



Colten Skylar Blankenship

January 14, 2003 - March 2, 2024

To join the livestream of Skylar's funeral service, please select the link below. The livestream will begin at 2:55 P.M. Thursday, March 7, 2024. The service will be archived for 90 days for later viewing.

<https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTcwOTYxNDA2MTI5ODcwMyZvbmVyb29tLWFkZWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

Colten Skylar Blankenship, age 21 years, a resident of rural Vienna, Illinois, passed away Saturday evening, March 2, 2024, at 8 P.M. in Graves County Kentucky, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Skylar was born January 14, 2003 in Carbondale, Illinois. He was the son of Pastor Tim Blankenship and Donnie (Camden) Blankenship.

In addition to his mother, Skylar is survived by: his siblings – Cody Blankenship, Chelsea (Nathan Elms) Blankenship, Kaysea Blankenship, Danny Blankenship, Walter Blankenship, LaKota Blankenship, Cady Blankenship and Kolt Blankenship; aunts and uncles, including a dear and special aunt Kathy Camden; nieces and nephews – Bentley, Liam, Kodi, Ali, and Raelynn; cousins, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to his father, Skylar was preceded in death by: his maternal grandparents – Norman and Bonnie Camden; his paternal grandparents –

Dale and Julie Blankenship; an aunt – Sue Powell; and a cousin – Chris Camden.

Skylar was a 2022 graduate of Vienna High School. During his high school career, Skylar was an outstanding basketball player and athlete. He earned a basketball scholarship to Southeastern Illinois College. Skylar was an aspiring rodeo bull rider. He participated in the Whippoorwill Rodeo circuit and the Bull Blowout. Skylar loved bull riding and had rode Friday night prior to his tragic death on Saturday. Recently, Skylar had been hired by the West Vienna facility of Fruit Belt Farm Service and was looking forward to this new job.

Skylar, affectionally known as 'Big Red' and 'Bub' was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed fishing, hunting (deer, turkey, rabbits, squirrels, ducks) and basketball. He loved to talk and he loved hard. Skylar is remembered for his love of God, family and riding bulls.

Skylar was a member of the Christian faith.

A service honoring the life of Colten Skylar Blankenship will be conducted at 3 P.M. Thursday afternoon, March 7, 2024, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Jeff Treat will officiate.

Burial will be in the Church of God Cemetery north of Cypress.

Visitation will be held Thursday, March 7, 2024, from 11 A.M. until the service hour at 3 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the family and left in the care of Bailey Funeral Home, P.O. Box 695, Vienna, IL 62995

Cemetery Details

Church of God Cemetery

40 Church of God Road
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship*



Bailey Funeral Home - March 07, 2024 at 01:19 PM



“ *Lorie Trovillion Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship*



Lorie Trovillion Hawkins - March 10, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ *Karmela Cain lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship*



Karmela Cain - March 07, 2024 at 03:55 PM



Rem. seeing a precious baby boy at NBCC. 2 very proud parents. Skylar was truly loved from the time he came to his new home.

Sandy & Bob Richardson - March 07, 2024 at 11:33 PM

CB

“ *Christi Buie lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship*



Christi Buie - March 07, 2024 at 01:22 PM

DR

“ *Debbie Rigsby lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship*



Debbie Rigsby - March 07, 2024 at 06:29 AM



“ *Donnie, I am so very sorry for the loss of your precious son. Please know you and the family are in the prayers of my family and I. May the Lord wrap His arms around you with His comfort and loving grace. Sending you all my love, Christina Slivinski*



Christina Slivinski - March 06, 2024 at 07:50 PM

SI

“ *Susan Imhoff purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Colten Skylar Blankenship.*



Susan Imhoff - March 06, 2024 at 12:12 PM

SI

“ Susan Imhoff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colten Skylar Blankenship.

Susan Imhoff - March 06, 2024 at 12:12 PM

TT

“ Tasha Taylor lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship



Tasha Taylor - March 06, 2024 at 11:24 AM

YF

“ Your Arrowleaf (FCC) Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Colten Skylar Blankenship.



Your Arrowleaf (FCC) Family - March 06, 2024 at 11:04 AM

DB

“ Daniel & Dawn Beals lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship



Daniel & Dawn Beals - March 06, 2024 at 08:48 AM

DH

“ *Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship*



Dennis and Pat Harner - March 06, 2024 at 08:20 AM

MM

“ *Condolences to his family.*



Margaret Mathis - March 05, 2024 at 10:50 PM

LG

“ *Laura & Shawn Gierich purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Colten Skylar Blankenship.*



Laura & Shawn Gierich - March 05, 2024 at 09:07 PM

RT

“ *Ron And Joyce Taylor lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship*



Ron and Joyce Taylor - March 05, 2024 at 07:16 PM

PM

“ I am so very sorry for your great loss in Skylar's passing. It is so very hard to lose a child- I will be praying for the family. May God bless, comfort, and keep you.

Patti McGinnis - March 05, 2024 at 06:15 PM

CR

“ So sorry

Chesley Rodgers - March 05, 2024 at 03:00 PM

LG

“ Lameyah granier purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Colten Skylar Blankenship.



Lameyah granier - March 05, 2024 at 12:58 PM

LG

“ Lameyah granier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colten Skylar Blankenship.

Lameyah granier - March 05, 2024 at 12:58 PM

GA

“ I remember the day he called me to ask what shirt he should wear he had about 12 different ones that he couldn't decide on, I helped him pick. After probably 20 minutes of us laughing and joking we picked one and he called it his lucky shirt.



