



## Harry Thomas Blankenship

September 30, 1947 - January 11, 2023

Harry Thomas Blankenship, 75, of Buford, GA born September 30, 1947 passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, January, 11, 2023. Harry was preceded in death by his parents, AJ and Ruby Dean Blankenship; his brothers, Harold Blankenship and Danny Blankenship; his father-in-law, J.T. Buice; his son-in-law, Johnny Whitt; his brothers-in-law, Ed Martin, Rueben Price, and Karl Meth; his nephews, Darryl Gower and Brad Price. He is survived by his wife of 54 1/2 years, Gail Buice Blankenship; his children, Jeff Blankenship (Diane Brown), Chris Blankenship (Mindy), and Michelle Blankenship Whitt; his former daughter-in-law, Jacqueline Blankenship; his grandchildren, Josh Blankenship (Heather), Madison Verroco (Michael), Jordan Blankenship (Alex), Bentley Whitt (Jack Ness), Matthew Blankenship, Jacob Whitt, Ashley Blankenship, J.T. Whitt, and Jackson Blankenship; his mother-in-law, Betty Buice; his great-grandchildren, Harlan Blankenship and Walker Blankenship; his beloved furry friend, Rutledge; his sisters, Betty Price and Patricia Plunkett (Phil); his brother, Bill Blankenship (Ann); his sisters-in-law, Janet Martin, Patti Waycaster (Michael), Debbie Reece (Greg); and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Harry was a lifelong resident of Buford. He was a long-term member of Sugar Hill United Methodist Church. Harry began his career in cabinetry at an early age first with Roy Harris and then later with Harold Wilkerson. In the early 1970s, Harry and Gail started their own cabinet company, Blankenship Cabinets, that has grown into the family business that it is today.

Harry had many hobbies and passions in life. A few of these consisted of his love of building, restoring, and showing antique cars, as he was a member of multiple car clubs throughout his lifetime. There was nothing that he enjoyed more than hanging out at Mitchell's Body Shop with all the guys, as we all called it "Body Shop Talk", and always telling Melanie, "Hurry Up". However, Harry's greatest passion in life was spending time with his loving wife Gail and family and friends, especially his grandchildren.

Harry never met a stranger and always made everyone feel welcome no matter what. Harry, also known as Pop Pop, always saw the best in everyone and was there for anyone who ever needed him. The family would like to thank all the wonderful caregivers who helped take care of him during his last days.

Family will receive friends and family on Friday, January 20, 2023 from 1-4 pm and 5-8 pm and Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 12:30 until 2:00 pm prior to the service at Flanigan Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 2:00 pm at Flanigan Funeral Home with Pastor Tim Campbell and Pastor Stephen Fountain officiating. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Heart Association, the Alzheimer's Association, or Classic Auto Rides Inc of Buford, GA (mail check to: CARS 5285 Palmero Court, Buford, GA 30518) in Harry's memory.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 South Lee Street  
Buford, GA 30518

## Visitation

JAN 20. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 S. Lee St.  
Buford, GA 30518  
(770) 932-1133  
<https://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

JAN 21. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 S. Lee St.  
Buford, GA 30518  
(770) 932-1133  
<https://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

JAN 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home



# Tribute Wall

TA

“ Harry was a great friend to me and always there to talk and see how I was doing as we enjoyed business conversation and cars. He was a doer... he got things done and wanted his word to mean something. He served his life to help people and most important was deeply devoted to his family. I loved that man and will see him in eternity someday. TA

TA - January 24, 2023 at 02:31 PM

GA

“ Prayers and condolences to the Blankenship family. May the legacy of Harry and the light he brought be carried on for many generations to come. God bless

Gary - January 21, 2023 at 05:31 PM

GB

“ I am so very sorry for your loss.

Gail B Berger - January 21, 2023 at 10:58 AM

MP

“ Some people touched so many lives as Harry did. they leave a lasting memories that will bring you peace and comfort as you grieve. Mary Pass.

Mary pass - January 15, 2023 at 02:06 PM

JP

“ Gail and families we're so sorry to hear about Harry. May God give you comfort and peace during this time of sorrow.  
Jerry and Viola Pealock

jerry and Viola Pealock - January 13, 2023 at 08:02 PM

RG

“Gale, we are so sorry to hear of Harry's passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your children! God will see each of you through this time of loss!

*Randall & Neene Gower*

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**RANDALL A GOWER** - January 13, 2023 at 12:32 PM

MP

“I am sorry to hear of Harry's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I worked for Harry in the early '70s cleaning the shop and gained great respect for him. I have always enjoyed being around Harry. He will be missed.

*Sincerely,  
Mark Pendley*

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**Mark Pendley** - January 12, 2023 at 06:52 AM

VJ

*Sad to hear of the passing of my longtime friend & loyal Chevrolet customer. Prayers for Gail & all the family. Harry Blankenship was one of the finest men I had the pleasure of knowing. See you again one day old friend!*

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**Vernon & Ann Jarrard** - January 13, 2023 at 12:53 PM

NG

*My prayers are with each family member. I know he will be missed by all. He was always friendly. Gail, my thoughts are with you.*

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**Novella P Goss** - January 13, 2023 at 02:38 PM

DH

*I'm sorry to hear of Harry's passing and I'm praying for his family. He built a great business, did great work and was a great man! So sorry to see him go.*

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**David Hole** - January 13, 2023 at 07:12 PM



Connie  
Petre

*My prayers are with all. A wonderful man, with a Beautiful Family. He will be missed by so many. My prayers are for Gail and her family during this trying time.*

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**Connie Petre** - January 13, 2023 at 09:54 PM



SF

*Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr Harry's family and friends. We know he will be greatly missed by all.*

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**Steve and Gail Fuller** - January 16, 2023 at 08:24 AM