



James W. "Wolf" Blankenship

January 30, 1953 - November 8, 2022

James "Wolf" William Blankenship, age 69 years, a resident of Vienna, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday evening, November 8, 2022, at 8:09 PM at his home.

Jim was born January 30, 1953 in Athens, Alabama. He was the son of Robert Lee and Roberta R. (Robinson) Blankenship.

In 1972, Jim was united in marriage to Carla Hester in Mount Prospect, Illinois. She preceded him in death on December 18, 1991.

Jim is survived by: a daughter – Heather (her husband, Stanley) Shinn of Vienna; granddaughters – Alyssia Donovan Van Zile, Serenity Jade Van Zile, and Devan Jaylea Wolf Van Zile; his siblings – Lynn Blankenship of Oregon, Mitch Casey of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, Anthony Casey of Mayfield, Kentucky, and Amy Casey of Durham, North Carolina; nieces and nephews – Mikki Tsikretsis, Melody Coble, Mikey DePaul, and Jason Thimoleas.

He was preceded in death by his father – Robert Blankenship; his mother – Roberta Jerome; his wife – Carla Blankenship; a daughter – Diane Lea Blankenship; and a sister – Linda Keippel.

Jim attended DePaul University. Jim's working career included serving as a

consultant for Amoco Research in Naperville, Illinois, a Manager/Programmer/Analyst at CNA Financial Corporation in Chicago, a project manager for Capsco-Pallm Systems, Inc., an account manager for DataTech Software, Inc., and a Manager/Project Manager/Project Leader for the Westfield Group. From 2001-2006, Jim served as the assistant Vice President of First Insurance Company of Hawaii in Honolulu. From 2007-2008, he was a director of AmComp, Inc in North Palm Beach, Florida and from 2008-2016, he served as enterprise architect (M&A IT) Integrations at State Auto Insurance Company in Columbus, Ohio. Jim has served as a hands-on senior enterprise architect with over 35 years of IT experience, primarily in delivering business value thru guiding the development and enhancement of insurance solutions. He owned and operated Wolf Technology, Inc, Subset Co. Group 532.

Jim was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2117 and the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge # 2070 both in Wadsworth, Ohio.

Jim was an avid reader and blogger. He was a member of Toastmasters, International.

Jim was of the Catholic faith.

A visitation will be conducted Tuesday afternoon, November 15, 2022, from 2 PM – 4 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to Prader-Willi Syndrome Association USA, 1032 E. Brandon Blvd #4744, Brandon, Florida 33511 or you may donate online at www.pwsausa.org

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
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Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Tribute Wall



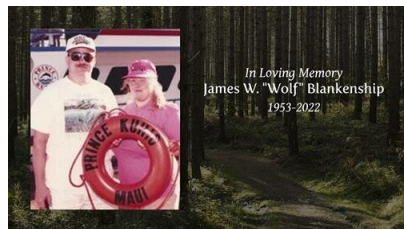
“ Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James W. "Wolf" Blankenship



Bailey Funeral Home - November 28, 2022 at 05:06 PM



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Wolf's obituary

Tawnya Pack - November 30, 2022 at 10:42 PM

DE

“ My Grandpa was quiet but he had such a big heart. No matter when or where he was always there for me. We didn't talk much but When we did it meant the world to me. He taught me how to play chess and we would talk about school, things from his past, and my grandma. I never knew her but those moments meant the world to me. I love you mom and you're stronger than you know.

Devan - March 15, 2025 at 10:49 AM



“ James W. "Wolf" Blankenship

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM

SJ

“ So sorry for your loss Heather.

sharon jones - November 17, 2022 at 12:40 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of James W. "Wolf" Blankenship.



November 14, 2022 at 02:38 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James W. "Wolf" Blankenship.



November 14, 2022 at 02:34 PM

MT

“ *My heart is broken. I love you so much uncle.*



Mikki Tsikretsis - November 14, 2022 at 12:58 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of James W. "Wolf" Blankenship.*



November 12, 2022 at 02:54 PM

DP

“ *Dave And Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of James W. "Wolf" Blankenship*



Dave and Pat Prewitt - November 12, 2022 at 07:05 AM

JF

Very saddened by this news and was honored to have worked with Jim. He will be remembered by his dedication and sense of humor. Thanks for everything you did Jim. Aloha ❤️

j. Falls - November 13, 2022 at 08:25 PM

KL

“ Karen and Mark LaNoue purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James W. "Wolf" Blankenship.



Karen and Mark LaNoue - November 11, 2022 at 12:24 PM

EC

“ It was a pleasure working with Jim. He is truly missed. My prayers and condolences to his family and friends.

Erica Carr - November 11, 2022 at 09:04 AM

HS

“ He was, hands down, the most amazing supportive encouraging dad anyone could ever ask for and I was beyond blessed that he was my dad. I was proud beyond measure to be his daughter and I hope he knew how much he meant to me and how much I loved and appreciated him for everything he did and for exactly who he was. I am going to miss him so much. I just hope I can carry on making him proud. I can't be too mad though because he is finally reunited with my mom and that is a beautiful thing. I love you dad and I'm going to miss you every damn day. Until we see each other again save a place for me with you mom and Diane. It won't be any time soon but I know I'll see you all again. Xoxo



Heather Shinn - November 10, 2022 at 09:42 PM

EC

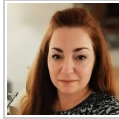
My condolences and prayers to your family.

Erica Carr - November 11, 2022 at 09:09 AM

KL

Jim was like a brother to me. We worked together for 3 years talking at least 5 days a week during this time. I already miss him very much and am sad at his passing. He was an amazing man and wonderful person to work with. We shared many laughs and many stories together. My husband and I called him my 'work husband'. I am so glad he is with his wife and daughter in heaven and am praying for Heather and those left behind.

Karen LaNoue - November 11, 2022 at 09:14 AM



My deepest condolences to you and your family. I worked with your dad. He had a wonderful sense of humor, and his loss is felt deeply by our team. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Alice Horn - November 11, 2022 at 04:23 PM

DS

I am so upset to hear of Jim's passing. I only knew your dad for a year, but he made a huge impact on my life. I worked with him on a project and he was such a huge life savor and helped me tremendously. He quickly became a really good friend. He will be deeply missed. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Deanna Settergren - November 14, 2022 at 09:03 AM

DW

My heart is with all of Jim's family and friends at this difficult time. Jim was a pleasure to work with and will be truly missed. He always ended his emails the same way, so I will end this tribute in kind. Mahalo,

Deanie Wysor - November 14, 2022 at 09:54 AM