



## Marilyn Mae Blake

June 15, 1935 - August 26, 2012

Marilyn Mae Blake, age 77, of Lehigh Acres, Florida passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 26, 2012. She was born in Brooklyn, New York on June 15, 1935, the beautiful daughter of Adele (Blaise) and Clarence Reid, Sr. Marilyn spent her working career in the music industry and was a successful promoter for several popular entertainers. Her longevity and skill in her profession earned Marilyn a place in the Who's Who Book of Influential and Prominent Persons. While living in New York, Marilyn was also employed for 20 years in the company that provided the "Book of the Month Club" that was a part of the American culture for many years. She moved to Florida in 1976 after being offered a position with First Federal Savings Bank in downtown Fort Myers and continued employment with the bank for 15 years. Marilyn was also a passionate advocate for matters regarding women and those issues of special concern for people of heritage from the West Indies. Once in Lehigh Acres, Marilyn founded the American & West Indian Women's Association, a non-profit organization. She leaves to cherish her loving memory her step-children Diane Blake, Richard Blake and Ray Blake; grandchildren Natasha Blake, Ray Blake Jr., Richard Blake Jr., Channel Blake, Ophelia Locke, Grafton Redwood and Leslie Allen; great-grandchildren Adrian Stone Jr., Arian Stone, Akyrah Stone; nephew Herman Reid; a multitude of extended family and a great number of people who were fortunate enough to call her a friend. A Celebration of Life in Marilyn's memory will be conducted on Thursday, September 6, 2012 from 2-4:00 PM in the chapel at Anderson-

Patterson Cremation and Funeral Services, 2701 Lee Boulevard, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971, (239) 368-7080. Those who wish to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time are urged to visit Marilyn's memorial webpage at [www.andersonpatterson.com](http://www.andersonpatterson.com) and sign the guestbook.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marilyn Mae Blake*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Marilyn Mae Blake*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Grandma, I miss you so much. I know that you are always here with me. Times may get hard but you have always taught me to stay strong. The kids miss you love you.*

**Tasha** - September 19, 2012 at 01:11 PM



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**Herman M Reid Jr** - September 16, 2012 at 02:01 PM

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**Herman M Reid Jr** - September 16, 2012 at 02:01 PM