



*July 22, 2008*

RICHARD T. BLAKE, 68, of POINT PLEASANT, passed away peacefully Monday, July 21, at his home. Born in Orange to the late Edward J. and Florence Britton Blake, he had lived in West Orange, residing in Point Pleasant since 1966. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, and earned his Master's from Seton Hall University, South Orange. In 1966, Mr. Blake began his career in education by teaching and retired as principal of the Point Pleasant Borough High School in 1999. During this time, he was involved with swimming pool construction and other construction. He was most recently a member of both the Point Pleasant Borough Board of Education and the Recreation Commission. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and a communicant of the Church of St. Martha.

He was predeceased by his brother, Robert E. Blake. Surviving to cherish his memory are his wife of 46 years, Mary Lou Fennelly Blake; his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Mike Byington; his son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Candy Blake, all of Point Pleasant; five grandchildren, Brian, Abby, Shea, Casey, and Megan; and many colleagues and dear friends.

Friends may visit with the family from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Pable-Evertz Funeral Home, 901 Beaver Dam Road, Point Pleasant. On Thursday at 9:30 a.m., a Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the Church of St. Martha, Herbertsville Road, Point Pleasant. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. As an expression of sympathy, contributions made in his memory to either the Richard T. Blake Scholarship, c/o Point Pleasant Borough High School, or the Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency Foundation ([www.alphaone.org](http://www.alphaone.org)) would be appreciated. (Envelopes will be provided at the funeral home.)