



Mr. Thomas A. Blankenship, Sr.

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Major Thomas A. Blankenship, Sr. (Retired), age 83 of Nashville, TN, passed away Friday, May 22, 2015.

Mr. Blankenship was born on November 22, 1931 in Bellsburg, TN the son of the late Clarice and Roy E Blankenship. He considered himself the most Blessed man in the world for having spent sixty years and one day married to Edna Reasoner. His highest ambition was to glorify God, and lead his family and those around him into a relationship with Jesus Christ. He proudly served around the world in the United States Army for 21 years until retiring in 1972. He promptly began his second professional career in 1972, serving as the Employee Relations Officer for the Tennessee Department of Public Health until 1987.

After retiring for the second time in 1987, it would be hard to imagine how anyone could have lived life more fully or enjoyed it more deeply. "Tom and Edna" were soul mates and best friends; consummate parents, grandparents and great grandparents; traveling companions, golf buddies, bowling teammates; and avid followers of the Atlanta Braves and the Vandy Commodores. Tom always served faithfully in a body of believers, from song leader to teacher to pastor search committees...most recently since 2003 at Trevecca Community Church.

Survivors include his wife Edna; two sons, Dan and Tab (Denette) and his daughter Karan (Dwight) Gunter; five grandchildren, Lindsay (Jamin) Wentworth, Trae (Kathleen) Gunter, Ryan (Jill) Blankenship, Cory (Shelby) Blankenship and Ethan Blankenship; three great grandchildren Ben and Carter Wentworth and Averie Blankenship; a sister, Sybil Robinson; and numerous brothers and sisters in law, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, and two sisters

.A celebration of his life will be held Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 11:00 am, with Dr. Dwight Gunter officiating, Trevecca Community Church (335 Murfreesboro Rd. Nashville, TN). The family will receive friends Tuesday, May 26th day from 5-7:00 pm and on Wednesday at 10:00



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am, Trevecca Community Church. He will be buried with full military honors at the Veteran's Cemetery in Pegram, TN.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the CrossBRIDGE ministry at Trevecca Community Church.



Events

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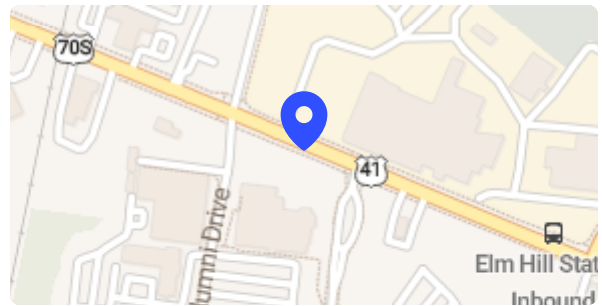
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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, May 26, 2015

 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

 **Trevecca Community Church of the Nazarene**
335 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville TN 37210

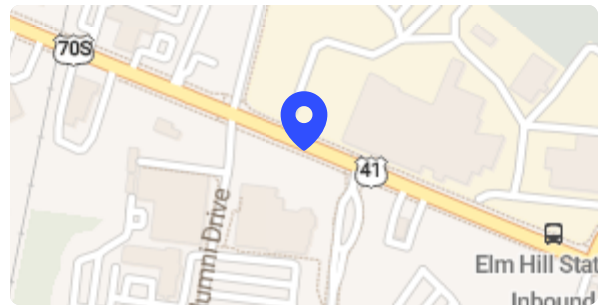


Visitation

 **Wednesday**, May 27, 2015


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

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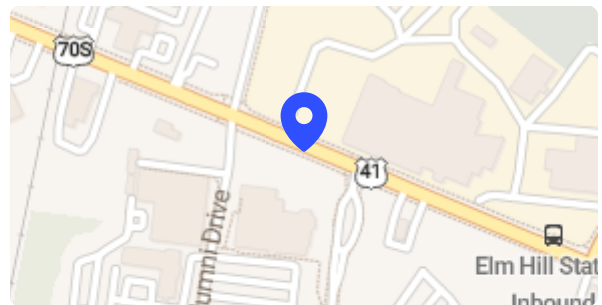


Funeral Service

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 11:00 AM CT

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MM

Molly Mcguire posted:

Karen and Family, My prayers are with you and your family. Your Dad sounds like he was such a great man who enjoyed life. Love, Molly McGuire

May 27 at 4:22 PM

RB

Roger Briley posted:

I went to work for Tom in the Health Department in 1985. He was a fine man, and his Christian beliefs made him one of the best men I have ever known. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word. He was one of the best bosses I ever had in my career. Never heard anyone say a bad word about him. He will be missed. God be with his family.

May 27 at 7:36 AM

TR

Ted Raymond posted:

So sorry for your loss. I'll miss playing golf with him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ted and Carolyn Raymond

May 26 at 9:59 AM

DT

Donna Blankenship-Tindall lit a candle in honor of Thomas .

Tom is my brother-in-law. My deceased husband, Aubrey Blankenship, was his brother. All my memories of Tom are wonderful. They all include Edna. I am so very sorry for your loss. But his life was lived in such a Christian manner that I am confident of his eternal reward. See you later Tom. Enjoy your family already there.



May 26 at 4:40 AM

RA

Ronnie Arms posted:

I was one of Tom's golfing buddy's from eastland green in clarksville. He was one of the nicest men I have ever meet he loved the Lord and his family and love to tell you about both of them. May God be with the family. He will be missed

May 24 at 3:02 PM



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Sandra Wheeler Ventress posted:

From all his co-workers from the Department of Health. Tom was a much admired man and Christian. The world needs more like him. Prayers for all the family.

May 24 at 6:51 AM



Anonymous sent a Secret Garden Basket to the Blankenship, Sr. family.



May 24 at 3:41 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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