation. There will forever be a terrible hole in my life. Two of us will carry on where once there were three...the memories will live forever. I miss you Blake, you'll always hold a special place in my heart. I love you...until we can talk again...hugs and kisses...Andi To all of Blake's family and friends, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm here for you if there is anything I can do.##imported-begin##Andi Buckingham##imported-end##

August 24, 2007 at 01:05 AM



“ *The family is in my daily prayers and he will always be missed. Chrissy###imported-begin##Christina Blanco##imported-end##*

August 20, 2007 at 01:36 PM



“ *We just want all of Blake's family and his friends to know how sad we are for all of you of your loss of such a good person...he will be truly missed by us all. He was a wonderful spirited person and we hope he is at peace now with his God. He was so good to our son, Derek, always took out time for him and made him a part of doing fun things with the boys...thankyou for that Blake, it made a big difference for Derek...you were someone he looked up to and he always will. Lisa Lynn, we love ya hun and think of ya all the time. Again, we're so very sorry for your loss. Larry and Anita Davis###imported-begin##Larry and Anita Davis##imported-end##*

August 19, 2007 at 08:17 PM



“ *I knew Blake for a very short time when he found his sister, my wife Elaine, back in 1997. The few times we spent together in the Detriot area and here in Philly was a pleasure. I thought he was a commpassionate, caring man. I was glad my wife was able to meet her brother and "hit" it off as they compared their similarities. My two sons would talk about Uncle Blake especially my oldest Will (12), who would want to call Uncle Blake when he had a computer problem and spend time on the phone comparing notes. We will pray for him at Mass and keep him and his family in our prayers and pray that the Lord will look upon him and keep him by his side.###imported-begin##William J. Mellon##imported-end##*

August 18, 2007 at 10:34 PM



“ You will be missed Blake, I will always remember the "garage sessions" at ma-Sharon's. Yes, Blake could make you laugh with all his wit, but he was also a person with such "deep thoughts" and eager to talk about anything/everything. He had opinions on lots of subjects! I loved those talks! And of course, the few years we worked together at IGA, so many good years and good memories of Blake. He helped us out here on the farm when he was a kid too, good at baleing hay and milking cows! It was fun watching Blake, Marlena, Lisa, and Lara Gail grow up, they all have such a special bond. God bless your family, keep that bond!##imported-begin##chrissy##imported-end##

August 17, 2007 at 04:36 PM



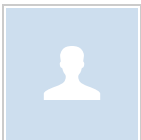
“ I only knew Blake for a short time. He made me feel at ease and welcome immediately. His more than firm handshake always let me know that he was happy to see me. Blake I wish I had gotten to know you better. You are missed greatly.##imported-begin##Brett Hale##imported-end##

August 17, 2007 at 03:50 PM



“ Dear Sharon, Please accept my most sincere condolences on the sudden and devastating loss of Blake. I know that little can be said to ease this sad and unexpected loss for you and your family. I only met Blake once when he came to PA to visit Elaine. I was so delighted with Blake's effort to find Elaine and give her the opportunity to meet her father's family and to reconnect with her Grandmother, Marge. Blake's effort was a true gift in that there were two real blessings - it seemed to give Elaine a sense of peace and balance and brought a new dimension to our relationship and through Blake I was able to renew my relationship with Margaret Buckingham whom I always like and loved. When I met Blake during that visit to Elaine's I knew I would like him and I did. My impression of Blake was that he was an intelligent, kind, gentle, compassionate, generous man with a great sense of humor. From what I have read in the book my impression of Blake was correct - that was Blake. Sharon, I can only hope that with the passage of time this heavy burden of sorrow will be lifted from your family and the memories will be only of the sweet and wonderful time you all shared with him.##imported-begin##Jane M. Lewis##imported-end##

August 17, 2007 at 08:34 AM



“ Lara and Family,
My deepest sympathies go out to you and your family during this time of mourning. Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Blake, I still feel like I knew him through Lara's fun stories. Words cannot heal the pain that you must be going through but if you ever need a friend to talk to or ANYTHING, I'm here. May God Bless you and yours. Love, T.J.##imported-begin##Tammy Coffman##imported-end##

August 16, 2007 at 10:26 PM



“ To the immortal memory of Blake,

"What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us."

