



Melvin Vetrisk Blankenship

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Melvin Vetriss Blankenship passed away on April 7, 2023 in Plano, TX. He was a kind and thoughtful soul who will be missed and fondly remembered.

Melvin was born on December 21, 1927 to Charles Garnett and Lassie Jewell in Scottsville, KY, where he grew up with his six younger siblings. Melvin met Zonella Arnold in 1949, married in June of 1950, and they spent the next 72 years happily married.

Melvin lived a full life with multiple careers and hobbies. He spent three years in Italy while serving in the United States Army, worked at Ford Motor Company for 21 years, spent 20 years teaching shop class for Carrollton ISD, was a part-time postal carrier and spent 31 years at H&R Block. When he wasn't working, Melvin and Zo traveled building churches with Volunteer Christian Builders. They also traveled extensively; it didn't matter the destination as long as they were together. Melvin also enjoyed getting his hands dirty in his garden.

Melvin was preceded in death by Charles and Lassie Blankenship (parents), Dicky and Chuck Blankenship (sons), and his brother Jenner Blankenship by only three days. He is survived by Beva Ahlfinger (sister), Avis Bell (sister), Billy Blankenship (brother), Sandra Broady (sister) and Charles Blankenship (brother), his loving granddaughter, Leslie Norton, Olivia & Eva (great-granddaughters), his nephew and best friend, Brad Ahlfinger, many other nieces and nephews, and lifelong friends Sharla Rachel and Beverly McClester.



Events

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Visitation

 **Friday, April 14, 2023**

 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM CT

 **Wildwood Chapel at Restland Memorial Park**
13005 Greenville Ave., Dallas TX 75243



Funeral Service

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 10:00 AM CT

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Jl

Joanne Ingle posted:

Both Neal and I met Melvin and Zo through Volunteer Christian Builders and they were the sweetest couple, so fun to be around and they loved being a part of the team. Both worked so hard and enjoyed working for the Lord. I can say Melvin was greeted at the Pearly Gates and told "well done good servant" as many of the other VCBuilder Heros that are there to welcome him home also. Many prayers to Zo as she misses her dear Melvin and God bless her always. Love, Neal and Joanne Ingle

August 9 at 7:21 AM

WS

Wayne And Linda Schickedanz sent a virtual gift in honor of Melvin.

Deepest love and sympathy to Zoe and remaining family. We were privileged to work with Zoe and Melvin at VCB projects. We love them and treasure time with them. Wayne and Linda Schickedanz



August 8 at 1:41 PM

PP

Pedro Perez posted:

My sincere condolences to the family. I met Mr. Blankenship in 2004, I was 14 and starting HS when my family moved to Carrollton and became neighbors. He would tell me stories whenever we had a chance to talk and he could go on forever. He was kind to my family and I, we will never forget it. He will be forever in our hearts, may you rest in peace.

April 14 at 4:49 AM

BG

Barbara Gilbert posted:

My deepest condolences to Melvin's family. I taught with Melvin at R.L. Tuner High School. He took such good care of three of my cars during those years. He watched over his students to make sure they were doing repairs accurately. After he retired from teaching, I would call him if I were purchasing a new car to get his advice. He reminded me a lot of my dad, with his ability to repair things, his honesty and his attention to detail. Years later, I often ran into him while grocery shopping at our local Albertson's. We would pull our carts to the side and chat about what was going on in our lives. A few years ago, I remember him talking about climbing a ladder at work, and I cautioned him about that. He did not let age slow him down. He had a fabulous work ethic and enjoyed staying busy. It was always a pleasure to see him at our C-FB RSPA meetings. I will miss him. Barbara Fatheree Gilbert

April 11 at 10:47 AM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Blankenship family.

April 10 at 4:26 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Blankenship family.

April 10 at 4:18 PM



Ruby Bell lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

Sincere condolences to your family. I am so very sorry for your loss. May God provide the necessary peace and comfort to your family and friends during this difficult time. Please remember these words of encouragement from the Bible: "Jesus plainly told her: "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." —John 11:20-25.

April 10 at 6:51 AM



Anonymous sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Blankenship family.

April 9 at 4:56 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Blankenship family.

April 9 at 11:12 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Melvin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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