



Charles William Blankenship

August 28, 1935 - August 3, 2024

Charles William Blankenship, 88, of Texico, passed away on Saturday, August 3, 2024, at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital, in St. Louis, Missouri.

He was born August 28, 1935, in Marion County, Illinois, the son of Frank and Blanche (Price) Blankenship. On January 20, 1956, in Dix, Illinois, he married Rose Marie McKinney, and she survives.

He graduated from Salem Township High School, and worked for many years at Chicago Bridge and Iron, traveling to multiple states to install water towers and bridges. He later worked for several years at Egyptian Concrete. He enjoyed racing stock cars, pulling tractors, and built a championship midget racecar. He also enjoyed fishing, and farming.

In addition to his wife, Rose Marie Blankenship of Texico, he is survived by one son, Michael Gene Blankenship and wife Deborah of Mt. Vernon; eight grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Steven Wayne Blankenship; a brother, David Blankenship; and two sisters, Joyce Dace and Eleanor Johnson.

In accordance with his wishes, cremation rites for Mr. Blankenship have been accorded, and his family will be hosting a service at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Union Chapel Cemetery, and will be accepted by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm saddened to hear of Bill's passing. Condolences to Rose Marie and the family.*

Don Wilson - August 12, 2024 at 09:50 AM

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“ *Mike and family; prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time on the loss of your dad... See where all your racing skills came from. Mike Marcum*

Michael E Marcum - August 11, 2024 at 09:20 AM

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“ *I will never forget the night I was in the super bee headed to pick up Mike and had to call Bill to come and pull me out of a huge snow drift. He was jolly the whole time. 1975 ish.*

Rex Brieseacher - August 08, 2024 at 12:27 PM