

GREGORY JOSEPH BLAKE

November 2, 1968 – June 5, 2006

You were loved by so many who knew you from so many facets of your short life. You were fantastic!!

Gregory Joseph Blake, 37, (snooze), died peacefully on June 5, at Children's Hospital in Boston. Gregory was born in Hartford on Nov. 2, 1968 and grew up in Glastonbury. He attended Kingswood-Oxford School, and graduated from the Northfield Mount Hermon School in 1986. After attending Carnegie-Mellon University, he moved to San Diego where he worked as a systems administrator for UCSD, National University, and Lockheed.

Missing the East coast, he moved to Cambridge, MA, where he worked for Healthgate Corp.

Gregory dealt with his illness, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, with great strength and courage. A lung transplant on April 14, 2005, enabled Greg to enjoy life on a more comfortable level. He had the exceptional ability to combine his easy-going nature with his love of computers, music, food, and family and friends. He will be remembered as an active citizen of the on-line community. A visit to his website, www.ezoons.com gives the world an opportunity to know him.

He leaves his parents, Dale and Eleanor Blake, of Hartford, his sister, Rebecca Blake, and her son, Cameron Blake Casso, of New Orleans, LA; his uncle, James Wehrly, Sunset Beach, CA; and a cousin, Megan Wehrly of Seattle, WA. Gregory also leaves many beloved friends; he touched and was blessed by them in return.

Donations may be made to a charity of choice. The Blakes also encourage everyone to give the gift of life through organ donation.



A Gathering in Memory of

GREGORY JOSEPH BLAKE

June 10, 2006

The Hartford Seminary

INVOCATION

Carl Dudley
Professor Hartford Seminary

SIMPLE GIFTS

Cyndi Fitton
Family Friend & Pianist

led by Betty Blume
Hospitality Home Host & Friend

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down to where we ought to be;
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed;
To turn turn will be be our delight,
'Till by turning, turning, we come out right.

'Tis the gift to be gentle, 'tis the gift to be fair,
'Tis the gift to wake and breathe the morning air;
And every day to walk in the path we choose,
'Tis the gift that we pray we may ne'er come to lose.

'Tis the gift to be loving, 'tis the best gift of all,
Like a quite rain, it blesses where it falls;
And if we have the gift we will truly believe
'Tis better to give than it is to receive.

REMEMBERING GREGORY

Bebe Dudley
Greg's fourth grade teacher

GREGORY'S LIFE ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Emily Sparkle
keeper of Greg's blog

Dr. Paul Meyerson
Snooze's close online friend

& Assorted Comments posted to Life - Listed Chronologically

A LETTER FROM THE BLAKES

BENEDICTION

Carl Dudley

OH JERUSALEM

written by William Blake

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine shine forth upon our clouded hills?
As was Jerusalem builded here Among those dark Satanic mills?

Bring me by bow of burning gold! Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight; Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Till we have built Jerusalem in every green and pleasant land

STATEMENT ABOUT ORGAN DONATION

Almost 6,000 people died waiting for organ transplants in 2005. We are blessed to have been given extra time with Greg. We encourage everyone to become organ donors so that more families to have these types of opportunities.