



Abe Blankenship

July 15, 1949 - February 11, 2026

Abe Blankenship, age 76, of Cedar Bluff, VA, passed away on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at his home.

Abe was born on July 15, 1949, in Buchanan County, VA, and was the son of the late Burl and Gracie Jones Blankenship. He was a retired assistant foreman for Norfolk and Southern, where he worked for 32 years. Abe loved to hunt, fish, and enjoyed gardening. He was a member of the Central Church of Christ of Baptist Valley and lived most of his life in the area. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Shirley Blankenship, Franklin Blankenship; stepbrother, Charlie Blankenship; sisters, Arbutus McClanahan, Lois Blankenship, and Ida Mae Lawson; and three stepsisters, Yuvon Roberts, Inis Blankenship, and Virginia Howell.

He is survived by:

His Wife of 50 years, Margaret McCoy Blankenship

Daughter, Melissa Mae Wade and husband, David of Richlands, VA

Son, Michael Shannon Blankenship of Riner, VA

Grandchildren:

Matthew Alexander Wade, Addison G. Blankenship, Aiden Carter Blankenship

Sisters:

June Collins and husband, Ray of Grundy, VA

Phyllis Justus and husband, Junior of Grundy, VA

Brothers:

Burton Blankenship and wife, Karen of Paynesville, WV

Lawrence Blankenship and wife, Susan of Grundy, VA

Funeral services for Abe Blankenship will be conducted at 1:00 on Friday, February 13, 2026 at Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, VA with Rev. Hobart Kennedy and Brian Mullins officiating. Interment will follow at the Blankenship Family Cemetery on Earls Branch in Cedar Bluff, VA. Pallbearers will be Michael Blankenship, Chris Bakere, David Cole, Aiden Blankenship, Matthew Wade and Ray Johnson. The family will receive friends from 12-1 pm on Friday afternoon at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Tazewell County Animal Shelter; 736 Camp Joy Rd; Bluefield, VA 24605. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands is in charge of arrangements, and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Abe Blankenship



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - April 10 at 10:41 AM



“ Tom and Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Abe Blankenship



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - February 21 at 06:23 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Jim & Dinah Appleton



Dinah Appleton - February 14 at 08:05 AM



“ Abe was one of the hardest working railroads ever. Always on call, ready and willing to do whatever it took to get the job done. Our condolences to all the family and friends.

James Wimmer - February 12 at 10:33 PM

CP

“ Harold (Gomer) & I extend our sincere condolences and prayers to all of Abe’s Family



Carolyn Baldwin Pyles - February 12 at 09:36 PM

BM

“ Betty Mullins lit a candle in memory of Abe Blankenship



Betty Mullins - February 12 at 07:48 PM

SD

“ Margaret I am saddened to hear about Gabe. My prayers go out to you, Missy, Michael and family.

Stephanie Davis - February 12 at 07:08 PM

AD

“ To the family, I send my sympathies. Melissa, we love you so much and will pray for you and your family. Your dad was a special man.



Anna & Garry Damron - February 12 at 05:25 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Abe Blankenship*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - February 12 at 03:38 PM



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“ *Eddie and Jessica Miller purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Abe Blankenship.*



Eddie and Jessica Miller - February 12 at 03:17 PM



“ *Diana Albert lit a candle in memory of Abe Blankenship*



Diana Albert - February 12 at 02:42 PM