



## William Blankenship

April 16, 1953 - April 21, 2016

William "Bill" Blankenship 63 of Lenore, went home to be with the Lord on April 21, 2016 while a patient in the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, OH. He was born April 16, 1953 at Holden, WV the son of the late Ed and Ellen Estep Blankenship. He was also preceded in death by brothers, Johnny and Larry Blankenship and sister, Dorothy King.

Bill was retired from the Railroad after working 25 years. He was also a US Army Veteran and a referee for the Tug Valley Board where he enjoyed working basketball and volleyball games. As a member of the Parsley Bottom Freewill Baptist Church he was the Sunday School Treasurer. He loved working with the Youth of the Church and Community.

Those left behind to cherish his memories include his wife of 38 years, Teresa Newsome Blankenship, sons, Joshua (LeeAnn) Blankenship of Fort Gay, WV and Phillip Blankenship of Chesapeake, OH, brothers, Wallace (Elsie) Blankenship and Matthew Blankenship both of Ill., sisters, Mary Christian of Delbarton, Brenda Sue (Tommy) Curry of Chapmanville, Stephanie (James) Wills of Virginia, Grandchildren, Justin Willis, Julian Vance, Darian Vance, Cheyenne Blankenship and Paisley Willis. Special Family Members include, Tammy, Samantha, Tyler, Alyssa and Andrea Newsome.

Funeral services will be held Monday April 25, 2016 at 11:00am at the Parsley Bottom Freewill Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Smith officiating. Burial will follow in the Newsome Cemetery at Lenore, WV. Visitation will be held Sunday evening from 6-10pm with special services starting at 7:00pm.

Pallbearers will be Joshua and Phillip Blankenship, Tommy Newsome, Tyler Newsome, Justin Willis and Brandon Sutters. Online condolences can be made at [ChafinFuneralHome.Com](http://ChafinFuneralHome.Com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **24**. 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)

Parsley Bottom Freewill Baptist Church  
Lenore, WV 25676

## Service

APR **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Parsley Bottom Freewill Baptist Church  
Lenore, WV 25676

## Burial

APR **25** (ET)

Newsome Cemetery  
Lenore, WV

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Blankenship*

November 21, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ *Bill was a wonderful person ! He will be greatly missed . Steve and Tracy Staley*



**Steve and Tracy Staley** - April 25, 2016 at 06:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Blankenship.*



April 24, 2016 at 05:27 PM



“ *Fergie Marcum-Phillips lit a candle in memory of William Blankenship*



**Fergie Marcum-Phillips** - April 24, 2016 at 10:21 AM

SW

“ Bill was not only family, he was one of the kindest, gentlest man ever. I loved him so much and will miss his smiling face. R.I. P my friend.

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**sue sturgill watkins** - April 24, 2016 at 08:46 AM

AP

“ Many prayers go out for Bill's family. He was a joy to be around. Always laughing and so nice everytime we saw him. We knew him many years and he will be missed.

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**Allen and Sandy Parsley** - April 24, 2016 at 07:48 AM



“ I went to school at Lenore with Bill and he was the nicest man anyone could know. Heaven has gained a good soul.

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**Herbert Smith** - April 24, 2016 at 07:20 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Blankenship.



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April 23, 2016 at 11:43 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of William Blankenship.



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April 23, 2016 at 09:38 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of William Blankenship.*



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April 23, 2016 at 09:17 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of William Blankenship.*



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April 23, 2016 at 09:03 PM



“ *Many prayers and much love to Teresa and the family. Bill was a great friend and classmate. He will be missed.*

*Paul and Kay Parsley*

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**kay parsley** - April 23, 2016 at 08:23 PM



“ *Margie Parsley lit a candle in memory of William Blankenship*



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**Margie Parsley** - April 23, 2016 at 08:22 PM

MP

*My candle is blue. I will always remember those sparkling blue eyes and that radiant smile.*

**Margie Parsley** - April 23, 2016 at 08:24 PM

CM

“ *Cecil And Vivian Marcum lit a candle in memory of William Blankenship*



**Cecil and Vivian Marcum** - April 23, 2016 at 08:04 PM

VS

“ *Teresa and family*

*Our most heartfelt condolences; Bill was always a nice polite gentleman; He was so kind to the girls when we moved to Lenore. Know matter where our paths crossed he and Teresa always spoke and asked about everyone. What a heavenly gain for God; Many prayers' for each of you as the days and weeks to come will have difficulties as you begin to try and piece your lives back together.*



*God Bless*

*Vicky Sammons and girls*

**Vicky Sammons** - April 23, 2016 at 07:46 PM

AP

“ Allen And Sandy Parsley lit a candle in memory of William Blankenship



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**Allen and Sandy Parsley** - April 23, 2016 at 07:37 PM

MB

“ Michelle Brewer lit a candle in memory of William Blankenship



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**michelle brewer** - April 23, 2016 at 07:29 PM

AS

“ Annamae Sartin lit a candle in memory of William Blankenship



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**annamae sartin** - April 23, 2016 at 06:47 PM

MP

“ I have known Bill And Teresa for years. Bill always had a smile on his face and a kind word to say. I guess you could say Bill helped out in me getting a college degree. I was young and didn't have a car and I bummed rides to and from college from Bill and he was always a perfect gentleman. I have never heard anyone say a bad word about him. He and Teresa were our neighbors for several years over in the bottom. I will miss seeing him at the ballgames. I am praying for Teresa and the boys for comfort during this difficult time. I know it will be hard but with Gods help everything will be ok. Love you all.

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**Mary Preece** - April 23, 2016 at 06:23 PM



“ Bill and Teresa have been 2 of my best friends for may years. We spent a lot of HAPPY HAPPY days at church and Sunday school (Easter Egg Hunts, volleyball, white water rafting trips, and as of the past few years Class reunion picnics.) The conversations never ended. I feel certain Teresa and I will be talking till we join Bill and all our other family members and loved ones in Heaven because we already have citizenship there. This is not our home here any more. With each one that passes these last trials on Earth, the pull to Heaven's shores get a little stronger. "So if we go by the grave or in the rapture The face of Jesus we see, either way Lord it satisfies me!"

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**Dow Ooten** - April 23, 2016 at 05:48 PM