



Aaron Paul Blank

June 2, 1942 - October 3, 2008

AARON PAUL BLANK GREENVILLE, SC

Aaron Paul Blank, 67, of Greenville, S.C., passed away Friday, October 3, 2008.

Born in New York, NY, he was the son of the late Alexander H. and Sydherist “Bonnie” Blank. Mr. Blank was the Owner and President of Bella Embroidery as well as a very active member and former President of Green Valley Country Club. Of generous spirit and compassion, he contributed regularly to organizations including Pendleton Place Children’s Shelter, Myers Center for Special Children, Jewish causes, and more.

Mr. Blank’s many and varied interests included opera, dance, golf, astronomy and political debates. He had a tremendous appreciation for the arts, encouraging and supporting budding artists in New York City. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Surviving are his wife and best friend of 41 years, Jean Floyd Blank; daughter, Geneva Montine Blank of Atlanta, GA; sister, Judy Tallmadge and her husband Tom of Wauwatosa, WI; uncle, Robert H. Blank of Albany, NY; brother and sister-in-law, Dick and Faye Wogon of Rock Hill, SC and several beloved nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, he was predeceased by a brother-in-law, John W. Floyd, Jr.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon at The Howze Mortuary Chapel in Travelers Rest.

The family will receive friends at Green Valley Country Club following the memorial service.

Memorials may be made to Pendleton Place Children's Shelter, P.O. Box 10323, Greenville, SC 29601.

Previous Events

Service

OCT 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Tribute Wall



“ I apologize for the late entry. Aaron was an amazing person who supported all of us "piano bar folk" in everything we did. But, he also was a great "buddy" and an extremely funny individual who i enjoyed spending time with on "the other side of the bar". He never failed to make me laugh or enthrall me with a story. He is greatly missed.##imported-begin##AJ Irvin##imported-end##

December 02, 2008 at 05:03 AM



“ Dear Montine, Jean and family,

I am so sorry to hear this news. My thoughts and heart go out to you. Please know Torrey and I are sending you light and energy during this difficult time. I love you Montine! If there is anything at all I can do, please call if you would like to talk or need anything at all. Love and light to you, Renee and Torrey (469-619-0877)##imported-begin##Renee Cassard and Torrey Moss##imported-end##

October 10, 2008 at 04:54 PM



“ Wow, what a special person. I knew him from playing golf, eating breakfast at the Ham House with Bill Weeks and from our business relationship. He was a positive example for all of us and we will have very fond memories of him forever. Please remember him for what he was-a great human being.##imported-begin##Joe Sullivan##imported-end##

October 09, 2008 at 08:53 AM



“ Dear Montine,

I learned of your Dad's accident today. I picture your Dad, arm around your mom, smiling- ear to ear. I love you and am here for anything for you when you return to Atlanta. I am so sorry for your loss Montine and Jean. I am praying for you and thinking of you. Please let me know how I can help.

Love

Judith##imported-begin##Judith Vanderver##imported-end##

October 09, 2008 at 06:56 AM



“ I must write again. Aaron was an excellent friend, and I still can't believe he's gone.

Whenever something monumental happened in my life, the first call I made was to my only living parent (my father), and then I called Aaron.

But our relationship was more than mentor/student or substitute family. He was a great friend. He was proud of me, and I was proud of him and the way he lead his entire life.

I am not surprised by the reaction by the piano-bar community of the news of Aaron's passing. Everyone loved him.

On the behalf of Don't Tell Mama, I must list the names of the people here who were devastated by the news. He meant so much to all of us, and he changed each and every one of our lives.

Colette Hawley, Anne Steele, Shawn Steiner, Ruth-Anne Bender, Jenifer Kruskamp, Jessica Kruskamp, Tammy Quinn, AJ Irvin, Pat West, Paul Taylor, Heidi Weymueller, Traci Reynolds, Sarah Mucho, Kelly Howe, Kim Lee Hicks, Terri White, Sean Bernardi, Mark Bailey, Stepahnie Harwood, Natalie Blalock, Minh Pham, Henry Pham, Barabara Helms, Erin Malloy, Elaine Brier, Jennifer Pace, Eric Pickering, Kenny Davidsen, Bobby Peaco, Michael Edelstein, Liz Lark Brown.

