



## Darrin Blake

August 18, 1965 - August 18, 2007

Darrin M. Blake, 42, passed away Saturday, August 18, 2007. Darrin was born August 18, 1965 in Topeka to Eugene and Carol Blake. He was raised in Dover and graduated from Mission Valley High School in 1984. In October of 1988 Darrin and Julienne Welchans were married at Gage Park Baptist Church. They have two beautiful daughters; Maya, 7 and Hannah, 3. For 21 years Darrin was the sole proprietor of Auto Upholstery, located in Topeka. Most recently he worked as a line supervisor at the Kansas Air Center, but continued upholstery as a hobby. Darrin never met a stranger or at least not one that didn't become his friend. He filled every room he entered with his charisma and could tell a joke on a moment's notice. He enjoyed, Harley's, cars, boats, anything with an engine, but above all he loved his family and his friends. Darrin is survived by his wife of eighteen years, Julienne, their two daughters, Maya and Hannah. His father, Gene Blake and his wife Tammy of Dover, KS; mother Carol Reynolds and her husband Fred of Wood Heights, MO. His three sisters, Kim Blake-Lira, her husband Richard and their two daughters of Hillsdale KS; Amy Hippen, her husband Keith and their four daughters of Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, Charlene Butler of Excelsior Springs, MO; grandmother, Nola Rousseau, Belle Plaine, KS; parents in law, Bill and Ruth Welchans of Topeka; brother in law, Jon Welchans of Boulder, CO, and the friends who are too numerous to name. He is preceded in death by his brother, Marty Blake who passed November 21, 1986. Visitation will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at Kevin Brennan

Family Funeral Home, Topeka, KS. A celebration of Darrin's life will be held at 10:00 am; Thursday, August 23, 2007 at Gage Park Baptist Church; 3601 SW 10th Street. Burial will be at 1pm in Burlington, KS at Graceland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Blake Children Education Fund, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home 2801 SW Urish Rd; Topeka , KS 66614.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Darrin Blake*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Gene, Tammy, Julie & Girls...we (Tammy, Trina, Tim, and myself) just heard of our cousin Darrin's passing from Uncle Harland, so sorry to hear and please forgive us for this coming so late. Tammy, Sheryl (Trina's daughter), and I had lunch with Darrin about a year ago in Topeka and it was such a nice lunch, he had us crackin up the whole time...Darrin had alot of similar qualities as Tim. As children of the late Patsy Blake we send our deepest sympathy and also prayers your way.*

**Tonya Shaughnessy (Farmer)** - September 16, 2007 at 10:00 PM



“ *i will miss his smile, hugs,and frequent phone calls just to say he loved me, his job and how precious his girls are,and how pleased he was with his latest "toy". I'll miss his sense of humor and his determination for all to get along without discord. my son was a truly good person and i was always very proud of him. we saw at the visitation and services, as we all came together, just how many other people feel as we do. he was well loved and we thank you for that. it will be a long time before our world steadies. remember him with a smile. he would like that. you know he always liked to leave us smiling. god be with you.*

*thanks to kevin brennan family funeral home for making a difficult time easier.*

**carol & fred reynolds (darrin's mom)** - August 23, 2007 at 06:37 PM

RB

“ *Julienne, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. It was always guaranteed that Darrin would be able to make us smile every time he came into the office! Everytime he came in the office he had something to say about the girls and the things they were doing. I will never forget the time that my tire was flat and I was out in the parking lot changing it and he made me stop so that he could finish changing it for me. I told him that I was fine and I could do it, but he insisted saying that he was not going to just stand by and let a woman change a tire while he watched. He will be greatly missed, he was a very good man and we know how much he loved you and the girls! He will never be forgotten!*

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**Raquel Schafer (Farm Bureau)** - August 22, 2007 at 12:19 PM

JE

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss, and everyones. Darrin was always smiling, telling jokes, and making people around him smile. He was a joy to have around. He was a true friend and a wonderful person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please let us know if there is anything we can do.*

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**Jerry & Michelle Eberhardt** - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 PM

CG

“ *Julie, Maya, Hannah, Ruth and Bill,  
We can not possibly express our sadness for you with the loss of Darrin. You are in our prayers and thoughts continually and we love you all!!!  
Please let us know if we can help you in any way.*

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**Clark & Carolyn Gordon** - August 22, 2007 at 09:22 AM

JP

“ *Julienne, We are so very sorry to hear about Darrin's passing. Please know you and the girls are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Julie, Rick and Jenna Patterson** - August 21, 2007 at 11:06 PM

ME

“ *Julie and girls.....I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Mendy Ebberts** - August 21, 2007 at 10:37 PM

KY

“ *Gene, Tammy, Kim & Family:  
I can't imagine the sadness in all of your hearts right now. Darrin was truly a special person and will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Be strong in each other as a family. God Bless you all.*

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**Kerri (Crow) Yocum** - August 21, 2007 at 07:28 PM

MP

“ *Darrin and family I find it hard to find the words to express our heavy hearts. Darrin liked to go to lunch about once a month, you never knew what car he would pick you up in. One day a Vette the next a Chevelle you just never knew. Glad it wasn't the Harley! My first experience cruising the blvd was courtesy of Darrin Blake till 2 in the morning, boy was I in trouble! But I always had a blast with Darrin no matter what we were doing, I am going to miss my old friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Michael and Denise Province** - August 21, 2007 at 06:12 PM

