



John Calvin Blankenship

May 22, 1934 - August 11, 2020

The passing of John Calvin Blankenship - A journey from one life into the next
On August 11, 2020, John Calvin Blankenship, loving husband and father of 4 children, grandfather of 10, great grandfather of 15 children and 1 great- great grandchild, passed away at the age of 86.

John was born in May, 1934 , son of Joe F and Nellie F Blankenship, in Scott County Mo. He was raised during the shadows of the great depression. He started his work life early as a kid sitting pins in the local bowling alley and other jobs to earn money to buy the first family car.

John married his high school sweetheart, Marilyn Joy on April 5th 1953.

Together, for 67 years, they raised their two daughters and two sons.

John served in the Missouri National Guard from 1952 to 1961.

The owner of Blankenship Sinclair Service Station in Cape Girardeau for 38 years, people often stopped to watch as he bathed his horses in the car wash bay as the family readied to go to the show after work.

John was born with a love for horses. Starting with work horses and mules as a child. His love continued to grow at their family home, the Cedar Vista Ranch. Raising and training horses was his passion. He loved to trail ride but also loved to show them at local and state championships. He definitely believed the smell of a horse was good for the soul.

He loved life and loved to dance. He and Marilyn would often entertain the crowd jitterbugging at the annual barn dances they would throw for friends. An avid outdoorsman, he would start or end most any day with a walk in the

woods as he taught his kids and grandkids about nature, learning the types of trees and species of birds and how to track various animals as well as the enjoyment of hunting. A life member in the NRA you could count on his handy pistol being on his side. Yes, this old cowboy loved the smell of gun smoke. Another of his loves was the Cowboy Church and the joy of fellowship. John is survived by his children, Debbie (Neil) Petty, Pam (Bob) Adams, Rick (Chris) Blankenship and Brian (Laura) Blankenship, 10 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild who will continue to carry his memories. He is also survived by 2 brothers, Bill Blankenship and Ronald (Beth) Blankenship and 1 sister, Betty (Al) Ashton.

Visitation will be 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm Thursday, August 13, 2020 at Ford & Sons Funeral Home in Jackson, Missouri and 9:00 am to 11:00 am on Friday, August 14, 2020 at the funeral home in Jackson.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 am Friday, August 14, 2020 at Ford & Sons Funeral Home in Jackson with the Rev. Jim Matthews officiating.

Burial will be at Russell Heights in Jackson, with full military honors.

Memorial contributions may be given to Cape County Cowboy Church 220 Orchard Lane, Oak Ridge Missouri 63769.

Cemetery Details

Russell Heights

Jackson, MO 63755

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Jackson
708 W. Main Street
Jackson, MO 63755

Visitation

AUG 14. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford and Sons Jackson
708 W. Main Street
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Funeral Ceremony

AUG 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Sally Thiessen here, used to live in Jackson, MO, with my husband, Richard. He died five years ago. I am now living in Walkkill, New York. We used to get gas at the Sinclair station there on Broadway. At that time, his brother, Ron, was in military, and married, Kim, from Korea. They had 2 boys, and our daughter knew them. According to the obituary, Ron is now in Kevil, KY. What about their boys? The last I knew was that Kim had been hit by a car on William St., and was in nursing home in Sikeston. I visited her there. I would love hearing about Ron and his family now. Happy to write or call if someone sends me information. Thank you from my heart. So sorry about John's death.*

Sally Thiessen - August 15, 2020 at 12:27 PM

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“ *To The John Blankenship Family,
Yes, to this day I can see the Sinclair service station as I drive down Broadway!!
Remembering the times that I stopped by and John would put gas in the tank, clean the windshield and check the oil! Good Memories!
You are in my thoughts and prayers.
With Sympathy,
Charlotte Nenninger*



Charlotte Nenninger - August 14, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Calvin Blankenship.*



August 13, 2020 at 02:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Calvin Blankenship.*



August 13, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ *So sorry to hear John has passed. Find comfort in knowing he is with Marilyn and his horses again . And yes John, the smell of a horse is good for the soul ! Rest In Peace .*



Tonya Crites - August 12, 2020 at 10:38 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of John's passing. I will always remember him as a good friend and great boss when I worked for him as a teenager at Blankenship Sinclair. My condolences to his family and friends.*

*Mark Heidbreder
Houston, TX*

Mark Heidbreder - August 12, 2020 at 03:13 PM

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“ Pam, and the rest of the family: sorry I could not be there to share in honoring your father. Yes, I have many memories of your dad, most of them at his Sinclair station on Broadway. A lot of stops were made there during our High School days. And those pig roasts out in the country, so many good fun memories, and watching him show his horses all dressed in black. I know you will treasure all your memories with your dad.

*Remembering all of you in my prayers.
Terri Hency Noland*

terri noland - August 12, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Calvin Blankenship.



August 12, 2020 at 01:13 PM

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“ So sorry for the loss of John! He will be missed. Prayers to the family.
Pat and Angie Lema

Angie Lema - August 12, 2020 at 10:11 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. We are so sorry to hear of John's passing.
*Delbert and Sondra Phillips
(Laura's aunt and uncle)*

Delbert and Sondra Phillips - August 12, 2020 at 10:07 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Calvin Blankenship.*



August 11, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Calvin Blankenship.*



August 11, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ *Debbie and family so sorry for your loss, BIG JOHN was a great and funny man, find comfot in knowing they are together again. Much love to all.*

lpowers - August 11, 2020 at 07:12 PM