



## James Fred Blankenship

June 12, 1947 - September 20, 2013

James Fred Blankenship, age 66, of Swords Creek, Virginia, passed away Friday, September 20, 2013 at Wellmont Hospice House in Bristol, Tennessee following a lengthy illness. He was born in Bandy, Virginia and was the son of Hassel Blankenship of Bandy, Virginia and the late Nannie Mae Barnes Blankenship. Mr. Blankenship was a Class of 1966 graduate of Richlands High School and Vocational Tech School in Tazewell, Virginia. He was a veteran of the Virginia Army National Guard. Mr. Blankenship was a former mining electrician and mechanic and he owned several businesses. He loved music and was an artist at heart. He lived most of his life in the Cedar Bluff and Claypool Hill areas. He attended the Bandy Chapel Church in Bandy, Virginia. He will be missed by all those who knew and loved him. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by one brother, Arthur Hassel Blankenship and father-in-law, Elmer Dye.

In addition to his father, he is survived by:

His Wife, Mary Lynn Dye Blankenship

Two Sons:

Todd Blankenship and wife, Jessica of Johnson City, Tennessee

Jamey Blankenship and Fiancé, Michele Martin of Asheville, North Carolina

One Sister:

Phyllis Mitchell and husband, Randal of Claypool Hill, Virginia

Mother-in-Law, Narcie Dye of Swords Creek, Virginia

Two Grandchildren: Evan Blankenship and Ava Blankenship

Several nieces and nephews also survive along with a host of family and friends.

Funeral services for James Fred Blankenship will be conducted at 2:00 pm Monday, September 23, 2013 at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with Brother Barry Jessee and Brother Walter Jessee officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens, Claypool Hill, Virginia. Members of Casey-Short VFW Post #9640 will conduct military graveside rites. Pallbearers will be: Jim Steele, Dave Curry, Woody Grindstaff, Eddie Jessee, Bobby Joe Dye and Bill Dye. Honorary pallbearers will be: Randy Matney, Randal Mitchell, Leo Barnett, John Patrick, Tim Jessee, Larry Meadows, Alan Honaker, A. G. Brewster, Gene Hurst, Jr. and Doug Steele. The Blankenship family will receive friends after 6:00 pm Sunday evening at Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: American Cancer Society; 1808 Jefferson St; Bluefield, WV 24701 or Wellmont Hospice House; 280 Steeles Rd; Bristol, TN 37620. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Greenhills Memory Gardens

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **22**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James Fred Blankenship*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *James Fred Blankenship*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Lara Addison lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship*



**Lara Addison** - October 14, 2013 at 09:31 AM



“ *Donns Shortt lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship*



**Donns Shortt** - September 25, 2013 at 10:15 PM

AM

“ *Anita McGlothlin-Gibson lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship*



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**Anita McGlothlin-Gibson** - September 24, 2013 at 09:52 AM

HG

“ *Hilda(Jewell) Griffith lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship*



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**Hilda(Jewell) Griffith** - September 24, 2013 at 08:55 AM

KA

“ *K-Mart Management And Associates lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship*



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**K-Mart Management and Associates** - September 23, 2013 at 04:18 PM

VM

“ *Vernie Mitchell lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship*



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**Vernie Mitchell** - September 23, 2013 at 12:30 PM

BM

“ Bobby & Chasity Martin lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship



Bobby & Chasity Martin - September 23, 2013 at 09:33 AM

VC

“ Vickie Mike Clontz lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship



Vickie Mike Clontz - September 23, 2013 at 07:12 AM

NJ

“ Naomi Joyce lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship



Naomi Joyce - September 23, 2013 at 07:09 AM

NJ

Sorry to hear this. My thoughts are with Mary Lynn and the Family. Fond memories of our days in the Cedar Bluff P.T.A. Hugs and prayers,

Naomi Joyce - September 23, 2013 at 07:13 AM

SH

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of Mr. Blankenship. After seeing a loved one suffer a lengthy illness, some may ask "Will suffering ever end"? The comforting answer is yes, and very soon. Jehovah tells us in his word the Bible, "The wicked one will be no more...But the meek ones themselves will possess the earth, and they will indeed find their exquisite delight in the abundance of peace." For how long? "The righteous themselves will possess the earth, and they will reside :forever upon it." - Psalm 37:10, 11, 29 I have a free brochure that directs you to the Bible for even more comfort. If anyone wishes to obtain a copy simply email me your address & I will mail it to you promptly. shawnehurd@hotmail.com

