



Dixie Mae Blankenship

August 13, 1932 - February 20, 2019

Dixie Mae Blankenship, 86, of Mt. Vernon, passed away Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at her home.

She was born August 13, 1932, in Jefferson County, the daughter of Rex and Pauline (Fry) McConnaughay. On November 10, 1952, in Pocahontas, Arkansas, she married David E. Blankenship, and he preceded her on May 22, 1980.

Mrs. Blankenship attended Helm Grade School, Mt. Vernon Township High School, and Salem High School. She worked as a Beautician, and also worked at the Jefferson County Courthouse, Dobbs, and Cusumano and Sons Produce. She was an avid collector, and enjoyed genealogy.

She is survived by two daughters, Sherry Vieira of Salem, and Davette Struck and husband James of Fenton, Missouri; three grandchildren, Craig Vieira and wife Cheryl of Salem, Jennifer Mann and husband Ed of Salem, and Rachel Struck of Fenton, Missouri; four great-grandchildren, Cole Vieira, Kiley Vieira, Tyson Mann, and MacKenzie Mann, all of Salem; one sister, Shirley Cusumano of Mt. Vernon; four nephews, Rex Cusumano and wife Mary Ellen of Mt. Vernon, Dr. Stephen Cusumano and wife Donna of Chesterfield, Missouri, Jeffrey Cusumano and wife Toni of Sarasota, Florida, and Victor Cusumano and wife Vickie of Mt. Vernon; one brother-in-law, Bill Blankenship and wife Rosie of Texico; and one sister-in-law, Joyce Dace and husband Kenny of Kell; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and one sister-in-

law, Eleanor Johnson, and husband Joe.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Blankenship will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, February 24, 2019, at Osborn Funeral Home in Dix, with Russell Courson officiating. Burial will follow at Union Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be held Sunday, from 12:00 p.m. (Noon) until the hour of service, at the funeral home. Memorial gifts may be made to Union Chapel Cemetery, and will be accepted at the service, or 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 funeral home's Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Union Chapel Cemetery

Texico, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Osborn Funeral Home
322 North Main Street
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Service

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Tribute Wall

TS

“ My memory of David and Dixie is an over 60 year stream of pleasant memories of my mom's aunt Laura and my grandfather's family. My condolences to a strong family. terry sharp

terry sharp - February 26, 2019 at 02:25 PM

LH

“ I still remember meeting Dixie for the first time. It was in my college apartment in St. Louis in June of 1987. She was dropping off one of my roommates, who would become one of my closest (and life-long) friends. I liked her instantly! Upon learning her maiden name, she was forever known to me as Dixie Mae McConnaughay...just because I liked the sound:). I am forever thankful to her for the gift of her daughter. I know she will be greatly missed by many!

Lisa Hastings - February 24, 2019 at 12:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dixie Mae Blankenship.



February 22, 2019 at 02:08 PM

KC

“ Always enjoyed Shirley and Dixie's visits to Aunt Vi's here in Mendota! Definitely quite the lady! And a great smile. She was definitely a very loving person who will be greatly missed! R.I.P. sweet cousin. Until we meet again!

Keith and Pat Corrigan - February 22, 2019 at 08:06 AM

MO

“ I knew Dixie since about 1967. Haven't had contact in years but I will always remember her kindness and passion for happiness and helping people. We loved her family and knew her parents well. This brings back a lot of nice memories. Mona Kay (Delk) Owens. Cindy(Delk) Collins, Verna (Delk) Toler, and the late Bill & Eldine Delk families.

Mona Kay (Delk) Owens - February 21, 2019 at 03:29 PM

SA

“ My few encounters with Aunt Dixie were always so sweet. I remember her as an energetic, fun lady, always gracious, courteous and loving, even to those she did not know well. What a pleasure to have known her. My condolences to family and friends. I know you miss her already.



Sandy Allen - February 21, 2019 at 02:33 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dixie Mae Blankenship.



February 21, 2019 at 01:17 PM

TG

“ *The Goodhart's purchased the Simply Happy Kal anchoe Plant for the family of Dixie Mae Blankenship.*



The Goodhart's - February 21, 2019 at 12:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dixie Mae Blankenship.*



February 21, 2019 at 12:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dixie Mae Blankenship.*



February 21, 2019 at 12:01 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dixie Mae Blankenship.*



February 21, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dixie Mae Blankenship.*



February 21, 2019 at 11:40 AM



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



February 21, 2019 at 11:27 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Dixie Mae Blankenship.*



February 21, 2019 at 09:11 AM



“ *Dixie was a wonderful person. Always had a smile on her face and a joyful laugh. I remember attending many school activities with her and working together at PTO functions. Such fun to be around. She will be missed. Love and sympathy to her children and family.*

Linda Helm - February 20, 2019 at 10:28 PM

TD

“ Oh my gosh Dixie, you were always the biggest, warmest hug. I always looked forward to seeing you and the girls pull up in that big red Cadillac, everyone laughing and happy. I always looked forward to my hug and no matter how you felt, you always asked ,sincerely, how my husband was. I have missed seeing you and that big beautiful smile. I will forever be thankful for knowing you, Shirley and your sweet family. Rest in peace beautiful lady.
Sincerely, Teresa Dodson

Teresa Dodson - February 20, 2019 at 07:20 PM