



## Alta Pauline Blake

May 12, 1928 - November 5, 2015

Alta Pauline Blake of Salem, Missouri passed away peacefully, Thursday, November 5, 2015. Alta was born in Shannon County on May 12, 1928 on the farm to the late Wilson and Margaret (Koogler) Craft.

Miss Alta Pauline Craft was united in marriage to Mr. Junior Blake on December 6, 1952 this union was also joined by Alta's daughter Janet. Alta spent most of her life in Shannon County where she was known as "Aunt Alta"; she was a member of the Native Workshop and of the Timber Fairview Church; she enjoyed living on the farm and growing big beautiful gardens of vegetables that she always looked forward to harvesting and sharing with family, friends, and neighbors; she canned what she could to feed her family over the long winter months ahead; she also loved to make quilts and made sure everyone in the family would have a beautiful quilt that she had made especially for them. After Alta moved to "to town" (Salem) she found other hobbies and interests she would come to enjoy. She attended the Grace Assembly of God Church, took up embroidery, enjoyed word games, and puzzles; by this time she was blessed with great-grandchildren, and she loved every second that she was able to spend with them doing puzzles, and games; she was devoted to her family and she will greatly missed by all that knew and loved her.

Alta Pauline Blake is survived by her daughter Janet Thompson and son-in-law David, of Salem, Missouri; grand-daughters Shannon Sites and husband Chris and their children Kaylynn, Davy, and Abbey Jo, of Salem, and Shonda

Whitaker and husband Drew and their children Mackenzie and Bayleigh, of Salem, Missouri; sister Lorene Warren from Grubville, MO. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her beloved husband Junior in 2009; brothers Tony, Winford, Amos and two infant twin brothers; sisters Waynetta, and Ivy.

Funeral services for Alta Pauline Blake will be Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the Salem Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Pastor Trent Morgan officiating. Interment will be in the Empire Cemetery in Gladden, Missouri with Drew Whitaker, Chris Sites, Dwight Mikels, Emmett Williams, Gerald Warren, and Dan Cooley serving as pallbearers. Davy Sites, David Warren, and Dan Cooley will serve as honorary pallbearers. A visitation for family and friends will be held at the Chapel prior to the service at 12:00PM until service time.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
103 West Center  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Alta Pauline Blake*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Alta Pauline Blake*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Alta was a fantastic Lady. Coming to Shannondale each year, I would stop to see Junior and Alta first. The visit with them was a joyful part of the week to come. Learning cabin dolls with Alta and how to cane a chair with Junior will always be wonderful memories for me. My condolences to her family and I wish them only warm memories of Alta. She will be missed by many and we all know she made a difference in so many lives.*

**Bonnie Black** - November 12, 2015 at 04:32 PM



“ *RIP Great Alta, you will be greatly missed. Please give uncle Junior a big hug from me!*

*Love,  
JonAnn & Randy king*

**JonAnn King** - November 06, 2015 at 04:46 PM

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“ *JonAnn King sent a virtual gift in memory of Alta Pauline Blake*



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**JonAnn King** - November 06, 2015 at 04:44 PM

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“ *JonAnn King lit a candle in memory of Alta Pauline Blake*



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**JonAnn King** - November 06, 2015 at 04:42 PM