



## Blake Anthony Zapletal Sr.

August 2, 1960 - March 14, 2023

Blake Anthony Zapletal Sr., 62, passed away on March 14, 2023, in Carthage, MO. Born on August 2, 1960, in Ennis, TX, to Henry Zapletal and Betty Jane Zmolik Zapletal. Blake was a devoted Catholic and an active member of St Ann's Catholic Church. He was a Sixth Grade teacher at St. Ann's Catholic School and a former instructor in the Carthage R-9 AEL Program. Blake was a member of St. Ann's Knights of Columbus #9190 and a member of the Diocese of Springfield Cape Girardeau School Board. He was an avid reader and loved dogs.

Blake is survived by his three sons, Blake Jr., Thomas, and James Zapletal, all of Joplin, MO; his mother, Betty Jane Zapletal of Carthage; two brothers, Clay Zapletal (Cindy) of Manhattan, KS, and John Zapletal (Linda) of Oklahoma City, OK; and one sister, Bonnie Schaeffer (Michael) of Carthage. He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Zapletal, and his nephew and godson, Michael Zapletal.

Funeral Mass will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Carthage, with the Holy Rosary beginning at 1:30 p.m. Burial will follow at Park Cemetery, Carthage.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Ann's Catholic Church and School, in care of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Online condolences can be shared at [www.ulmerfh.com](http://www.ulmerfh.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Ulmer Funeral Home.



# Cemetery Details

## Park Cemetery

801 South Baker  
Carthage, MO

# Previous Events

## Holy Rosary

MAR 18. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
Carthage, MO

## Funeral Mass

MAR 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
Carthage, MO

# Tribute Wall

RG

“ Wow. So Sorry to hear about Blake. We had our own little groupie back in the day. Wish we all could have gotten together one more time. Blake was a Sweetheart inside and out. Our Birthdays are one day apart. The best part of St. Anns was our tiny class. Louie. Blake. Kevin. Greg. John. Steven. Lewis. Missy. Julie. Nancy. RI seems like I'm missing someone. We shared so many years together a secrets in the House. The tunnels. the pet. The overnite. The Plays and A and all our just fun memories I love to remember. We seem more like friends instead of classmates. But so glad we all were. Cause Even today I still ❤️ each one of them!! RIP BLAKE.



Rhonda Kresyman Garner - March 23, 2023 at 11:59 PM

RC

“ Our deepest condolences to the Zapetal family. Blake was a man who you never saw without a smile.  
Michael and Roberta Crihfield

Roberta Crihfield - March 18, 2023 at 02:19 AM



“ Lord's Prayer 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Blake Anthony Zapletal Sr..



March 17, 2023 at 07:45 PM

PC

“ McCauley classmate of 1978.  
I haven't seen Blake since our reunion, but I remember him well.  
Always kind and what a great smile. Eternal rest grant unto him O  
Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. Rest in peace, Blake.  
Peggy Minihan Canoy

Peggy Minihan Canoy - March 17, 2023 at 07:26 PM

PC

“ Peggy Minihan Canoy lit a candle in memory  
of Blake Anthony Zapletal Sr.



Peggy Minihan Canoy - March 17, 2023 at 07:21 PM

WH

“ My condolences to all the family. I will offer Mass for Blake and keep  
all of you in prayer.  
Fr. Bill

William Hodgson - March 17, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful So  
ul..." was purchased for the family of Blake  
Anthony Zapletal Sr..



March 17, 2023 at 10:40 AM

VV

“ Sending my love and prayers to the entire Zapletal family. I will always treasure our childhood memories at Grandma’s. Blake was so fun to be around with his friendly personality always making us laugh. I love y’all so much. Vickie & Michael Valek

Vickie Valek - March 17, 2023 at 10:33 AM

SD

“ God Bless, Blessed memories of Blake and family- friends and love to all!

Sandy Higgins and Daughters! - March 17, 2023 at 09:32 AM

CR

“ I am so sorry. Carla Grobelny Randall



Carla Randall - March 17, 2023 at 09:03 AM

CP

“ Blake and I became fast friends over 40-years ago while attending Missouri Southern State College. Although our chosen careers took us long distances and many directions, we managed to stay in touch and up-to-date. Blake was a very good man who worked hard, held close to his faith, and loved his family. News of his passing has saddened me deeply. My sincere condolences to his family for their terrible loss. RIP, my old friend. Have a blast now that you are back with Hank. It was an honor to be your friend. You will be missed by so many.

Curt Penkand - March 16, 2023 at 11:55 PM

BH

“ *Eternal rest grant unto Blake, 'O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

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**Bill Halvorsen** - March 16, 2023 at 09:39 PM

LC

“ *McCauley classmates of 1978.  
I haven't seen Blake in years, but I remember him clearly. He was kind to everyone, and he seemed to always be wearing a smile. I can imagine that he was a good teacher, and that he was well loved by his students. Rest in peace, Blake.  
Liz Cusack*

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**Liz Cusack** - March 16, 2023 at 09:11 PM

SH

“ *Remembering Blake and my daughters growing up together, going to St. Anns Church, Praying, Playing, love, always happy Memories with Blake and all the Zapletal family!!*



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**Sandy Higgins** - March 16, 2023 at 08:55 PM

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“ *Blake was in my class at St. Ann's. Although we lost touch, I have such fond memories of him being a kind soul. So sorry to learn of his passing.*

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**Julie Catlett (Murawski)** - March 16, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathies to the family. Mr. Zapletal was a very kind teacher to our son during his education at St. Ann’s. Robert, Lauri and Alek Tripp*

Robert Tripp - March 16, 2023 at 03:35 PM

KH

“ *McAuley classmate of 1978. Blake was Mr. Baseball in our class. He was the most humble person I have ever known. He was a great student, I think he came the closest to getting a perfect test score on Mr. Monsour's tests! RIP Mr. Baseball!*

Ken Hemen - March 16, 2023 at 10:52 AM

SH

“ *My sincere condolences to the Zapletal family. I had the good fortune to become acquainted with Blake when he was quite young. What a nice and enjoyable young man. Godspeed Blake on the next portion of your incredible journey. God Bless.*

Sidney Hiatt - March 16, 2023 at 07:35 AM

HH

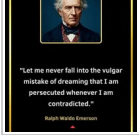
“ *I met Blake in August 2022 when I first started working at St. Ann’s School. He was kind, humorous, brave, humble, never complained, and very passionate about his faith and about his students’ education. This earth lost a good one. Heaven’s gain.*

Heidy Hathcock - March 16, 2023 at 04:27 AM

KM

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the family. Kathy and Bob*

kathy and bob merritt - March 15, 2023 at 08:17 PM



“ *Blake had such a sweet spirit and sweet soul. I don't think I've ever met a nicer, kinder man....unless it was Henry. You are missed.*

Sandy Murphy - March 15, 2023 at 06:47 PM



“ *Sandy Murphy lit a candle in memory of Blake Zapletal*



Sandy Murphy - March 15, 2023 at 06:45 PM