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**MICHAEL ALAN BLAKE****MICHAEL ALAN BLAKE**

Of Silver Spring, MD, passed away at the age of 68 in a Washington, DC hospital on July 20, 2014 due to liver failure complications. Michael Blake was born on April 26, 1946 in Birmingham, AL to Robert Edward Blake and Santa Wasson Blake. Michael was the older brother to Christopher Blake. He graduated the University of Alabama in 1969 and married Dennis Ann (née. Mosley) on September 6, 1969. After a short tenure in the US Navy caused him to relocate to the Washington, DC area, Michael was a successful businessman in the advertising/direct mail industry, later moving towards freelance graphic design projects. He enjoyed bluegrass music, playing guitar, woodworking, leather-working, skiing and cooking. Michael is survived by his sister-in-law, Judith Nitsche, and niece, nephew and niece-in-law, Rebecca Elizabeth, Ethan Christopher, and Heather Elizabeth. Michael is predeceased by his mother and father, Santa and Robert, brother Christopher, and wife Dennis Ann.

There will be a memorial service held at Philip D. Rinaldi Funeral Home, 9241 Columbia Blvd. Silver Spring, MD 20910 on August 10, 2014 at 12 p.m.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family requests that donations be made to the American Liver Foundation in his honor. More information can be found at: [liverfoundation.org](http://liverfoundation.org).

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