



David "Dave" Keith Blankenship

October 26, 1959 - August 20, 2019

David "Dave" Keith Blankenship was born October 26, 1959 in St. Louis, Missouri to Bob and Dorlene (Major) Blankenship and passed away August 20, 2019 in Springfield, Missouri at the age of fifty-nine years.

Dave grew up in the Salem area and attended school at Green Forest R-2 and Salem R-80. He was the first person allowed to graduate from Salem R-80 early. On June 16, 1979 Dave was united in marriage to Brenda Halbrook at the Montauk State Park in Montauk, Missouri. They shared forty years of marriage together and were blessed with two children, Desirae and Kris.

Dave worked hard to support his family. He was the maintenance supervisor for Salem R-80 School from 1983 until he retired in 2014 after 31 years. Dave was a talented carpenter and enjoyed working with wood. He loved the outdoors and when he wasn't working, you could find him in the woods hunting or at the river fishing, gigging or floating. Dave also had a love for music and enjoyed playing guitar and singing karaoke. Most of all Dave's greatest treasure was spending time with his family. There was not a day within his life that he was not proud of his family. He thought the world of his two children and adored his grandchildren. Dave was a member of Salem Eagles Club and the American Legion. He was also a member of Corinth Baptist Church.

Preceding him in death were his father Bob Blankenship; grandparents Armenta May and Oatley Blankenship and Glen and Verna Major.

Dave is survived by his loving wife: Brenda Blankenship of Salem, MO; two children: Desirae Owens and husband Toby of Salem, MO and Kris Blankenship and wife Cassie of Salem, MO; mother: Dorlene Blankenship of Salem, MO; five siblings: Bob Blankenship and wife Cathy of Kimberling City, MO, Ron Blankenship and wife Gaye Lynn of Salem, MO, Karen Givens and husband Art of Salem, MO, Steve Blankenship and wife Cathy of Licking, MO and Daniel Blankenship of Salem, MO; five grandchildren: Shyan Owens, Kaydance Owens, Daniel Blankenship, Dalton Blankenship and Alexis Blankenship; many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Dave was a loving husband, proud father and caring grandfather. He was loved unconditionally and will be forever missed by his family all those who knew him.

Funeral Service for David "Dave" Keith Blankenship was held Friday, August 23, 2019 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Bro. Billy Miller officiating. Song Selections played were "When I Get Where I'm Going", "If You Get There Before I Do" and "It's A Wonderful World" All arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **23**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

RJ

“ So sorry for your loss! You all are in my thoughts and prayers!
Roma Jones

Roma Jones - August 23, 2019 at 07:59 PM



“ 69 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wilson Mortuary - August 23, 2019 at 10:19 AM

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“ Chandler's sent a virtual gift in memory of
David "Dave" Keith Blankenship



Chandler's - August 22, 2019 at 09:46 AM

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“ Brenda and family, I am so sorry for your loss, Dave will be greatly
missed by all.

Teresa Stark - August 21, 2019 at 01:18 PM

PG

Brenda we are Praying for you and your family. So Sorry to hear. Patsy and Tom Grace.

Patsy Grace - August 21, 2019 at 06:58 PM

CA

So Sorry to hear About David, He will be greatly missed, R.I.P. Dave

Carol - August 22, 2019 at 09:24 AM