



## Bruce "Nance" Blake

June 11, 1947 - February 6, 2021

Bruce "Nance" Blake, 73, of Annapolis, MD died on February 6, 2021 at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Charlotte Hall, MD.

Nance, as he was known as was, born on June 11, 1947 in Mineola, New York to Marcia and the late Ross Blake.

Nance was a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Army, Intelligence and served during the Vietnam era. He was an alum and long-time supporter of Virginia Tech.

Nance is survived by his 99-year-old mother, Marcia J. Blake, brothers; Blair Blake, Duncan Blake, and Leslie Blake, nephew, Chris Blake and niece, Meredith Blake.

Inurnment will be at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

**Arlington National Cemetery**

Arlington, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce "Nance" Blake*

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October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Bruce "Nance" Blake*

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October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Nance was a very good friend of mine. We were roommates our senior year at Virginia tech. we lost touch with each other after graduation but renewed our friendship in Annapolis when we moved to Maryland. We spent a lot of time on the tennis courts. And he whipped my ass most of the time. We watched a lot of tech sports at my house and we loved having Nance over. I will miss him a bunch. He was a great guy*

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**Doug Nelson** - February 16, 2021 at 02:36 PM

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“Nance you were a great guy and great friend. We both love Virginia Tech extremely. Thanks for coming to all the Hokie events with my dad and I. And watching all things Hokie with me. You'll always be a best friend. Could talk sports endlessly with you. Maybe a little too much, but you know who I was and cared for me. I'll remember hearing you as the sportscaster on WNAV in the morning giving your report on the sports events the night before in the early 1980s. Such a great radio voice and it seemed like you loved that job. A terrific tennis player who made me a better person just with conversations and being and learning with him. My love goes to the entire Blake family. Nance was super.



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**Nathan Nelson** - February 16, 2021 at 12:01 PM

JF

“I was so lucky to be able to have Nance as a “brother-in-law” for so many years. He spent many holidays, birthdays and weekends with us over the years. He had a wealth of knowledge about sports and he taught me a lot. We spent many, many hours watching all types of sports - especially when Virginia Tech teams were playing.....those had priority 😊. He was a super guy! He is sorely missed.

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**Janice Fielder** - February 12, 2021 at 06:29 PM

VB

“ This was from your last visit with us to celebrate Duncan’s birthday!  
#NanceBlake ❤️🙏



Victoria Blake - February 12, 2021 at 11:58 AM

VB

“ Nance was my brother in law for 42 years but I loved him like a brother ❤️ Duncan and I will always miss you, the way you would tell a story, your big laugh and your trips to hang out with us!! RIP Nance! We love you 🙏

Victoria Blake - February 12, 2021 at 11:38 AM

GB

“ I was married to Nance for 10 years and we were together for 12 years. He was the most caring and loving person I knew. I have many, many good memories of our time together. He will always have a piece of my heart. He will truly be missed. I love you Nance. Rest in peace.

Gena Blake - February 10, 2021 at 08:02 PM

LB

“ Lara Bowman lit a candle in memory of Bruce "Nance" Blake



Lara Bowman - February 10, 2021 at 11:29 AM

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**Blair Blake** - February 10, 2021 at 09:56 AM

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“ It was a humid summer back in the mid 1960s that I first 'met' my brother Bruce (or Nance). The event occurred at our grandparents' rural property in Spotsylvania, Virginia. When he stepped out of his tiny red Volkswagen, it was like encountering a Marvel Comics superhero - such had been the hype from my father. Shortly after a country dinner, it was time for my younger brother and I to "hit the sack." But this night would be different. Bruce had convinced my mom to let the two of us sleep on bunks in the small white cabin with him. This was a short ways up a sandy road, but far enough from the main house... for a little 'late' night mischief. Once there, Bruce (or Nance) produced from an ice chest 3 bottles of some mysterious brown liquid called Dr. Pepper. After the first gulp of the marvelous icy nectar, our eyes widened in amazement. Bruce (or Nance) then turned us on (it was the 1960s) to his favorite music. Unlike the Texas ambrosia, I wasn't that impressed with the songs, whose lyrics were too similar to my grade school history lessons, But chugging the DP as Colonel Jackson stormed the mighty Missipp, or some brave soul shot Liberty Valance made up for any musical misgivings. Though I've never appreciated his taste in music, it was a truly wondrous night that I will never forget.

*Blair MacKenzie Blake*

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**Blair Blake** - February 10, 2021 at 09:32 AM

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Meredith Blake - February 09, 2021 at 02:55 PM

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“ Meredith Blake sent a virtual gift in memory of Bruce "Nance" Blake



Meredith Blake - February 09, 2021 at 02:52 PM

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Meredith Blake - February 09, 2021 at 02:44 PM

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“ Meredith Blake lit a candle in memory of Bruce "Nance" Blake



Meredith Blake - February 09, 2021 at 02:43 PM

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“ Nance loved animals especially his pet cats, Rachel and Roswell. Nance has requested a small donation be made to the ASPCA in his memory in lieu of flowers. <https://www.aspca.org/>”

Meredith Blake - February 09, 2021 at 02:43 PM

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Meredith Blake - February 09, 2021 at 02:39 PM



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Raymond Funeral Service, PA - February 09, 2021 at 11:23 AM