He was a friend to each and every one of these individuals. Aaron's influence will never be forgotten. His friendship has changed us all for the better.

We love you, Aaron.##imported-begin##George Sanders##imported-end##

October 09, 2008 at 01:27 AM



“ Aaron was a true inspiration and will be missed.##imported-begin##Albert Y Hyndshaw##imported-end##

October 08, 2008 at 03:07 PM



“ I am so very sorry for the loss of your family and the loss to the community. I've known Aaron for over 12 years as both his insurance agent for Orion and Bella, and as his friend. I am truly going to miss him, his wit, and his great insight into the world. I didn't get the opportunity to meet you and your family at the service, but I did want you to know that it was an honor and a privilege to have known him. I can honestly say he was one of the brightest and most honorable men I've ever known. He will be missed greatly by many.##imported-begin##Vickie Browning##imported-end##

October 08, 2008 at 02:50 PM



“ Dearest Montine and the entire Blank family...
We offer our sincere condolences and support of any kind at this very difficult time in your lives. May your love and the warm memories you shared together bring you comfort and peace, over time. Aaron Paul Blank appears to have been a very wonderful human being indeed.....
Our deepest sympathies for your significant loss,
Joy DiBenedetto and Michael Jakob##imported-begin##Joy DiBenedetto and Michael Jakob ##imported-end##

October 08, 2008 at 12:04 PM



“ Jean, in the short time we knew Aaron we had a glimpse of what a wonderful, caring and energetic person he was. We are blessed for having known him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family and we wish you peace and solace in the days ahead.
Ellie and John###imported-begin###Ellie and John Mioduski###imported-end###

October 07, 2008 at 05:45 PM



“ I can only reiterate what so many of my friends have already articulated. That Aaron was an extraordinary man and his patronage of the arts was unusual and inspiring. He actually made a difference in this world and he will be missed.###imported-begin###Sarah Mucho###imported-end###

October 07, 2008 at 05:34 PM



“ Jean,
I am so sorry for your loss.

For the last four years, I have served as Aaron's official contact with Carolina First Bank. Like everyone else I know who knew him, I was always happy to hear from Aaron or to meet with him to discuss business, or politics, the economy, etc. He was a friend, and I will miss him deeply.###imported-begin###Joe Lindsey###imported-end###

October 07, 2008 at 04:21 PM



“ You will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss. I still remember Mr. Blank's warm smile. May the friends and family around you bring you some comfort.

Love,
Katherine White##imported-begin##Katherine White##imported-end##

October 07, 2008 at 03:24 PM



“ Dear Jean,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that my prayers are with you and your family at this time.

Sincerely,
Carol Beckham, Program Manager
Buck Mickel Center##imported-begin##Carol Beckham##imported-end##

October 07, 2008 at 03:21 PM



“ I will never forget when I first met Aaron. Although quiet, and reserved in his personal demeanor, he was effusive of respect and appreciation of music and entertainment. Words can not express my gratitude for his support and encouragement of my artistic talent. A light has been dimmed with his passing, but the memory will forever blaze in our hearts.

I will deeply and truly miss you Aaron.##imported-begin##Traci Reynolds ##imported-end##

October 07, 2008 at 02:19 PM



“ To the family, I express my deepest regards and what you to know that you are in my thoughts.

To Montine, I wanted to tell you that I am hurt by your loss and understand what it is like to loose a parent. If you need anything please let me know. You are a beautiful and wonderful person. I wish that I could be there for you.##imported-begin##Michael McReynolds##imported-end##

October 07, 2008 at 01:11 PM



“ Just got word today and I am very very sorry for your loss. He was a huge supporter of the arts and we all appreciated his belief in our talents. You could always count on Aaron to bring a smile to your face when in his presence.

sincerly,

natalie blalock##imported-begin##natalie blalock##imported-end##

October 07, 2008 at 06:52 AM



“ It will seem very strange not to wave to Aaron in passing at GVCC. He always had a ready smile for everyone. You have been constantly in our thoughts these last few days, Jean. Our love to you, your daughter and extended family.##imported-begin##Robert and Libby Doyle##imported-end##

October 06, 2008 at 11:08 PM



“ Dear Jean, Montine, Judy & Tom,

Along with our heartfelt sympathy, please know that our thoughts, prayers, and love are with you.