Galina - March 05, 2024 at 11:57 AM

WB

“ Walter Blankenship sent a virtual gift in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship



walter blankenship - March 05, 2024 at 11:41 AM

SL

“ Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship



Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay - March 05, 2024 at 10:41 AM

JM

“ JMAG purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Colten Skylar Blankenship.



JMAG - March 05, 2024 at 09:58 AM

KB

“ Kimberly Beasley sent a virtual gift in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship



Kimberly Beasley - March 05, 2024 at 12:29 AM

JL

“ Jenn, Kloee, Kylee, Kason Latham purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Colten Skylar Blankenship.



Jenn, Kloee, Kylee, Kason Latham - March 04, 2024 at 11:35 PM

V2

“ Vienna High School Class of 2022 purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Colten Skylar Blankenship.



Vienna High School Class of 2022 - March 04, 2024 at 10:03 PM

V2

“ *Vienna High School Class of 2022 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colten Skylar Blankenship.*

Vienna High School Class of 2022 - March 04, 2024 at 10:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Colten Skylar Blankenship.*



March 04, 2024 at 09:36 PM

JH

“ *Justin & Tricia Hartline lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship*



Justin & Tricia Hartline - March 04, 2024 at 09:22 PM

LJ

“ *Lisa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship*



Lisa Johnson - March 04, 2024 at 08:05 PM

LJ

Prayers to his Family and friends. God bless!

Lisa Johnson - March 04, 2024 at 08:06 PM

FH

“ Frederick And Betty Heaton lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship



Frederick and Betty Heaton - March 04, 2024 at 07:48 PM

LJ

My prayers go out to the family and friends. God Bless you all!

Lisa Johnson - March 04, 2024 at 08:02 PM

PW

“ thoughts & prayers go out to his mom and everyone who loved him.



pat womack - March 04, 2024 at 07:48 PM

KH

“ My prayers are for the Blankenship and Camden families.



Kaye Harris - March 04, 2024 at 07:12 PM

TK

“ Tammy King sent a virtual gift in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship



Tammy King - March 04, 2024 at 06:52 PM

DP

“ Davis And Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship



Davis and Pat Prewitt - March 04, 2024 at 06:25 PM

SH

“ My heart, thoughts & prayers go out to his momma and everyone who loved him.



Shawn - March 04, 2024 at 06:24 PM

JH

“ Jerry And Rondice Houseman lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship



Jerry and Rondice Houseman - March 04, 2024 at 05:39 PM

KA

“ *Kathy(Black)Holt sent a virtual gift in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship*



Kathy(Black)Holt - March 04, 2024 at 05:14 PM

DR

“ *Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship*



Diane Rainbolt - March 04, 2024 at 04:52 PM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship*



John Slack - March 04, 2024 at 04:17 PM

RS

“ *Rodney And Kelly Shires lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship*



Rodney and Kelly Shires - March 04, 2024 at 03:07 PM

DH

“ Dallas And Charlene Harner sent a virtual gift in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship



Dallas and Charlene Harner - March 04, 2024 at 02:54 PM

TM

“ Love and prayers for all the family.



Tom and Carmen Murrie - March 04, 2024 at 02:51 PM

RH

“ Rickey And Sandra Harner lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship



Rickey and Sandra Harner - March 04, 2024 at 02:34 PM

TR

“ Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship



Teresa Richerson - March 04, 2024 at 01:19 PM

NR

“ Prayers for all family and friends

Nate Rector - March 04, 2024 at 12:47 PM

GA

“ Sorry for your loss.



Gayla - March 04, 2024 at 12:29 PM

LK

“ Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of
Colten Skylar Blankenship



Linda Koehler - March 04, 2024 at 11:28 AM

NB

“ Nancy Breeden lit a candle in memory of
Colten Skylar Blankenship



Nancy Breeden - March 04, 2024 at 11:19 AM

EF

“ Ely family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colten Skylar Blankenship.

Ely family - March 04, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Colten Skylar Blankenship.



March 04, 2024 at 11:12 AM

CC

“ My family and I are deeply saddened by this tragic accident and wanted to express our condolences to his family, to his friends, and to his acquaintances.. We as well loved Colten Skylar and he will be sadly missed.. Prayers for everyone!!



CONNY CUNNINGHAM - March 04, 2024 at 11:10 AM

EA

“ Emilie Ashworth lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship



Emilie Ashworth - March 04, 2024 at 11:02 AM

TH

“ Tamri Huckelberry lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship



Tamri Huckelberry - March 04, 2024 at 11:00 AM

ER

“ Eileen Rochford lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship



Eileen Rochford - March 04, 2024 at 10:58 AM

ER

Praying for his family and friends.

Eileen Rochford - March 04, 2024 at 10:59 AM

DK

I am from Missouri and I am Bryce Davis Grandmother! My grandson went to school and graduated from Vienna! I am so sorry for your loss and God Bless! I did not know your son but I know God is taking care of him and he is flying high with the angels!

Donna Kay Dennis Knight - March 06, 2024 at 03:14 PM

DW

“ Don & Lisa Wetherell lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship



Don & Lisa Wetherell - March 04, 2024 at 10:52 AM

KB

“ *Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship*



Karen Brumley - March 04, 2024 at 10:27 AM

TA

“ *Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship*



Teresa Anderson - March 04, 2024 at 10:27 AM

JM

“ *Jeff And Linda Mathis lit a candle in memory of Colten Skylar Blankenship*



Jeff and Linda Mathis - March 04, 2024 at 10:20 AM