



Robert Eugene Blankenship

March 12, 1935 - November 3, 2022

MOORESVILLE - Robert Eugene "Bob" Blankenship, 87, of Mooresville, died Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022. Bob and his wife Vernell celebrated their 59-year wedding anniversary in October.

Born in Charleston, WV, he was the son of the late Ira French Blankenship and Essie Mae Morrison. After graduating Charleston High in 1953, he enlisted in the US Army, where he served in the 82nd Airborne, based at Fort Bragg. Once home he went to WV Tech for barber school. After trying his hand at haircuts he decided to enroll at ECPI in Cleveland, OH, to learn computer programming. He ultimately moved to Charlotte to work for JP Stevens, then Duke Power, where he was an IT specialist.

Bob was a classic car enthusiast, and he always had a vintage auto in his garage. He restored cars including a 1940 Mercury Convertible, a 1950 Ford Sedan, a 1969 VW Bug, and a 1946 Ford Coupe. He won an award for at least one of his restoration projects. He loved tinkering with cars and attending car shows. He would spend all day at the annual Food Lion Auto Fair at Charlotte Motor Speedway, and any other car show he could find. Building birdhouses and feeders was another of his hobbies. He enjoyed sitting by the window and watching the birds flock to his creations. He was an avid reader. His favorite books were mysteries and Christian fiction.

He doted on his grandson Alec Ingwall, the light of his life. When Alec was very young, Bob would dress up as Santa Claus every Christmas Eve and visit the youngster. He stopped when Alec was old enough to ask why Papaw always disappeared when Santa came over.

In addition to Vernell and Alec, he is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Bruce Ingwall of Mooresville; and a sister, Goldie Ellen Blackwell and her husband Richard, of Sun City, AZ. He is also survived by several beloved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa Rochell Blankenship; siblings French Allen Blankenship, Charles William Blankenship, twin brother, Thomas Wesley Blankenship, Elizabeth Ann Hayes and Nancy Louise Albert.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2022 from 10:00am - 11:00am at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, NC. A memorial service will follow at 11:00am with Pastor Georgianne Hartline officiating

For those unable to attend the service, please use the following link to view the livestream.

<https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTY3MTMwMzE4NjlyNTMzMyZvbmVyb29tLWFkbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Back Creek Church, PO Box 620052, Charlotte, NC 28262 where Bob was a member.

Contributions can also be made in his memory to St. Judes Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 28105 or a charity of your choice.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the

Blankenship family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

DEC 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Memorial Service

DEC 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



“ *Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Robert Eugene Blankenship*



Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory - December 13, 2022 at 05:44 PM

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“ *We love you big bird. Fly high and someday we will meet again.*

Ron & Kathie Blackwell - December 17, 2022 at 11:50 AM



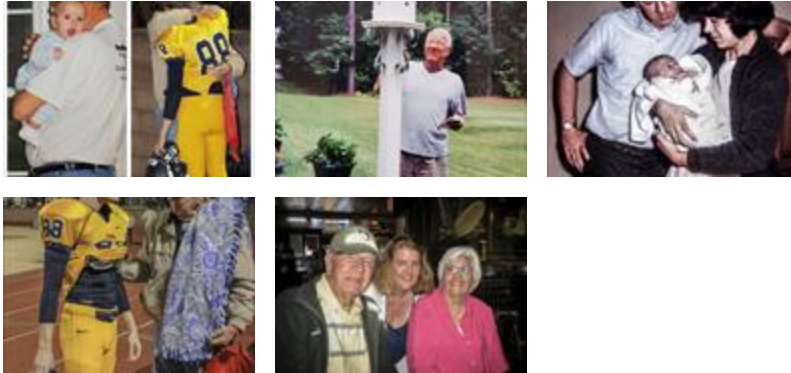
“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Robert Eugene Blankenship.*



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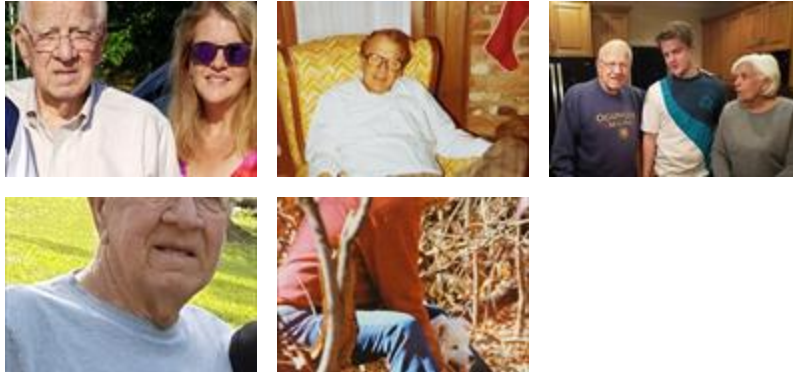
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