



Brent E. Blake

July 2, 1941 - September 24, 2013

Brent Ewing Blake passed away peacefully Sept 24th 12:30 a.m. with a circle of family and close friends around him. He lived artfully and celebrated life enthusiastically. In his own words, he had “a beautiful life.”

Given just six weeks to live when diagnosed with leukemia September 2012, he confronted the prognosis with a positive attitude and optimism, miraculously stretching a few weeks into over a year.

Brent was born in Blackfoot, ID, July 2nd, 1941 and grew up in Moses Lake with parents Reed and LaRue Blake, brothers Gary and Wally, and sister, Sandra. He also had a sister, Beverly Rose, who died at birth.

Brent always had a strong interest in art, which he developed into a successful career in architecture and interior design. He moved to Bellevue, WA, in the early 70s where he raised his six children: daughters Velvet, Ginger, Heather and Tiffany, and sons Braden and John. His progeny now includes six grandchildren: Caiti, Aleyna, Chelsea, Casey, Coartney & Stella, and great-granddaughter Dahlia.

In the early 2000s he was drawn to return to Eastern Washington and there created a new family in Soap Lake consisting of friends, artists and art enthusiasts. All have become fervent supporters of his Soap Lake Art

Museum and monthly SLAM celebrations of art. He infused the community with creativity and unbridled enthusiasm. His goal to revitalize the local economy via outrageous art installations included the idea to put a 65-foot Lava Lamp at the center of town. That idea has garnered attention from news outlets world-wide and has been featured in a documentary film. The goal remains to make his vision a reality.

Brent was a creative juggernaut and a truly inspiring person. He treasured and loved all people. He touched many lives. He and his bright light will be dearly missed.

His memorial service will be held Monday September 30th at 2:00 pm at the Moses Lake LDS Stake Center, 1515 S Division St, Moses Lake, WA 98837. The family will greet friends from 1 to 1:45 p.m., Monday, September 30th at the church. Following the service there will be a gathering for the burial at the Soap Lake Cemetery and a reception at SLAM, Brent's home, 410 East Main Ave, Soap Lake, WA 98851.

Previous Events

Service

SEP **30**. 2:00 PM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Stake Center
1515 S. Division St.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ Mike Cyplik sent a virtual gift in memory of Brent E. Blake



Mike Cyplik - January 17, 2014 at 11:48 AM

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“ Mike Cyplik lit a candle in memory of Brent E. Blake



Mike Cyplik - January 17, 2014 at 11:47 AM



“ Words can not describe the creative, loving man, my uncle Brent was. Always full of life, and whimsy. Always one to give you a hug and express his love for you. His boisterous and contagious laugh will forever be embedded in my heart. Thank you Uncle Brent for a lifetime of happy memories. The artistic watermelon, fruit salad at my wedding, wouldn't have been the same with out you.
:))#imported-begin##Crystal and Todd Stewrat##imported-end##

September 30, 2013 at 05:10 PM



“ Brent was a good friend and I greatly mourn his passing. He embodied the best of Soap Lake and I hope that we all can carry his mantle.

I am very sorry I cannot attend his service. My sincere condolences to his family and those close to him.##imported-begin##Claude Zervas##imported-end##

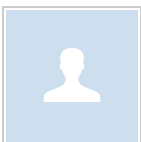
September 30, 2013 at 12:44 PM



“ A 'Masterpiece' in his own right, Brent was an extraordinary professional in his field. He brought an enthusiasm of unique inspiration to not only the town of Soap Lake, but the surrounding communities that seriously touched lives world wide. His sincere interest in promoting the arts was a heartfelt passion that lived everyday wherever he went.

He leaves a vacancy of huge proportions in a community that reached out to embrace the visions he shared to see transform this community. A loss, words cannot begin to describe.##imported-begin##John and Linda Hillman##imported-end##

September 30, 2013 at 02:39 AM



“ Brent embraced his creative mind and made something of it. I knew him through the art community, which was just one part of Brent and in itself an inspiration. A celebrity of Soap lake that reached out to those around him. Im honored to have gotten to eat dinner with him a few times and talk about his past days woking in architecture. I'll always remember his good nature and enthusiasm for art.##imported-begin##Alex Kovach##imported-end##

September 29, 2013 at 11:30 AM



“ So many memories. The pedal car, the Labor Day parades in Eburg, the pink flamingo that kept appearing in the neighborhood,, rolling calendars, the beaded belt buckle, the boar head. On and on and on. Rest in peace friend!##imported-begin##The Rabanals##imported-end##

September 28, 2013 at 05:39 PM



“ Dear Wally and the rest of Brent's family,
I am so sad to read of Brent's passing (Lee Stark let me know), for he was a beloved high school friend in Moses Lake, as you know. He was my magnificent campaign manager when I ran for (and won) student body vice president. So amazingly creative, fun, dear, and precious a person was he. (He was also my favorite boyfriend in High School when we dated for awhile. :-)) Mostly, I thought he was a gentle soul with enormous talent whom I respected very much.
My condolences to his children, other family members, and you, Wally, my classmate from 1961. He is now held differently in the loving arms of God. May his wonderful soul be at peace.
With love and blessings,
Nicki (Smith) McClusky##imported-begin##Nicki Smith McClusky##imported-end##

September 28, 2013 at 02:47 PM



“ Going to miss you Brent, you were such an inspiration here in Soap Lake, and brought so many artists to a city; no one knew about. Plus the Lava Lamp, as a city council member that is still one of our top goals to get done. I wanted to let your family know your legacy will continue on here in our community. You were such a pillar of strength during your fight, now rest in peace for the Lord will meet you saying "a job well done my faithful servant". Your family is in my thoughts and prayers, my God comfort them in this time of great loss.##imported-begin##Kandis Lair##imported-end##

September 28, 2013 at 12:32 PM



“ God Bless you, Brent Blake. You were a truly wonderful, caring and creative person. I miss you sincerely. My prayers are with you. God loves you!##imported-begin##Mary Boland Franklin##imported-end##

September 28, 2013 at 11:55 AM



“ Brent personified the best of Soap Lake, showing support and kindness for everyone and as a crusader for the arts. What a loss. May we honor Brent by moving forward in his footsteps.

*Burr and Eileen
Soap Lake for Locals##imported-begin##Burr & Eileen
Beckwith##imported-end##*

September 27, 2013 at 03:23 PM



“ A great gifted man way ahead of his time with visionary talent that he shared making his surroundings a better place for all.##imported-begin##Bea Stump##imported-end##

September 27, 2013 at 02:36 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Brent Blake. He was a unique, friendly, kind, artistic man and will be deeply missed everyone who had the good luck to be in contact with him.##imported-begin##Larry and Nancy Tracy##imported-end##

September 27, 2013 at 01:55 PM



“ I loved your Dad!

I have great memories of him as a child...at your house, sitting in the barber chairs listening to his funny stories and jokes. He was so fun to be around! I remember being in the "Wind and the Willows" production with him and doing the 4th of July parades with your funny little bicycling car. He made me laugh...he had a gift for making everyone around him laugh too. All my love and prayers to your family!##imported-begin##Emily Parker Holmgren##imported-end##

September 27, 2013 at 11:43 AM



“ Brent: It is great to know you. Rest well knowing that you are a good man.##imported-begin##Bill Bonaudi##imported-end##

September 26, 2013 at 06:18 PM



“ *Brent, rest in peace, friend. You have a legion of friends and fans who mourn your passing.##imported-begin##Tom Tyler##imported-end##*

September 25, 2013 at 04:55 PM