



## Willis Blankenship,

August 13, 1942 - November 3, 2010

WILLIS JAMES BLANKENSHIP, SR., age 68 of Warrenton, Virginia passed away Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at Culpeper Regional Hospital, Culpeper, Virginia.

Willis was born August 13, 1942 in West Virginia, son of the late John Henry and Deloris (Hackworth) Blankenship. He retired from the Fairfax County Police Department after 26 years of service.

Survivors include his loving wife of 48 years, Margaret Blankenship; two children, Willis Blankenship, Jr. and wife Alissa Zerkow Blankenship of Fairfax, Virginia and Angie Dost and husband Michael Dost of Bristow, Virginia; one sister, Janice Giles of Kentucky, five grandchildren, Kayla, Natalie and Nathan Dost and Skylar and Ty Blankenship and niece, Robin Woodward of Kentucky. Devoted Husband, Loving Father, Doting G-Dad, Caring Brother, Uncle and friend. Outdoorsman, fisherman, hunter, motorcyclist and Corvette owner/enthusiast. NASCAR and Redskins fan. Honesty and integrity, but always with a little humor. Our Rock, Our anchor, Our Compass. Gone, but surely never forgotten.

The family will receive friends from 7:00-9:00 P.M. Monday, November 8, 2010 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas where funeral services will be held 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, November 9, 2010 with Pastor K.G. Skinner officiating. Interment will follow at Stonewall Memory Gardens, Manassas, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to American Heart Association, PO Box 5216, Glen Allen, Virginia 23058-5216 in loving memory of Willis James Blankenship, Sr.

Condolences may be sent to [www.piercefh.com](http://www.piercefh.com).

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ Dear Blakenship Family,  
I was heartbroken to hear of your loss. Willis is such a strong presence in so many memories of my dad, Tim. He was such a treasured friend and considered an extended part of our family. I wish you all much comfort during this time.  
Sincerely,  
Cary Bender

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**Cary Bender** - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

KE

“ to the blankenship family, we are all at a loss of Willis. (im one of the old time security guards)I've been working with willis for a while now and do miss his funny stories, the jokes and hearing the good times he had while he was a cop. I heard him many times talking about hunting, boy did he enjoy hunting with just about anyone until he met me. I dont hunt and i believe he got a kick out of laughing at me about it.

I go into work waiting to hear the "dirt" and its just not the same with out him there.....He talked about all his kids, the whole family was very important to him. Please know how much a friend he was to us all and we all so miss him.

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**kevin** - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

BJ

“ Our condolences to Mrs. Blankenship as well as JB, Alissa and the whole family. It was way too soon and he'll be missed.

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**Brendan and Janeen** - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

NW

“ Margie, I am so sorry for your family's loss. Willis was such a good man and he'll be missed by many, many people. I'll always think of his wonderful story telling and the gatherings at Wes' parents house. God Bless and keep you.

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**Nancy Wilson** - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

CA

“ Margie,  
Our Prayers and thoughts are with you and the family. May God give you grace and peace in this time or sorrow.

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**Carlton and Wendy Adkins** - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

RY

“ He was a very good friend and easy to work with in the Police Department. We had a great time at work he was a best friend, with his humor things was great in a bad time.

*I will miss him.*

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**Ralph Young** - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

PB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Willis was the best co-worker who always had a smile on his face and a joke or two to tell. He could always turn a bad day into a good day. He will be truly missed.

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**Pam Brinkley** - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

MC

“ He was always a pleasure to work with, full of interesting stories, & a really good friend. So sad to see that he's gone.

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**Marje Chavez** - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

MB

“ To my beloved Willis

*It's been over a year since you left us and we miss you as much or more today as we did with your passing. None of our lives are the same. You touched so many people.*

*Rest in peace my love*

*Your loving wife*

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**Margie Blankenship** - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

PY

“ My prayers go out to Willis's family and his co-workers. He will be missed !

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**Phil Yowell** - November 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM