



Mr. William M. Blankinship

June 6, 1949 - August 23, 2016

WILLIAM MORRIS BLANKINSHIP,
FINANCIAL CONSULTANT, DIES
IN ROSWELL, GEORGIA

Mr. William Morris “Bill” Blankinship, 67, a Tattnall County native and a long-time resident of the Atlanta area died August 23, 2016 of a sudden heart attack.

Bill entered Georgia Southern College, now Georgia Southern University, transferring to The University of Georgia, before graduating in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism. The start of his storied career began as a teacher which led to newspaper photographer and editor. In 1975 Bill joined Georgia Electric Membership Corporation in Atlanta, before co-founding two Atlanta-based insurance brokerage firms. He later served as a senior business development executive and client adviser at global brokers Willis Group and Marsh. For most of the 2000s, Bill worked with his partners as a risk strategy consultant for the banking and insurance industries. In August 2015, Bill joined Capstone Associated Services as director of business development in the Southeast region.

During the many years he lived in Atlanta, Bill was a faithful and active member of several Episcopal parishes. He was received into the Roman Catholic Church on Easter 2015 and quickly took the parish under his wing. He joined the Knights of Columbus and was a beloved member of the council, a Fourth Degree Knight, and was very active in the Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) ministry.

Bill loved the outdoors, cycling, hiking, fishing with friends and gardening with his wife, Kathy. He was a voracious reader, consuming literature of all types.

Bill was preceded in death by his mother and father, Marion Blankinship and Morris Blankinship. He is survived by his beloved wife of forty-six years, Katherine J. Blankinship, Roswell, GA; sons C. Brandon Blankinship (Lissa), Birmingham, AL, and Jon A. Blankinship (Renu), New York, NY; five grandchildren, Addie and Marshall of Birmingham, AL, and Mala, Uma and Sheel of New York, NY.

Visitation will be Sunday, August 28th from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Northside Chapel, 12050 Crabapple Rd, Roswell, GA 30075. Funeral Mass will be held Monday, August 29th at 12:30 P.M. at Saint Peter Chanel Catholic Church, 11330 Woodstock Road, Roswell, GA 30075. The Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Rau of Saint Peter Chanel Catholic Church will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Chris Starr.

Cousins and friends will serve as active pallbearers: Craig T. Tootle, Alpharetta, GA; Tom J. Tootle, Cumming, GA; Brian S. Tootle, Metter, GA; George L. Krietemeyer, Dothan, AL; W. Bryan Holzbach, Florence, SC; Dale E. Hower, Charlotte, NC.

In lieu of flowers, memorial remembrances may be made to either PATH Foundation (<https://pathfoundation.org/support/donations>) Path's mission is to

transform Metro Atlanta into the most trail connected city in the U.S. or the Knights of Columbus, Saint Peter Chanel Council 13217 and 11330 (<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/charities/our-campaigns/annual-appeal.html>) at Saint Peter Chanel Catholic Church, 11330 Woodstock Road, Roswell, GA 30075.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **28**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **29**. 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church
11330 Woodstock Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William M. Blankinship*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Richard And Ann Smith Reidsville Ga. lit a candle in memory of Mr. William M. Blankinship*



Richard and Ann Smith Reidsville Ga. - August 29, 2016 at 10:28 PM



“ *Bill's mother, Marion, taught me in both the 6th and 7th grades. He was the love of her life and she enjoyed sharing tales of his little escapades. Of course, as lazy students we quickly learned to get out of dry geography lectures by simply asking "What has Billy been up to?" The Roman Apian Way fell by the wayside as we learned all about Billy learning to climb a tree or some other spectacular feat. My memories of both Bill and his mother are special treasures. Kathy and family, may God bless you.*

*Dolores Fowler James
Reidsville, Ga.*

Dolores James - August 28, 2016 at 04:51 PM

MF

“ *Max & Bonny Faulkner purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. William M. Blankinship.*



Max & Bonny Faulkner - August 27, 2016 at 06:25 PM

BM

“ *Beth And Danie Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. William M. Blankinship*



Beth and Danie Morris - August 27, 2016 at 05:09 PM

WH

“ *With Love and Prayers, John and Gaye Hoeflich purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. William M. Blankinship.*



With Love and Prayers, John and Gaye Hoeflich - August 27, 2016 at 04:56 PM

SL

“ *Steve & Kati Likes purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. William M. Blankinship.*



Steve & Kati Likes - August 27, 2016 at 03:54 PM

TC

“ Tom & Cathy Catledge purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. William M. Blankinship.



Tom & Cathy Catledge - August 27, 2016 at 02:15 PM

CT

“ C. T. Tootle purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Mr. William M. Blankinship.



C. T. Tootle - August 27, 2016 at 12:47 PM



“ Sending love and prayers to each of you. May God comfort and strengthen you during this time of trial. Treasure the memories and share the stories. What a beautiful legacy he left to the world.

Dawn-Marie Singleton - August 27, 2016 at 11:19 AM

MW

“ Mikki Monroe Ward



Mikki Monroe Ward - August 27, 2016 at 10:58 AM

TB

“ Tom and Gloria Bishop purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. William M. Blankinship.



Tom and Gloria Bishop - August 27, 2016 at 08:44 AM

TF

“ Our family wanted to express our sincere condolences on the loss of your loved one. Soon our enemy death will be gone forever, no longer separating people from those they love (Isaiah 25:8; 26:19). What a joyous time this will be! May this promise by our Loving God, soon reality, comfort you in the days to come (Psalm 83:18).

Thomas Family - August 27, 2016 at 06:10 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mr. William M. Blankinship.



August 26, 2016 at 10:36 PM

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“ Reidsville High School Class of 1967 purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. William M. Blankinship.



Reidsville High School Class of 1967 - August 26, 2016 at 10:46 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. William M. Blankinship.*



August 26, 2016 at 08:56 AM



“ *Elaine Horne lit a candle in memory of Mr. William M. Blankinship*



Elaine Horne - August 25, 2016 at 09:34 PM



“ *Margaret Moore Graves lit a candle in memory of Mr. William M. Blankinship*



Margaret Moore Graves - August 25, 2016 at 08:41 PM

WK

“ I always enjoyed the visits to Lyons, Ga by Bill and Kathy and boys even though they were always short. Bill had many friends in this area and he always stayed in touch.
I have many fond memories of our high school days also.
Kathy and I and our families were neighbors when we were little tots and I have always considered it an honor when she and Bill stopped in for a visit.
Bill will be sorely missed.
Kathy, Jon, Brandon and your families please know that I am always ready to help you in any way you have need.

Wayne and Barbara Kirkley - August 25, 2016 at 03:54 PM

CS

Bill (Billy) & I grew up together in Reidsville. Many early days of our lives were spent playing together. Later, we graduated in the same high school class. Even though we spent few times together since our graduation, fond memories will remain of our friendship. To Kathy & the family, know that you will be in Kris & my prayers in the days & weeks ahead! Curtis & Kris Scott

Curtis K. Scott - August 27, 2016 at 06:26 AM

AT

Mr. Blankinship was an enlightening, inspiring, and much needed breath of fresh air at RHS... I'm deeply grateful! Deepest sympathy...

A Tootle - August 27, 2016 at 01:03 PM

KH

Billy was a good friend that sadly I lost touch with. As often happens when you graduate, you go separate ways. I always knew though that if I was in the Atlanta area and needed help, he would come. Kathy, Jon, Brandon and your families, know that you are in our prayers. May God wrap you in his arms and comfort you.

Karen Hill

Karen Hill - August 27, 2016 at 03:19 PM