



## Mary Jane Blakley

May 10, 1928 - July 24, 2023

Mary Jane Barrow Blakley

Mary Jane Barrow Blakley went home to the Lord on Monday, July 24, 2023. Mary was born and spent most of her youth and young adult life in Hico, Texas. James Milton Blakley and Mary Jane were married in 1947. After the war, Jim and Mary moved to Austin TX where Jim resumed his education. Mary began her career in 1958 as the Hockley County Librarian in Levelland, TX. In 1962, after completing college and receiving her teaching certification, she taught in the Rhineland, Munday, Van Vleck, and Plano school districts before retiring in 1983. After retirement and returning to her hometown of Hico, she and Jim were busy with the Lodge and Eastern Star; she was active in the Daughters of American Revolution (DAR), and she enjoyed traveling to various counties, states, and even countries to research her and Jim's ancestry. Mary was christened in May 1928 at the Hico United Methodist Church where she was a life long member. She was very active in the church and diligently worked to get a 100-year marker for the church as well as getting it designated a historical site.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Grady and Lucy Barrow; an infant brother, Grady Martel Barrow, Jr.; and her husband, James M. Blakley. Also preceding her in death were one son-in-law, Frank Henderson; one daughter-in-law, Connie Cummings Blakley; and one great-grandson, Alexander

Blakley. She is survived by five children and spouses: Jimmy Blakley; Nancy Henderson; Grady and Tricia Blakley; Mark and Cindy Blakley; and David and Kendra Blakley. Also surviving Mary are grandchildren Katherine Michelle Arceneaux and husband Brian; Rebecca Bonaventura and husband Rick; Scott Henderson and wife Dee; Michael Blakley; Lori Stinebaugh and husband Jimmy; Tiffany Benedix and husband Brian; Sara Cosser and husband Ryan; Jesse Blakley and wife Marissa; John David Blakley and wife Stephanie; Joshua Blakley and wife Ashlee; Caleb Blakley and wife Michelle; Jacob Blakley and wife Elizabeth; and Benjamin Blakley and wife Morgan. Mary also has thirty-five great and six great-great grandchildren (and counting) who all love and adore her.

Mary's legacy will live on through the many lives she has touched over the years. During her ninety five years on this earth, Mary has been blessed and loved. She will be dearly missed.

Visitation will be at the Harvest Hills Funeral Home in Hico on Friday, July 28 from 6-8 pm. Services will be at the Hico United Methodist Church, Hico TX at 10:00 am on Saturday July 29th• Graveside will follow at the Hico Cemetery. Following graveside a Life Celebration will be held in the Family Life Center of the First United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers please make donations in memory of Mary Jane Blakley to the First United Methodist Church of Hico TX.

# Cemetery Details

## Hico Cemetery

Hico, TX 76457

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Harvest Hills Funeral Home  
118 Second Street  
Hico, TX 76457  
(254) 796-4722  
info@harvesthillsfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.harvesthillsfuneralhome.com/>

## Church Service

JUL 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
Hico, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Jane Blakley.

July 28, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Blakley.



July 28, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Blakley.



July 27, 2023 at 02:41 PM



“ Wayne & Lissa Harrison purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Jane Blakley.



**Wayne & Lissa Harrison** - July 27, 2023 at 01:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Jane Blakley.

July 27, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Blakley.



July 27, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ Mrs. Blakley was my chemistry teacher and there hardly a day go by in class that I didn't get in trouble for some shenanigan! (But I did have a little help - Grady + others!) She was kind about it and forgiving but never forgot to be one step ahead of us so, we had to always scheme to come up with something different and, that was when she would catch us! I loved her as a teacher and an example of God's grace! To the entire Blakley family (and there are many), may her leading example bless each of you! May you be granted peace and comfort because Mrs. Blakley will be sorely missed, and she was a one-of-a-kind! She was always dressed appropriately and was the image of any woman you would want to emulate. She always looked so beautiful! Peace and grace unto you all from God our Father and me... Martha Ann Pearson Pattinson

Martha Ann Pearson "Marti" Pattinson - July 27, 2023 at 01:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Jane Blakley.

July 26, 2023 at 06:26 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Blakley.*

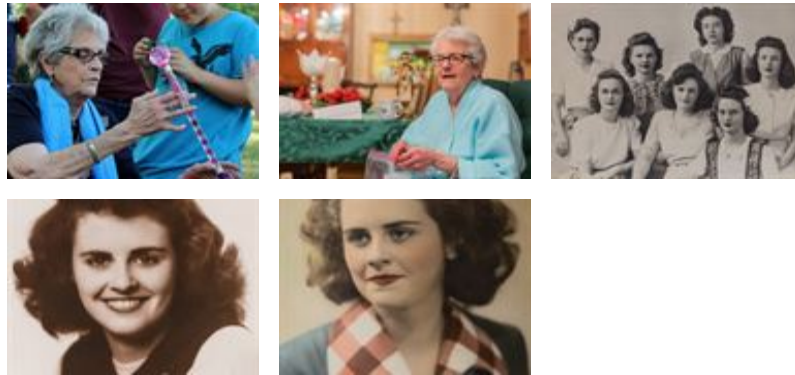


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July 26, 2023 at 06:26 PM



“ *38 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Harvest Hills Funeral Home** - July 26, 2023 at 04:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Blakley.*



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July 26, 2023 at 12:32 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Blakley.*



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July 26, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Jane Blakley.

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July 25, 2023 at 05:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Blakley.*



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July 25, 2023 at 05:09 PM



“ *Rick & Becky Bonaventura and the kiddos purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mary Jane Blakley.*



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**Rick & Becky Bonaventura and the kiddos** - July 25, 2023 at 04:25 PM