



James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.

September 20, 1933 - June 23, 2016

James Andrew Blankenship, Sr., age 82 of Cedar Bluff, Virginia passed away on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at Bristol, Tennessee hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Russell County, Virginia and was the son of the late Granville "Bus" and Effie Whited Blankenship. James was a 1951 graduate of Honaker High School and retired coal miner from Pittston Coal Company. He was the president of the UMWA Local #7327 of Jewell Ridge, Virginia. He attended the Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ and was a lifetime resident of the Tazewell and Russell County areas. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

In addition to his parents he goes on to join his best friends Bob Lester, Dallas Addington and Dick Robins.

Those who remain to carry on his spirit are:

His loving wife of 60 years, Betty Ann Lockhart Blankenship of Cedar Bluff, VA
Daughter, Theresa Ann Toney and husband Ron of Cedar Bluff, VA

Sons:

James Andrew (Jimmy) Blankenship of Lebanon, VA

Jeffrey David Blankenship of Cedar Bluff, VA

Grandchildren:

Elizabeth Honaker and husband Brandon; Chance Blankenship and wife, Cassie; Katye Blankenship; Jeremy Blankenship and wife Amber; Crystal Blankenship; Nathan Blankenship; and Victoria Blankenship.

Great Grandchildren:

Loralei Blankenship, Effie Blankenship, Maggie Blankenship, Aurora Blankenship, Brody Honaker, Caden Blankenship, Tanner Blankenship and Makenzie Blankenship.

Several nieces, nephews, cousins and host of friends also survive.

Special Thanks to Dr. Forest Swan and nursing staff, Dr. Jody Helms, Dr. Isaac Biney and nursing staff at Bristol Regional Medical Center, Oncology Nurses at Clinch Valley Medical Center, Helping Hands Home Health, Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens and all of our friends and prayer warriors. Special thanks also goes to J.C. and Deanie Owens.

As an expression of sympathy, contributions may be made to either the American Cancer Society P.O. Box 246, Abingdon, VA 24212 or to the (Tazewell County Relay For Life in Memory of James Blankenship).

The Funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 pm on Sunday, June 26, 2016 at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev. Frank Lester, Rev. Carl Howell and Rev. Jim Adkins officiating. Interment will follow at the Greenhills Memory Gardens in Claypool Hill, Virginia. Pallbearers will be Nathan Blankenship, Chance Blankenship, Brandon Honaker, Jimmy Lockhart, Randy Smith, Andy Paul Adkins, Shannon Adkins and Bobby Meadows. Honorary pallbearers will be J.C. Owens, Alan Cooper, Jimmy Compton, Jeremy Blankenship, Bobby Lester, Lloyd Lester, Bob Adkins, Perry Woosley, Dean Crigger, Ed Messick, Ron Toney, Junior Shreve, Jerry Lester and Wayne Lester. The family will receive friends beginning at 6:00 pm on Saturday evening at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, VA.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JUN **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of his passing. He was a wonderful neighbor. Always there for our family. My thoughts and prayers are with the Blankenship family. Much love, Lisa Owens Hess*

Lisa Owens hess - June 29, 2016 at 07:43 PM



“ *Robin lit a candle in memory of James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.*



Robin - June 27, 2016 at 03:31 PM



“ *Tom And Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.*



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - June 26, 2016 at 01:05 PM

JB

“ *Jim And Annie Bingham lit a candle in memory of James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.*



Jim and Annie Bingham - June 26, 2016 at 06:27 AM

PH

“ *Pat Hughes lit a candle in memory of James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.*



Pat Hughes - June 25, 2016 at 07:05 PM

PH

My thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this difficult time. Mr. B was an amazing man, loving and caring always. So sad to hear this. May God provide each of you comfort.

Pat Hughes - June 25, 2016 at 07:12 PM

RP

“ *Ricky Puckett lit a candle in memory of James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.*



ricky puckett - June 25, 2016 at 06:59 PM

RP

So sorry for your loss, For we have lost a great man, and heaven gain a great soldier of the cross we will keep all of you in our prayers

ricky puckett - June 25, 2016 at 07:06 PM

LK

“ Lynn McGlothlin Kinder lit a candle in memory of James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.



Lynn McGlothlin Kinder - June 25, 2016 at 03:43 PM

SF

“ You were always greeted by James with a warm welcome and a loving smile. I have some wonderful memories of James and Betty opening their home to my family and wonderful stories told to me by my mother (Ruth Steele Ball) of her memories of James and his father and mother. Our deepest sympathy to Betty and the children.

Sylvia Ball Flood

Sylvia Ball Flood - June 25, 2016 at 03:35 PM

VH

“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers for God's peace and comfort at this time.

Mike and Virginia Hart

Virginia Hart - June 25, 2016 at 03:16 PM

MF

“ Mr & Mrs Herman Sargent And Family lit a candle in memory of James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.



Mr & Mrs Herman Sargent and Family - June 25, 2016 at 03:08 PM

AM

“ On behalf of my mother Reba McGlothlin, I want you to know how sorry I am for your loss. Your whole family is in our prayers.

