

## Blake Alan Present

June 1, 1965 - July 30, 2024

Blake Alan Present, 59, passed away on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, surrounded by his son Ethan and his wife of 25 years, Rachel. Blake was born June 1, 1965, in Richmond, Indiana, and grew up in Evansville, Indiana. He graduated from Harrison High School and then went on to graduate from the University of Cincinnati, where he was an active member of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity. After graduating from Cincinnati with a political science degree, Blake served as a first lieutenant in the United States Army as a military intelligence officer at FT. Huachuca in Sierra Vista, Arizona. His military service earned him Top Security Clearance as he worked with Hughes Aeronautics, monitoring drug surveillance between Central America and the United States.

Blake then moved to Houston, Texas, where he met his wife, Rachel, at a Jewish singles Torah study group. He started a 30-year career with the Houston Police Department, working in three departments: gang task force, juvenile sex crime, and narcotics. He honorably retired as a senior police detective.

While in Texas, he continued his education and earned a master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Houston.

His hobbies included avidly working with his son on creative gifts for friends

and family by either using his laser engraver and 3D printer or creating personalized leather gifts. He enjoyed creating household objects using his woodworking tools. Among his many other interests, he was a certified cave scuba diver, an avid Ham Radio operator, and an active member of the Houston Rodeo Committee.

He loved to duck hunt and brought many ducks home from Kroger's, where he claimed that he had shot them. Along with hunting ducks, he also loved to fish and brought home many fish from Kroger's as well.

Blake's life was always full of laughter and joy, being with his wife and son. Everyone who knew Blake knew him as an intelligent and conscientious man and will always have fond memories of him.

He is survived by his wife, Rachel, and son, Ethan; his parents, Phyllis and Andrew Present; his grandmother, Mary Present; his sisters, Hope Patterson (Eric) and Brooke Blackford (John); and nephew, Luke Patterson and nieces Harper, Lolly, and Piper Blackford.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 AM on Friday, August 2, 2024, at Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery, 7445 Awty School Lane, Houston, TX 77055.

A live stream of the funeral will be available to view at the following link: <https://venue.streamspot.com/f8d04b5b>

In honor of Blake, donations can be made to the HPD 100 Club, a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to the families of fallen police officers and firefighters. (<https://the100club.org/survivors-fund/>)

# Cemetery Details

## Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery

7445 Awty School Ln.  
Houston, TX 77055

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

AUG 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery  
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Houston, TX 77055

*The Sophia & Jack Bender Memorial Chapel.*

# Tribute Wall

JZ

“ I rode with Blake when I was a rookie, worked together at Juvenile, and collaborated when he was a "narco." I missed him once he retired and now saddened that he is not a phone call away. Blake was good people and a treat to be around. See you on the other side brother.

Jon Zurek - August 05, 2024 at 08:22 AM

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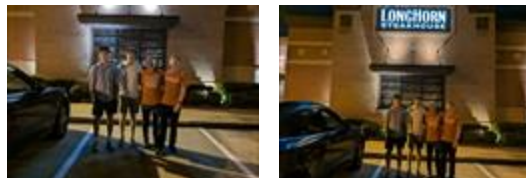
“ Dr and Mrs Mac Langford purchased the Cheese board Gourmet Gift for the family of Blake Alan Present.



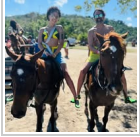
Dr and Mrs Mac Langford - August 02, 2024 at 05:47 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Ann Guillerman - August 02, 2024 at 01:52 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Michael Yifrach** - August 01, 2024 at 08:03 PM



“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



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**Sarah Gibbs** - August 01, 2024 at 05:39 PM

ME

“ We know Blake, Rachel and Ethan since the summer of 2008. Blake liked to tell our common friends the story of how we have met. We just moved to Sugar Land at that time and I went to the Academy store with my son to buy him a pair of new sneakers. Suddenly, I heard a little boy's voice calling "Abba" (which means Daddy in Hebrew), this was 4 years old Ethan calling for his Dad, Blake. I asked Blake - Do you speak Hebrew? He responded - No, but my wife does, she is from Israel. We exchanged phone numbers and a few days later were invited to visit. We have been friends since then.

Blake was among the nicest people I knew and we will miss him dearly. Our deepest condolences go to Rachel, Ethan and family. May Blake's memory be a blessing.

*Marianne and Alick Einav*

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**Marianne Einav** - August 01, 2024 at 05:04 PM

RE

“ I met Blake back in 1992 while working in patrol at Westside. He always had a smile on his face and a great sense of humor. We became friends and stayed in touch our entire career. I was shocked to hear he passed. I will miss him dearly as will many others. God Bless you Blake, your wife Rachel and your son Ethan. You and your family are in my prayers.

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**Rob Elliott** - August 01, 2024 at 08:19 AM

JV

“ I met Blake in his earliest years on HPD. We worked together at Central and then Narcotics later. Blake was good friend whose company I always enjoyed. He had a great sense of humor and was very intelligent, insightful and loyal. I had spoken to him often lately about current affairs. He was very proud of his son and was living a good and deserved retired life. My deep condolences to Rachel, Ethan, his very nice and supportive Mother and Father and sisters.

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**Johnie Vollert** - July 31, 2024 at 04:53 PM

DP

“ Blake always had a smile on his face and a warm greeting every time we saw each other. All of Class 145 will truly miss you!!

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**David Polk** - July 31, 2024 at 03:15 PM

EV

“ Blake was an amazing friend and person. He will be missed everyday.

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**EVA VAUTERS** - July 31, 2024 at 02:46 PM