



## Richard C. Blakely

May 8, 1933 - March 25, 2012

Richard C. Blakely, age 81 of Holland, passed away peacefully on March 25, 2012.

He was born to Charles and Orpha (Waldeck) Blakely on May 8, 1930. He was a graduate of Central Catholic High School and then went on to serve his country proudly in the U.S. Air Force. Dick married Janien Shelt on May 10, 1952 and together they raised 5 sons. He spent his career working for the National Life Insurance Company. In 1978 he founded with his wife the Blakely Care Center in North Baltimore, OH, retiring in 1985. He enjoyed hunting, golfing, fishing, spending winters in Florida, and was an avid Notre Dame Football fan.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, infant son, David and son, John. He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 60 years, Janien; sons, Mike (Cheryl), Tom (Jessica), Doug (Cheryl) and Bill Blakely; sister Colleen (John) Ball; 12 grandchildren; 1 great-granddaughter, as well as, numerous nieces and nephews.

Family and friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. where a Scripture Service will be recited at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Thursday beginning at 9:15 a.m., in the mortuary, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Patrick Historic Church at 10 a.m. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery.

Memorials may take the form of contributions to St. John's Jesuit High School or to the Guillain-Barre' Foundation at [www.gbs-cidp.org](http://www.gbs-cidp.org)



# Tribute Wall



“ My heartfelt condolences are with you at this time. And my prayers to your family.##imported-begin##Carole Combs cacombs@roadrunner.com##imported-end##

March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Blakely Family:  
So very sorry to hear of your loss. Dick was a wonderful man and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.##imported-begin##Earl & Missy Wiseman fourwise1s@embarqmail.com##imported-end##

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“ im sorry for your loss as a former employee i know your family is close##imported-begin##tammy(hoyer)smith tammy196915@yahoo.com##imported-end##

March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ May you all find peace within your hearts at this time. Dick was a very wonderful person with a kind word for all. I well greatly miss him.##imported-begin##Pam Wright FredandPam2@yahoo.com##imported-end##

March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Blakely family  
I'm sending you my deepest sympathy and condolences for your loss. May Grandpa Blakely rest in peace.

Love Ceci from Greenland (lives in Denmark)##imported-begin##Ceci maxceci@hotmail.com##imported-end##

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March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill,

I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jason##imported-begin##Jason Bartschy##imported-end##

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March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My Deepest Sympathy to the Blakely Family. I am sorry for your loss. Mr. B. was an amazing man who always had a smile for everyone. I know he will be greatly missed by many.

With Hearfelt Sympathy,  
Kim##imported-begin##Kim VanDenEynde##imported-end##

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March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ God Bless the family at this time. Richard was a wonderful man and I always enjoyed talking to him.##imported-begin##Dan Horner stoo gepreacher@yahoo.com##imported-end##

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“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss.##imported-begin##Todd Freeman tfree25002@yahoo.com##imported-end##*

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March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Janien and family,*

*We send our thoughts to you and all. We just heard of Dick's passing and wanted to let you know. The years do creep up, seems like only yesterday we saw you both.*

*Again, we send our sympathy to all of you.##imported-begin##Fred and Marilee Hockenberger##imported-end##*

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