*Helen Keller##imported-begin##Richard, Tina and RJ
Finn##imported-end##*

August 16, 2007 at 07:57 PM



“ Blake was not only my brother and Great uncle to my boys he was my freind.He helped me out alot with his talks and had away about him that always made me feel better.I'm going to miss you Blakers more then anything and i love you with all my heart and you will always be in my thoughts. Love Lisa##imported-begin##Lisa Dalton##imported-end##

August 16, 2007 at 05:22 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy.Words cannot express our sadness.Our prayers are with you.We will miss Blake greatly.##imported-begin##James & Virginia Finn (John's Mom & Dad)##imported-end##

August 16, 2007 at 03:17 PM



“ Blake you reached out and took my hand then reached out further and took Cals hand. And slowly you took our hearts. I will be forever grateful that you came into my life and showed me how to laugh again. You always said that I didn't have to say it, that you knew what was in my heart, but here it is anyway ... I love you Potter.##imported-begin##carol mahaffy##imported-end##

August 16, 2007 at 12:10 PM



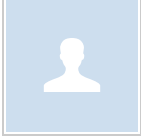
“ To the family and friends of blake. I am deeply sorry for your loss and my thoughts are with u. As time may heal your pain nothing can replace the loss of a loved one. Keep the memories of blake close as they will be the strength u will need to carry on. If I can be there in any way please feel free to call on me.##imported-begin##Lawrence Harder##imported-end##

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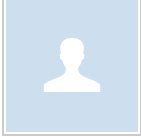
“ HI I,M A NEIGHBOR OF LISA,S I MET BLAKE A COUPLE OF TIMES. HE WAS VERY NICE AND PLEASNT I NOTICED HOW HE WAS WITH THE KIDS NOT ONLY WITH SHAWN,SHANE BUT ALL THE KIDS AROUND. SO THAT SHOWED ME WHAT KIND OF MAN HE WAS.HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BUT I,M SURE GOD HAS A MISSION FOR HIM UP IN HEAVEN. GOD BLESS ALL YOUR FAMILY##imported-begin##CARL DANIELS##imported-end##

August 16, 2007 at 07:47 AM



“ To all the friends and family of Blake, I am terribly sorry for your loss, and you have my heartfelt thoughts and prayers. I knew Blake and considered him a friend, though he was really my little brother's friend (best friend in fact). I am not sure what else to say, I just feel a sense of loss and tragedy and I just hope Blake is in a better place right now. Hopefully, Blake and John are on a roadtrip right now somewhere acting like retards and getting into trouble. Good bye Blake, I will miss you.##imported-begin##Brian Finn##imported-end##

August 16, 2007 at 07:41 AM



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For, without them, I NEVER would've had the courage to reach out to the man, a fellow classmate of ours, that would eventually turn out to be my best friend & soul mate, Chris. They were instrumental in "connecting" me with someone that I now love so dear.

Whether he knows it, or not, Blake will ALWAYS be a very important part of "our" past ... a past that Chris & I never would've had if it wasn't for him!

Yes. My "time" with Blake WAS shortlived. But, the memories I DO have of him will FOREVER be cherished ... the joshin' at my expense - done out of love & nothin' hurtful coz THAT wasn't in his nature; the laughs we had while filmin' "Kris's Korral" with the rest of our crew; the BRILLIANT, but sadly, never produced show "Blake's Pocket" that the 4 of us came up with on a VERY slow day! Hee-hee!

These, & SOOO many other fond memories of him will remain in my heart, make me smile & reaffirm my faith that we are ALL put on this earth, regardless of "social standings" & other man-made divides, to do just ONE thing:

Treat others with kindness.

Blake "got" that. He was, & will continue to be, a model for those who don't.

