



Orville Ray Blankenship

October 25, 1923 - February 28, 2016

Orville Ray Blankenship age 92, of Bolivar, MO passed away Sunday, February 28, 2016 at the Missouri Veterans Home in Mt. Vernon, Missouri. Orville was born on October 25, 1923 in Buffalo, MO, the son of Virgil Ray Blankenship and Earlie M. Houser- Blankenship.

After high school Ray enlisted in the United States Navy and served on the USS Mt. Olympus. He later served at Guadalcanal. He came home in 1945 and married the love of his life, Doris in 1952, she passed away in 2004. They were married for 52 years, to this union four children were born.

Ray was an avid fisherman and he enjoyed painting, trips to Branson, spending time with his grandchildren and great- grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by; his parents, his wife, two brothers; Bill Blankenship, Lowell Blankenship and one sister Betty Jo.

Surviving Ray are his children; Barbara Cochran and husband Greg of Lebanon, MO; their children; Jason Cochran and Jeremy Cochran of Lebanon, MO; his daughter Carolyn Short and husband Gary of Bolivar, MO; their children; Ashley Hensley of Bolivar, MO and Lindsay Choate of Bolivar, MO; his daughter Patty Balaguera and husband Michael of Boca Raton, FL; their children; Sarah Fredrickson of Sedalia, MO; Monica Mallory of Kansas City, MO; Samuel Swihart of Colorado Springs, CO; his son Dennis Blankenship and wife Karen of Sacramento, CA; their children; Daniel Blankenship of Bossier City, LA; David Blankenship of Canada, Joy Harwood of Idaho; 24 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2015 from 5:00-7:00pm at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO.

A funeral service for Ray will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2015 at 10 am at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO. Burial will follow at the Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar, with Pastor Dennis Blankenship officiating. Pallbearers will be Jason Cochran, Jeremy Cochran, Daniel Blankenship, Samuel Swihart, Eric Fredrickson and Marshall Mallory. Honorary Pallbearers will be Charles Johnson, Justin Barnhouse, David Blankenship, Lonnie Hensley, and Josh Choate.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Missouri Veterans Home in Mt. Vernon Missouri. 1600 S Hickory St, Mt Vernon, MO 65712

Services for Ray are under the care and direction of Butler Funeral Home, Bolivar Missouri.

Friends and Family may sign the guestbook or send condolences online at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Orville Ray Blankenship*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Orville Ray Blankenship*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Sending our love, prayers, and sincere sympathy to Carolyn and Gary, their girls and families, along with condolences to all the Blankenship family and friends.*

Jim and Judy Bulanek

The Bulanek Family - March 02, 2016 at 06:06 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear that Ray had passed away. I will always remember him as such a good family man. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Jerald Andrews*

Jerald Andrews - March 02, 2016 at 08:41 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to the family. Kandace and Robert Tosh*

Kandace Tosh - March 02, 2016 at 08:11 AM

LB

“ Ray was a very special part of the Barnhouse Family. He and my sister Doris played a big part in helping the younger Barnhouse kids grow up. Ray and Doris raised a wonderful family. They were very strong Christians, who strived to show God's Love to everyone they came in contact with. Faithful church family, very involved in their children during their school years. Ray so often visited the Care Center, always had a good word for everyone. They both attended lots of funerals, took lots of covered dishes to people who were grieving just because it was the right thing to do. Wonderful Christmas Memories at their house. Ray was a wonderful husband and father, grandpa. I am so blessed to have had Ray in my life. We shall miss Ray, but know he is so happy and content to finally be with his Heavenly Father and his sweet wife.

Linda Barnhouse Benner - March 01, 2016 at 08:26 PM

JG

“ My Sympathy to Ray's family. Fond memories of him as he always pumped my gas and ALWAYS had a big smile. After Jim and I were married he started trading there too and right away they became friends and before long they were talking "fishing". Down through the years we share many fishing stories and also "Ray's hot spots" on the lake!

Judy Greer - March 01, 2016 at 01:02 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Orville Ray Blankenship.



March 01, 2016 at 11:08 AM

PR

“ We are thinking of you Sarah and family! Very sorry for your loss, grandparents truly are the most special people! Love you!

Paige Reque - March 01, 2016 at 06:19 AM

JB

“ Carolyn, we are holding you and your family close in our thoughts and prayers. Love you all.

Jerry and Sheri

Jerry Book - March 01, 2016 at 04:54 AM

JW

“ Please accept my sympathy on behalf of Bolivar Masonic Lodge #195 where he was a 50 year member. He will be missed by all. James H. "Jim" Whitman.

James H. Whitman - February 29, 2016 at 03:39 PM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May God comfort you with blessed memories of your loved one. Jerry and Tammy Brown

Jerry R. Brown - February 29, 2016 at 03:06 PM

RE

“ We will always remember Ray as a gentle.. sweet...caring friend...who loved his country...his beautiful wife... his loving family...we are going to miss you...may peace ~ words of comfort come to the ones who were left behind always...

Robert lee ~ Teresa Evans - February 29, 2016 at 08:01 AM