Dick & Phyllis##imported-begin##Dick and Phyllis Tallmadge##imported-end##

October 06, 2008 at 11:06 PM



“ Aaron & I became friends though his father, Al whom I met on a plane returning from Greenville to NYC after the holidays several years ago. It was meant to be, for us to be friends , as Aaron was such a lover of opera , musical theatre and dance, mediums in which I continue to work. I was so looking forward to possibly working with him on projects to bring more of what he loved to the Upstate of SC. Most certainly the next artistic endeavor on which I embark will be in his honour (though he never wanted the acknowledgement). My deepest sympathies to Jean, Montine and all those who loved him.##imported-begin##Kimilee Bryant##imported-end##

October 06, 2008 at 10:37 PM



“ Montine, there are just no words adequate enough to say to soothe the heart at this time after your family's sudden loss. Please know all of the Atlanta LWL girls are back in Atlanta ready to support you however we can in the days, weeks, months and years ahead. You all are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Jamieson Haverkamp##imported-end##

October 06, 2008 at 07:14 PM



“ *Montine and Family,*

Please accept my sincerest condolences at the loss of one so dear.

Angela Stalcup##imported-begin##Angela Stalcup##imported-end##

October 06, 2008 at 06:14 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. Aaron was a wonderful patron of the arts and a generous man. His passing is a tremendous loss to many, as his life was a gift. God bless.##imported-begin##Tammy Quinn McKillip##imported-end##*

October 06, 2008 at 04:49 PM



“ *Dear Montine and Family,*
I am so very sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kricket Harrison##imported-begin##Kricket Harrison##imported-end##

October 06, 2008 at 04:39 PM



“ Dear Montine,

I wanted to extend my personal sympathies to you and your family. The Ladies Who Launch community is also so terribly saddened by your loss.

We all love you so much.

*Peace and love,
traci##imported-begin##Traci Long##imported-end##*

October 06, 2008 at 04:08 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you in my prayers through this time of grief.##imported-begin##Marty King Chapman##imported-end##*

October 06, 2008 at 03:31 PM



“ *Jean and Montine: I was so sorry to hear about Aarons's death. He was a wonderful friend and an absolute joy. He will be missed. His warm smile and words of great wisdom will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you both during this time. May you find comfort in knowing that Aaron and AP is in a better place.
Nina Cannon##imported-begin##NINA CANNON##imported-end##*

October 06, 2008 at 03:10 PM



“ *Montine, I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Tamara##imported-end##*

October 06, 2008 at 03:07 PM



“ Dear Jean, We were shocked and sad to learn of the recent death of Aaron. You and your daughter are in our hearts and thoughts at this time. It would be good to see you again and please be in touch with us later. Much love, Donna and Alan###imported-begin##Donna and Alan Burton###imported-end##

October 06, 2008 at 01:17 PM



“ Aaron was like family to me. A guardian angel. Nobody, aside from my own mother ever supported me as much as Aaron did. The first time he heard me sing he offered to produce a show for me. He supportud us all at Don't tell mama. he was part of our "mamas family" An amazingly kind,generous,humorous and brilliant man. Aaron, you will be sorely missed. I will always cherish you and my memories of you.
Rest in beautiful peace my friend,
With love and respect,
Jenifer kruskamp###imported-begin##Jenifer Kruskamp###imported-end##

October 06, 2008 at 11:23 AM



“ I did not know Mr. Blank but I know he must have been an outstanding and ever-present role model to raise such a daring, creative, forthright woman as Montine. His light shines on through her!