LB

“ Julie, Maya, Hannah, Gene, Tammy, Kim and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Words can not accurately articulate the immense grief we are feeling. Darrin was so dearly loved, we will miss his smile, wit and love. I could always count on Darrin for an instant "feel good" fix. He definately spoke to me and my family with his love and life. We will miss him.  
David and Lisa (Brink) Barber, Jacob and Shelby

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**Lisa Barber** - August 21, 2007 at 03:54 PM

JF

“ Julie, Our hearts go out to you and the girls. Your strength and courage will help you through this terrible tragedy, please know that you can rely on your friends and family for support and love. Darrin will be missed. Love and prayers to you and your family.

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**John Curran and Family** - August 21, 2007 at 02:08 PM

LO

“ We are very sorry for your loss. I haven't seen Darrin for many years, but I remember him full of smiles and always so funny. My heart goes out to all of you and I will be praying for favor and mercy.

Lori (Brink), Wade, and Chase Olsen

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**Lori Olsen** - August 21, 2007 at 02:08 PM

JF

“ Maya and Hannah,

Please know you are in our hearts and our prayers. Your daddy loved both of you very much.

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**John Curran and Family** - August 21, 2007 at 01:56 PM

JR

“ *Julie and Family--*

*I am so, so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.*

*Jill (Mignacca) Ramsey*

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**Jill Mignacca Ramsey** - August 21, 2007 at 12:48 PM

GJ

“ *Julienne, Ruth, Bill & Family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our deepest sympathy goes to you and your entire family. You will be in our prayers.*

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**Gary and Vicki Johnson** - August 21, 2007 at 11:43 AM

LT

“ *We did not know Darrin, but grew up with and was a neighbor to his dad, Gene. Our condolences go out to your entire family at this time of loss. We pray that your memories of your loved one will be a comfort now and in the future.*

*From Larry & Margie Tice 8/21/07*

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**Larry & Margie Tice** - August 21, 2007 at 11:40 AM

JA

“ *The greatest thing that any one man can say about another, is that he will remember him. I will remember Darrin's smile and humor. He will be greatly missed at the airport.*

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**John Peyton (KHP Airplane)** - August 21, 2007 at 11:26 AM

TE

“ I know how bad I am feeling about loosing one of the best freinds I've ever had but as bad as I feel I cannot imagine what Darrin's family is feeling. He was loved by everybody that knew him and I know how much he loved his family. I'm sure I'll never know a better man.

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**todd evans** - August 21, 2007 at 11:14 AM

VM

“ There is nothing I could say at this time that will ease your pain. I know all too well what your family is going through--and I will be here for you when you are ready. Lean on the ones who love you. You are in my thoughts. With loving arms around you...Vivian

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**Vivian Masters** - August 21, 2007 at 10:24 AM

WP

“ I did not know Darrin. I have been hearing that he was a joy to be around. Wanted you know that you are thought of today. I pray that our God will give you peace and comfort.

*Love Wanola "Sage" Ha Ha!*

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**Wanola Patterson** - August 21, 2007 at 10:19 AM

RN

“ I am sorry for your loss. I was one of Darrin's teachers at Mission Valley. I enjoyed his humor and playfulness. I was fortunate enough to visit with him at Mission Valley just this past school year. I will remember that visit fondly.

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**Rose (William) Niland** - August 21, 2007 at 09:04 AM

RT

“ I am so sorry for you loss. You are all in my prayers.

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**Rita (Thomas) Torrez** - August 21, 2007 at 08:34 AM

JB

“ *Julienne, Maya & little Hannah,  
Your Husband & Daddy were so proud of his girls! If you were not with him coming to the bank he always had a story to quickly share! Darrin was always joking and fun to talk to! He was a joy to see every week! Julienne: as Wives and Mothers we can not even think of the devistation and confusion you are feeling right now. If you need us, we are here! I am so sorry for your untimely loss. For the girls: May your Daddy always be there to watch after you and protect you. Darrin, we will miss your smile and LOUD Harley and pristine cars! You will be missed. Bless you all! -Jenna & Lainie*

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**Jenna & Lainie (Kaw Valley Bank)** - August 21, 2007 at 08:32 AM

DB

“ *I am finding it hard to exspress my feelings so many times darrin has been their for me. He was indeed a friend of friends, with a smile always a smile. I am truely sorry I will not make it back in time, for the services. But i will try to be in touch. I will indeed be their in spirit, I loved darrin as did all that new him.I will miss my friend. My pryers are will you all.  
He was a good man.*

*Danny Bowers*

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**Danny Bowers** - August 20, 2007 at 10:02 PM

MR

“ I am so very sorry for your loss, for all of our loss. Darrin was one of the best people I have ever known. Somebody that could always be counted on to lend a hand or bring a smile. His presence always seemed to make everything a little brighter and more fun. He will truly be missed.

*Matt Riley*

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**Matt Riley** - August 20, 2007 at 09:36 PM

MS

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our prayers. Please let us know if we can help in any way.

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**Mark and Amy Schneider** - August 20, 2007 at 02:28 PM