



## Dr. William J. Blake, DDS

June 22, 1929 - April 2, 2023

TALLAHASSEE - On Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023, Dr. William J. Blake, DDS, went to be with the Lord Jesus Christ in Heaven. Bill relied on the gift of God, eternal life, for all who trust in Jesus (Rom. 3:23; 6:23). Bill trusted the Risen Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, to give him forgiveness, new eternal life, acceptance as part of God's Family, and eternity with God's family in God's home. He believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, studied the Bible, and was part of Tallahassee Bible Church. He hopes you will read the Scriptures, trust in Jesus, and join him in God's heavenly home (John 14:1-6; 1 John 5:11-13).

Bill was born June 22, 1929, in Crystal City, MO to Emory and Florine Blake. He served as a Dentist in the U.S. Air force, promoted to Captain. After Dr. Blake's Honorable Discharge, he continued Dentistry and became an Orthodontist.

Bill is survived by: his wife, Margaret, of 41 years, her son, Brian Kelley (Holly), Margaret's 4 grandchildren, and 1 great grandson; Bill's 3 children, Michael (Linda), Rachael (Michael), and Suzanne (Gibson) from his previous marriage to Peggy Ledbetter, 9 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren; his sister, Margaret Blake Kelly and his brother, Tom Blake (Pauline), 5 nephews, their wives, and their children; cousins, nephews and nieces, including Dwight Viehland (Jiefang), Rich Livingston, and Jane Dunehew; and many friends from his neighborhood, YouFit gym, Big Bend Hospice, and Tallahassee Bible

Church, plus others.

The family expresses their appreciation for the wonderful care Big Bend Hospice provided. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages memorial gifts to Big Bend Hospice or Tallahassee Bible Church.

A funeral service will be held at Bevis Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 12:00 pm. A committal service with military honors will follow at Tallahassee National Cemetery at 2:00 pm.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com))

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32311

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

APR **12**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 385-2193

# Tribute Wall



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Bevis Funeral Home - April 12, 2023 at 04:32 PM



“ Many wonderful Florida visits to Brother -in-laws home as a young Mother of small children and to Bills parents, I will always cherish these times as Bill gave advice and inspiration to his brothers family. Thank you all for your love in Brother Bills family.

Arlene Koob - April 10, 2023 at 05:41 PM



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Bevis Funeral Home - April 09, 2023 at 07:13 PM

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“ Uncle Bill was a true friend to me for over 30years. Great guy. Intelligent, warm, caring, and decent. He had also been a childhood friend of my dad. I remember when my dad left us, Uncle Bill called me the next morning, to let me know that he would be there for me to give advise, love and friendship for as long as the Lord allowed. This he did. I will surely miss him and carry his memory with me.  
Love, Dwight

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**Dwight Viehland** - April 07, 2023 at 12:15 PM

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“ Each week at our church Bill was unfailingly interested in my family and particularly my children's well being. He asked them questions about their studies, their jobs, their interests, how they were doing, every week. He was always quietly encouraging and smiled as he listened. Thinking of these memories gives me a smile and when his health no longer made church attendance possible, he was missed. Sad but very happy for him and his promotion to heaven with his Savior. Love, Curt and family.

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**Curtis Leonard** - April 07, 2023 at 09:59 AM

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“ Such a lovely neighbor.

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**Susan Thompson** - April 06, 2023 at 09:56 PM