Sincerely,

Elise Crohn

Warmest Regards, deepest sympathy to a wonderful family in a time of great loss. Our hearts and our thoughts are with you. Call upon us at anytime for any reason.

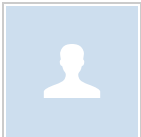
John Phillips##imported-begin##Elise Crohn and John Phillips##imported-end##

October 06, 2008 at 10:46 AM



“ Aaron will be missed by his "family" at Don't Tell Mama in NYC. He was a great friend here as well as a huge supporter of all of us singers. It was my pleasure having known him.##imported-begin##Sean Bernardi##imported-end##

October 06, 2008 at 10:24 AM



“ Dean Jean, I am deeply saddened to know of Aaron's death and am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts.

Love, Janet##imported-begin##Janet Aguilar##imported-end##

October 06, 2008 at 09:45 AM



“ Jean and Montine, I was so sorry to hear about Aaron. My prayers are with you as you go through this time of loss. Aaron will be greatly missed by so many. I pray that the Lord will give you strength and peace for each new day. With love to you both, Sharon.##imported-begin##Sharon McAlister##imported-end##

October 06, 2008 at 08:43 AM



“ Jean, I can't imagine that Aaron is gone. My heart and prayers go out to you and Montine. Love, Shoshana##imported-begin##Susan Bailey##imported-end##

October 06, 2008 at 12:01 AM



“ We were very sorry to hear of Aaron passing. I work for him about 10 years he was a great person . He will truly be miss and i know that i can speak for others as well. the family will be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Mack & Paulette Wilson##imported-end##

October 05, 2008 at 09:13 PM



“ A most incredible man. Each encounter a cherished memory. Words cannot express how much I will miss Aaron.##imported-begin##George Sanders##imported-end##

October 05, 2008 at 06:54 PM



“ *New York will be a much colder city without you, Aaron. I thank you for allowing me to share the warmth of your friendship. You will be greatly missed, my friend.##imported-begin##Shawn Curran - NYC##imported-end##*

October 05, 2008 at 06:37 PM



“ *Dear Jean,
I am deeply saddened by the news of Aaron's death and hold you and your family in my heart for solace at this difficult time and for healing in the long months ahead.
Blessings,
Diana Charles##imported-begin##Diana Charles##imported-end##*

October 05, 2008 at 06:03 PM



“ *Dear Montine,
Your friends at Studioplex were saddened to hear about the loss of your father. I have heard so many wonderful things about him. It is clear he touched all those around him with beauty and grace. May your memories comfort you and your family.##imported-begin##Brenda Stepp##imported-end##*

October 05, 2008 at 04:34 PM



“ AP,
We miss you terribly. You've taught me so much in life, no lesson more important than when you taught me at age 12 to be happy with my skinny legs, that I would be glad when I was older - and guess what - I am. I have always remembered that lesson to be thankful for what you have. You're a great man and you'll be missed until we see you again.

We love you!

Trent, Lisa, Olivia & Charlie Wogon##imported-begin##Trent, Lisa, Olivia & Charlie Wogon##imported-end##

October 05, 2008 at 04:04 PM



“ *Dear Mrs Blank, Montine, Judy, Dick, and family, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jill Preis##imported-begin##Jill Preis##imported-end##*

October 05, 2008 at 03:48 PM



“ *Dear Jean, Montine and family,*

We are so sorry to learn of Aaron's death; you are in our thoughts and hearts during this difficult time.

We will miss Aaron and his warm smile.

We will long have some wonderful memories.

May God give you peace.

Linda and Bonner York##imported-begin##Linda York##imported-end##

October 05, 2008 at 01:23 PM



“ I am so sorry for your tremendous loss.
My prayers are with the whole family.
Love,
Meg###imported-begin##Meg Byrd##imported-end##

October 05, 2008 at 10:15 AM



“ I am truly sorry and am praying for you. Mr. Blank was a wonderful
and sincere man and will be missed by many. We love you
two.###imported-begin##Angela Cadieu##imported-end##

October 04, 2008 at 07:12 PM