Peace be with you all ...##imported-begin##~ Terri##imported-end##

August 16, 2007 at 04:59 AM



“ Without ever really knowing "why", certain people enter our lives, leave an indelible mark in our hearts, & then, exit without ceremony.

Whether we realize it at the time, or not, these people are actually blessings that just happen to "appear" when we need them the most. And, to me, Blake will forever be one of these people. :wub:

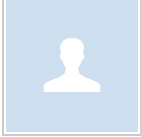
Even though I didn't know him THAT well, what I DO know is this:

I met him at a time when what I truly "needed" was a kind soul to set my mind at ease. You see, he was one of the VERY few people that reached out to me as a friend & treated me as an equal in our Television Production class in high school ...

As the ONLY freshman in the class, I was deemed the class "outcast" the very minute I walked in the door! But, it was a funny observation made by "Blakey", no doubt his way of reaching out to THIS terrified dork, that made me feel at "home" in the class! :) And, over time, it was his, AND "Finnster"'s, care & concern for me that made me TRULY feel like a member of the class. Thank you, boys. :-)

But, most of all, it was their "guidance and advice" that I will FOREVER be grateful for.##imported-begin##~ Terri##imported-end##

August 16, 2007 at 04:56 AM



“ *My Precious Son:*

Oh how I miss you already! The hello kisses and hugs you gave so eagerly I will forever miss and long for. The times you made me laugh with your Witty Intelligence and the times we held each other and cried will never be forgotten.

The happiness you gave our family and all of your friends by just being you will be forever missed. You were, and always will be, my wonderful, thoughtful son, always willing to go the extra mile to help someone out in their time of need. I know you're in a better place; your heartache is now laid to rest. Please know how very much I love you, you are my heart and soul and forever you'll live in my heart. I can't, and will not say good 💎💎💎 bye Blakers, just a farewell for now, I know someday we'll be together again. Rest in peace My Precious Son, I love you so much, rest in peace.

Mom###imported-begin##Sharon Reynolds##imported-end##

August 16, 2007 at 02:50 AM



“ *My prayers go out to Marlena and family. I didnt know Blake very well all I know is that he was a very caring person. He did not have to help my husband and I when we got stranded on the side of the highway. He did not even know us when he let Shannon borrow his truck to come pick us up and tow my camper to the camp site and then offered to give us a lift home at the end of the trip. I deeply appreciated it. Thank you soo much. Our prayers are with you.###imported-begin##Kim and Chris Frye ##imported-end##*

August 15, 2007 at 08:40 PM



“ *WOW! Handsome, caring, intelligent and funny...that was Blake. Let's not forget adventurous, brave and capable. Capable of making anyone laugh, capable of completing any task. I met Blake at Melissa Buskingham's home when we were kids. I knew from that first mischevious smile and seeing those undeniable blue eyes that I was hooked. Blake was a tremendous friend and would give you the shirt off his back or a date to a wedding. :o) Blake taught me what FUN and UNCONTROLLABLE LAUGHTER really meant. Blake I know you are safe and with Finn. Thanks for the MEMORIES you are and always will be a BIG sweetheart. Our loss means that heaven is in for some good laughs. Love Ya! :o) Blessings to the family.##imported-begin##Sheri Strang##imported-end##*

August 15, 2007 at 07:44 PM



“ *Blake was such a beautiful person, always a smile for everyone, a funny story, a joke. He made everyone feel at ease. His passing left a hole in the world that can never be filled. I pray for his family, I pray for his friends. I pray Blake has found the peace he was looking for. God be with you Blake, I love you.##imported-begin##Trudy Smith##imported-end##*

August 15, 2007 at 04:38 PM



“ I can't imagine the world without Blake...I can't imagine not hearing him say "Hey, Bro" to me or telling me his colorful, crazy stories. For the rest of my life I will miss him and have a hole where his bright smile and sparkling eyes are and will always be in my heart. No one ever has made me laugh like Blake. I loved him so much. My cousin, my "Bro". To Sherry, Marlena, Lisa, Lara, Elaine, Kim, Mr. and Mrs. Potter and all the other family and friends who loved him so much...my thoughts are with you. Please call or write if you need anything.##imported-begin##Melissa Buckingham Nolan##imported-end##

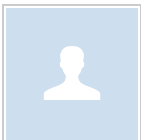
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“ Marlena and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. All of our prayers are with you, please call me when you can. I love you.

