



Gregory McKinley Blankenship

December 23, 1962 - August 6, 2015

Gregory M. Blankenship age 52 of Brandon formerly of Crestline, OH died on Thursday, August 6, 2015 at the Evansville Care Center. A Memorial Service will be held 1:00 PM on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at the Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria. Visitation will be held from 4-6 PM on Monday, August 10, 2015 at the Anderson Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service Tuesday.

OBITUARY

Gregory McKinley Blankenship was born on December 23, 1962 in Mansfield, Ohio to John and Norma "Rusty" (Salto) Blankenship. He graduated High School in Crestline, Ohio and attended Pioneer Joint Vocational School for welding. Greg enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1982 where he attended basic training in Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. He served on bases in Scotts Air Force Base in Illinois, Naval Air Station Keflavik in Iceland, and Moody Air Force Base in Georgia. Greg was honorably discharged in 1986.

After his military service, Greg then returned back to Galion, OH and started working at Baja Boats. He got to assemble a boat that was named boat of the year in 1990. In 1996, Greg moved to Alexandria to be near his parents, where he worked at various manufacturing plants before his injury in 2004.

Greg was a member of the Brandon American Legion Post 278, and the AMVETS Post 31. He enjoyed fishing and hunting; football which he loved watching Ohio State and the Cleveland Browns; music which included a lot of rock-n-roll, and Hank Williams Jr which he belonged to his fan club. He was a self-taught musician and loved playing guitar and even called his guitars his kids. He was also very talented playing the harmonica. Greg enjoyed spending time with his Mom and watching Jeopardy and the news with her.

Greg died on Thursday, August 6, 2015 at the Evansville Care Center at the age of 52. He is survived by his mom, Norma "Rusty"; sister, Karmen Myers of Crestline, OH; nephew, Christopher (Marissa) Clever; niece, Tiffany (Erik) Petersen; great-nieces, Madilyn, Trinity, and Sophia; uncles, Norm (Bonnie) Salto, Robert (Louise) Blankenship, Jay Blankenship; aunts, Margaret Brown, and Doris Ann (Fred) Houschins. Greg is preceded in death by his dad, John; aunts, Darlious Dandy, Mary Whitcomb, and Judy Milligan; uncle, Walter Blankenship and Buford Blankenship; half-uncles, Harry, and George; half-aunt, Marion; paternal grandparents, Walter and Bessie Blankenship; and maternal grandparents, Mary Salto and James Trollope.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at the Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria with Reverend Sarah Evenson officiating. Interment was in White Garden Cemetery in LaGrand Township. Military Honors were provided by the Brandon American Legion Post 278 and the Minnesota National Honor Guard.

Cemetery Details

White Garden Cemetery

LaGrande Township, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **10**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Funeral Home
659 Voyager
Alexandria, MN 56308
<http://andersonfuneral.net>

Visitation

AUG **11**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

AUG **11**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Gregory McKinley Blankenship



Anderson Funeral Home - August 09, 2015 at 07:07 PM

PH

“ Our family has been remembering Greg with stories and smiles. Also with sadness for allowing so many years to pass with out seeing him and all of you. We are praying for each of you. May God hold you tight and give you strength. Our hearts and thoughts are with you today and him. Houchins Family

Pam Houchins - August 11, 2015 at 08:38 AM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



Anderson Funeral Home - August 09, 2015 at 07:02 PM

DR

“ We are deeply saddened by the news of Greg’s passing. Our heart felt condolences to you and your family. You are in our thoughts.
Donna, Jerry and Ryan Rosenthal

Donna, Jerry and Ryan Rosenthal - August 09, 2015 at 12:54 PM

GC

“ Glenna (Miller) Caris lit a candle in memory of
Gregory McKinley Blankenship



Glenna (Miller) Caris - August 08, 2015 at 10:32 PM

 Sandy Garrison

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Gregory McKinley Blankenship



Sandy Garrison - August 08, 2015 at 10:14 PM



“ So sorry to your family for your loss. As "country neighbors",
growing up literally down the same road, riding the bus together,
etc, it seems odd when another "neighborhood kid" is gone. Robyn
Poffenbaugh, and now Greg. Just a strange feeling. Sincere
thoughts and prayers to all of you.

Mark Love - August 08, 2015 at 10:10 PM

BH

“ *Prayers of comfort for your family, may God touch your hearts and ease your pain.*
Becky Hall.

Becky Hall - August 07, 2015 at 01:24 PM

BH

“ *Becky Hall lit a candle in memory of Gregory McKinley Blankenship*



Becky Hall - August 07, 2015 at 01:22 PM

VM

“ *Karmen I love you I'm so sorry for your loss I pray you find comfort I know how hard it is to lose a brother*

vickie L mosier - August 07, 2015 at 01:04 PM