



(Gregory) Blaine Vos

July 17, 1956 - November 4, 2021

(Gregory) Blaine Vos began his life as the third child of Gene and Helen Vos in Iowa City, Iowa, July 17, 1956. After a short fight with COVID-19, he was transported to his heavenly home on November 4, 2021, and is now healed and whole. Blaine grew up in Marshalltown, Iowa, with three sisters Vivian, Valerie and Jylene. He excelled in wrestling at Marshalltown High School and also played trumpet in the band graduating in 1974. He attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. In his third decade of life, Blaine had a life-changing conversion with Jesus Christ. From then he was devoted to serving others--he went to Jamaica where he worked in a soup kitchen and as a church youth director. While in Jamaica he met Joan Cunningham whom he married in 1998. Blaine taught in the Caribbean Christ for the Nations Bible College in Jamaica. Blaine taught for a month in Barbados Christian Bible College. Blaine and Joan moved to the States in 2001 living briefly in Colorado then moving to Oskaloosa to help care for his grandmother Martha Rodgers. After her death, they moved to the house on 40 acres that Blaine had helped his parents build in rural Oskaloosa. He enjoyed animals and as a young man had two draft horses while in more recent years focused on working dogs-- the Catahoula and the Great Pyrenees. Blaine had a spirit of independence and was known for his congeniality to the point of playfulness especially with children and young people as his many nieces, nephews and young cousins can attest. Blaine was a graduate of Ozark Christian College and pastored at the Oskaloosa Church of Christ and at the Christian Union Chapel. Blaine ministered with Prison Fellowship in the Newton Correctional Facility and helped many men re-assimilate. He served six years as director of New Hope Community LLC in Oskaloosa and also was a director of Mahaska Habitat for Humanity. For 10 years he and Joan managed the local Culture Club encouraging fellowship of several nationalities in the area.

Blaine is survived by his wife, Joan; son, DeVante; daughter, Shenelle; mother, Helen; sisters, Vivian (Greg Picchione) Vos, Valerie (Tracy) Spaur, Jy (Dan) Bowman; one uncle and aunt; 14 cousins, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gene.

A memorial service will be held in June of 2022 in Oskaloosa. Memorial gifts would be welcomed as donations payable to New Hope Community LLC c/o Joan Vos PO Box 124 University Park IA 52595. If so noted, donations will be used for Blaine and Joan's continued passion for Jamaican Missions. (NHC is a 501c3 organization.)

Comments



“ Dear Valerie, Helen and the rest of the family, I am so sorry to hear of Blaine's loss. I, of course, remember Blaine as a little boy and it is hard to realize that that little boy has completed his life. It sounds, though, that his life was a good, full life and we can be thankful for that. -Kathryn Dau-Schmidt

Kathryn Dau-Schmidt - December 11, 2021 at 05:12 PM



“ Blaine was a classmate from grade school on. I always enjoyed reconnecting with him at reunions. He lives on through his family and all those he touched. I mourn your loss. Tom Press

Thomas E Press - November 13, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ My name is Christophe Baptiste from Haiti, I have met Mr. Blaine Vos at Caribbean Christ For the Nations (CCFNI) In Montego Bay Jamaica back in 1999. CCFNI used to be a Bible College. Mr. Vos was a Professor there, and everyone loved him. He was a very nice guy, great man of God. He had tremendously impacted many lives especially mine. He used to pay my School fee (Yeah PAY MY SCHOOL FEE) He was a Mentor and more than a Father to me.

I remember when I was on my last Semester, he moved back to the U.S with his wife Ms. Joan, He said "Christophe I will always be in your life no matter what," and so, when he got back to the U.S, he didn't have any money to pay my school fee, he called me and he said don't worry just "KEEP PRAYING" and God will make it happen. Someday days before Registration, He e-mailed me and said yes God has done it again. He said that his Pastor sent him a check especially for my school fee, and I was able to graduate

Mr. Vos loved God, with all his heart , he loved people around him, m it does not matter where you came fromn and He loved to teach about God. He was very patient with me. When I just came from Haiti, he met me at CCFNI in Jamaica, since then we became great friends. He and his wife used to take me around with them.

When I got the news yesterday morning around after 4:00 am, I ffelt really sad. His death is the last thing that could come in my mind. He was a people person. He taught me a lot of things while in Jamaica. But if God calls Him what can we say? or what can we do? I believe he's free now from any pain, sickness, and he is with HIS LORD JESUS. I think yes it is the time for him to meet his Lord. MR. Blaine RIP!!!!!!!

Christophe Baptiste
Stamford Connecticut

Christophe Baptiste - November 10, 2021 at 01:49 AM



“ So sorry to hear this sad news- a kind person who watched out for the “least of these”- the people so easy to overlook, but who need help the most. I especially admired how Blaine and Joan had/have such a strong conviction to help those struggling with mental illness —God bless you Joan and kids and may He help you continue to be the strong people you are during this tough time. Call if you need assistance- we are just down the road! 641-295-0890 Joan and Terry Boer

Joan Boer - November 09, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for you and your family. Robb and Joyce Bruns

Joyce Bruns - November 09, 2021 at 01:07 PM



“ So sorry---he was a very good man.

Mary

Mary R. Stout - November 09, 2021 at 12:44 PM



“ I express my condolences to Vos family, he was amazing person.

Filomena - November 08, 2021 at 08:19 PM



“ Sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. Nancy

Nancy Rose - November 08, 2021 at 07:55 PM



“ Blane, you are now walking barefoot on the streets of gold. Love to all the family.
Kathy

Kathy Larsen - November 08, 2021 at 04:31 PM



“ This man helped people that no one else would help. The rejects and throw aways of this town. Sooo sad. He is free now though

Amanda - November 08, 2021 at 04:19 PM