Aaron McGlothlin



Aaron McGlothlin - June 25, 2016 at 01:36 PM

WW

“ Waymath Wyatt lit a candle in memory of James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.



waymath Wyatt - June 25, 2016 at 01:19 PM

GP

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GARNET PLASTER - June 25, 2016 at 12:37 PM

GP

“ TO THE FAMILY OF JAMES BLANKENSHIP:
YOU HAVE MY SYMPATHY IN YOUR TIME
OF LOSS OF A LOVED ONE.I HAVE KNOW
JAMES SINCE I WAS A SMALL BOY. I
USED TO WALK WITH MY DAD FROM PINE
CREEK TO VISIT BUS AND EFFIE, JAMES WAS A YOUNG MAN
THEN, THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM WAS AT PLASTER REUNION
AT IVY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH. I THOUGHT A LOT OF
JAMES AND I AM SURE HE WILL BE MISSED BY FAMILY AND
FRIENDS ALIKE. RIP JAMES.



GARNET PLASTER - June 25, 2016 at 12:22 PM

DE

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*Denise,Ron,Cindy,Wayne,Katie,Robbie,Casey,Greyson purchased
the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Andrew
Blankenship, Sr..*



Denise,Ron,Cindy,Wayne,Katie,Robbie,Casey,Greyson -
June 25, 2016 at 11:51 AM

GP

“ Garnet Plaster lit a candle in memory of
James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.



Garnet Plaster - June 25, 2016 at 10:48 AM

PC

“ *Pauline Clevinger lit a candle in memory of James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.*



Pauline Clevinger - June 25, 2016 at 10:39 AM

PC

Our deepest sympathy for the family's loss. May God grant peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Pauline Clevinger - June 25, 2016 at 10:40 AM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - June 25, 2016 at 10:35 AM

RS

“ *Rev. Tex And Juanita Sawyers lit a candle in memory of James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.*



Rev. Tex and Juanita Sawyers - June 25, 2016 at 09:38 AM

KS

“ *Katrina Saxton lit a candle in memory of James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.*



Katrina Saxton - June 25, 2016 at 07:18 AM

LN

“ *Leroy Nelson lit a candle in memory of James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.*



Leroy Nelson - June 25, 2016 at 06:30 AM

MP

“ *Jimmy & family, so sorry for your loss. You will be in our prayers. Minnie and Bobby Lakey*

Mylanda Phipps - June 24, 2016 at 11:53 PM

IC

“ *So for your loss i knew him he was a great man love irma*



Irma Childress - June 24, 2016 at 10:16 PM

JS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. May God bring comfort and peace to your hearts.*

Judy Stamper - June 24, 2016 at 09:53 PM

JH

“ *Janice Halsey lit a candle in memory of James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.*



Janice Halsey - June 24, 2016 at 07:42 PM

VC

“ *Velma Conner lit a candle in memory of James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.*



Velma Conner - June 24, 2016 at 07:25 PM

WA

“ *Had a short visit with James in Abingdon was nice to reminisce with him about our earlier life. Rest in peace my cousin and friend.*

Waymath - June 24, 2016 at 06:19 PM

LM

“ Linda Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.



Linda Mitchell - June 24, 2016 at 06:17 PM

LM

Thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. May God give your family the comfort that comes only from having faith that there is a heaven and we shall meet our loved ones again. God Bless You All.

Linda Mitchell - June 24, 2016 at 06:19 PM

LN

“ Larry Nelson lit a candle in memory of James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.



larry nelson - June 24, 2016 at 04:56 PM

DB

“ David Beavers lit a candle in memory of James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.



David Beavers - June 24, 2016 at 04:43 PM

CG

“ you don't know how much your family has meant to us. You have always been there for us and we will be there for you. We really feel your loss. Please call us if you need us. We will do anything you need you are family to us. We Love you guys

Emily Smith

Mark Smith

*Crystal Gibson and
the rest of the family*

crystal gibson - June 24, 2016 at 03:26 PM

FP

“ *FRED PLASTER lit a candle in memory of
James Andrew Blankenship, Sr.*



FRED PLASTER - June 24, 2016 at 01:51 PM

RC

“ *James was like a daddy to me as me and Jimmy was growing up. I was at there house more than mine. I don't know of a better feller in the world than James Blankenship. Randy Cruey*

Randy Cruey - June 24, 2016 at 01:51 PM

FP

“ Go rest well my brother, the pain is over. You will be greatly missed by family and friends my brother Frazier Plaster thought the world of James ever time we talked he always mentioned James. I remember my mom taking me to their home across the old swinging bridge when i was young. Our prayers are with the entire family may God bless all of you.
FRED PLASTER

FRED PLASTER - June 24, 2016 at 01:50 PM

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FRED PLASTER - June 24, 2016 at 01:46 PM

LU

Betty, Theresa, Jimmy & Jeff and families,

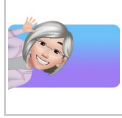
What a loss!! Everyone loved James that's for sure. I would love to be there with you "all" but would have to drive all day tomorrow to get there. I'm not sure my back and legs would allow that at this time. Know that we love you so much and will be with you in spirit. Love from Don, Maria, Donald, Catherine, Jennifer, Harrison, Claudette, Joyce, Bill and me.

Lucille - June 24, 2016 at 06:46 PM

BS

*Betty and family, I am sorry for your loss. Leon thought the world of 'Blank', they are in a better home now. Take comfort in your memories.
Betty Ann Sword*

Betty Sword - June 25, 2016 at 07:18 AM



*Betty and family. We are so sorry for your loss. James was more like a brother than a cousin and we dearly loved him. We wish we could be there with you. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Sue Beavers and family*

Tracey Beavers - June 25, 2016 at 12:10 PM