Rose and family.##imported-begin##Rose Kulman##imported-end##

August 15, 2007 at 02:54 PM



“ My Big Brother Blake
I loved him more than he knew! I am going to miss him! Not a day will go by that I won't! I know that where he is at, he is surrounded by people who love him
I LOVE YOU
Larpud##imported-begin##Lara##imported-end##

August 15, 2007 at 10:06 AM



“ I never dreamed that I would be going through this. But here I am. My baby brother Blake! What can I say? He was my heart and soul. His beautiful blue eyes and caring way were only two of the things I loved most about him. Anyone who knew him, knew that if they needed help and he could lend a hand, he was there. I will miss him more than anyone could ever imagine. His smile and laugh. The way he joked and came up with the funniest things to make people laugh. He will forever be in my heart even though his passing will take a piece of my heart away. I have learned one thing from this, it would be that life is way too precious and short to ever take even one second for granted. Blake knew what he meant to me and that he was loved because he was told every time I saw him. He will be sadly missed by my children Justin and Katie also. He loved kids. He was a wonderful, loving brother and a caring man. I will spend the rest of my life with a sadness that I can't explain.
I LOVE YOU BLAKERS AND I MISS YOU IMMENSELY, YOU WILL ALWAYS HOLD A VERY SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART,
FOREVER AND ALWAYS,
MARLENA##imported-begin##Marlena McGuffin
(Potter)##imported-end##

August 14, 2007 at 11:35 PM



“ Marlena & family, I am so very very sorry for your loss, I wish there was something I can do to ease your pain. Keep the memories close to your heart. You and your family are in my prayers and thoughts. If there is anything I can do, I will be here for you, now, and always.##imported-begin##Shannon Gross & Chrissy Blanco##imported-end##

August 14, 2007 at 11:07 PM



“ *Marlena and family,*

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I know words cannot help ease the pain, but my deepest sympathys are with you.

All my love and prayers,

Patty Plonka###imported-begin##Patty Plonka###imported-end##

August 14, 2007 at 09:23 PM



“ *Marlena and family,*

My thoughts and prayers are with you in this tragic time. I cannot begin to understand your greif, but if you need an ear or shoulder I am here for you. If there is anything I can do to help please let me know.

All my love

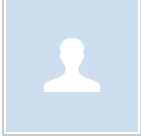
Beth Liebetreu###imported-begin##Beth Liebetreu###imported-end##

August 14, 2007 at 09:21 PM



“ *Blake was a wonderful and beautiful human being and I am so blessed to have been lucky enough to have him in my life for so long. Words cant describe what a tremendous loss this is to the world and his family/friends. I will always love him with all my heart and am so sorry to his family and all that has been lost. Be with John, Blake, be with John. I am sorry.###imported-begin##christy ricket###imported-end##*

August 14, 2007 at 02:40 PM



“ *EVEN THOUGH I ONLY KNEW AND WORKED WITH BLAKE FOR A FEW MONTHS , HE WILL BE MISSED VERY MUCH.I AM VERY SORRY FOR EVERYONE INCLUDING MYSELF ,THAT WE HAVE TO GO ON WITH THIS GREAT LOSS. GOD PLEASE RECEIVE HIM INTO YOUR ARMS AND GOD PLEASE HELP EVERYONE ELSE ENDURE THIS LOSS. TO BLAKES FAMILY , I CAN'T SAY HOW SORRY I AM , I HAVE BEEN THERE AND I KNOW HOW MUCH IT HURTS , GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU.##imported-begin##Philip Scott##imported-end##*

August 14, 2007 at 01:10 PM