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**Shawn Hurd** - September 23, 2013 at 06:18 AM

NR

“ Norma Jewell Richardson lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship



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**Norma Jewell Richardson** - September 22, 2013 at 10:33 PM

TC

“ Tony, Glenda & Austin Carter lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship



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**Tony, Glenda & Austin Carter** - September 22, 2013 at 04:43 PM

TG

*Fred you will be missed so much. My heart breaks for Marylynn Todd and Jamey and rest of family. I will never forget how you always looked out for me like a daughter. Love you, Glenda*

**Tony, Glenda** - September 22, 2013 at 04:47 PM

KB

“ *Karen & George Bowlick lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship*



**Karen & George Bowlick** - September 22, 2013 at 04:31 PM

HG

“ *Hilda (Jewell) Griffith lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship*



**Hilda (Jewell) Griffith** - September 22, 2013 at 03:56 PM

NS

“ *Very sorry for your loss of Fred. Had known him since high school and had business dealings with him. He was a very nice person, will be missed much!*

*Nila and Albert Stilwell*

**Nila Stilwell** - September 22, 2013 at 02:13 PM

RK

“ Roy & Jill Kinder lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship



Roy & Jill Kinder - September 22, 2013 at 01:16 PM

RD

“ Robin Dye lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship



Robin Dye - September 22, 2013 at 12:44 PM

LC

“ Mary Lynn and family,  
I was so sorry to hear of Fred's passing. He was so kind and caring.  
You will be in my thoughts and prayers.  
With love,  
Lynne

Lynne Clark - September 22, 2013 at 07:04 AM

JM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Fred at WBF White & Sons. He always had a warm smile and a great sense of humor. My prayer is that God will comfort your hearts with his great love.

Joann Richardson Mitchell - September 22, 2013 at 06:53 AM

PS

“ *Peggy M. Sparks lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship*



**Peggy M. Sparks** - September 21, 2013 at 11:25 PM

DJ

“ *Dale - Mary Jennings lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship*



**Dale - Mary Jennings** - September 21, 2013 at 09:13 PM

CB

“ *Carolyn Jewell Baldwin lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship*



**Carolyn Jewell Baldwin** - September 21, 2013 at 08:14 PM

RS

“ *Russel And Linda Short lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship*



**Russel and Linda Short** - September 21, 2013 at 08:02 PM

HH

“ *Harold And Joan Helton lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship*



Harold and Joan Helton - September 21, 2013 at 06:50 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are going out to the whole family. We have always thought a lot of Fred. He will be missed by all that knew him.*



Leann Coleman - September 21, 2013 at 06:25 PM

GW

“ *Garson And Carol Whitt sent a virtual gift in memory of James Fred Blankenship*



garson and carol whitt - September 21, 2013 at 06:04 PM

JW

“ *Jerry & Joyce Wess lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship*



Jerry & Joyce Wess - September 21, 2013 at 05:58 PM

DR

“ *David & Carol Reedy lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship*



David & Carol Reedy - September 21, 2013 at 05:50 PM

BR

“ *Bill & Pat Reedy lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship*



Bill & Pat Reedy - September 21, 2013 at 03:26 PM

AW

“ *Allen & Sandi Whited lit a candle in memory of James Fred Blankenship*



Allen & Sandi Whited - September 21, 2013 at 03:10 PM

BM

“ *Bruce & Linda Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of James Fred Blankenship*



Bruce & Linda Mitchell - September 21, 2013 at 01:26 PM

BM

*Fred will be missed by so many friends and family. He was a great part of the Mitchell family for many years and we treasured the times that we were able to spend with him and his family. May God comfort and heal each and every broken heart. Our most earnest prayers are with Mary Lynn, Todd, Jamie, Ava and Evan & everyone who knew and loved Fred. Heaven's a sweeter place now.*

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**Bruce & Linda Mitchell** - September 21, 2013 at 01:34 PM

RD

*I have the privilege of being a part of Freddie's family for 35 years. Not only was he one terrific brother-in-law, he was a great friend. We spent many hours talking about drawing, painting and music, which we both had a passion for. Freddie Blankenship loved his family He loved his grandchildren Evan and Ava so much as well as his niece and nephews with all his heart .He was a kind, caring, compassionate man and our hearts are broken, but our loss is heavens gain.*

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**Robin Dye** - September 22, 2013 at 12:55 PM