



## Willard M. Blankenship

July 28, 1921 - December 11, 2016

North Augusta, SC—Funeral Services for Mr. Willard M. Blankenship, 95, of Andrews Branch, North Augusta, SC, who entered into rest December 11, 2016, will be conducted Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from the Posey Funeral Chapel. Pastor Daniel H. Johnson officiating. Interment in Sunset Memory Gardens with Full Military Honors.

Mr. Blankenship was a native of Burdine, Kentucky, having made the North Augusta-Beech Island area his home for the past 56 years. He was the son of the late Clarence and Sadie VanHorn Blankenship and a Baptist. Mr. Blankenship following his retirement from the US Army, retired from the E.I. DuPont Company at the Savannah River Plant.

Mr. Blankenship retired from the US Army with 22 years of service. He was a Veteran of World War II and the Korean War. During World War II he served in North Africa in 1943, then volunteered to go into the CBI Theater. When the Burma Campaign ended he served in China as an Advisor to the 18th Chinese Field Army. During the Korean War he served in the Airborne making jumps in Korea. He retired at Fort Gordon having served in the Signal Command as a Chief Instructor. He received the Master Jumper Award with Two Stars and holds the Combat Infantry Badge with Second Award.

Mr. Blankenship was a Life Member of the Hopewell Masonic Lodge #127

AFM and a Shriner and a Life Member of VFW Post #6740, The American Legion Post #63, the Eastern Star Chapter #238, the 6th Field Association, the 608 Tank Association and the 187th, the 11th and the 82nd Airborne Association.

Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Roxie Baker Blankenship; a son and daughter-in-law, Gilbert and Judy Blankenship, Carrollton, GA; five daughters and sons-in-law, Billie McKearn, Bedminster, NJ, Connie and Mark Rahn and Sue Stallings all of North Augusta, Brenda and Charles Wentworth, Columbia, SC and Becky Blankenship, Sycamore, SC; 13 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and 8 great great grandchildren; a brother, Frank (Judy) Blankenship, Port Charlotte, FL; a sister, Judy (Robert) Priddy, Columbus, IN; two sisters-in-law, Florence Blankenship, Saluda, SC and Chris Blankenship, Lincolnton, NC.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Tuesday evening from 6 until 8.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Gardens

2648 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Graniteville, SC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors  
1307 Georgia Avenue  
North Augusta, SC

## Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel  
1307 Georgia Avenue  
North Augusta, SC 29841

# Tribute Wall



“ *Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Willard M. Blankenship*



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - December 12, 2016 at 04:08 PM



“ *Willard M. Blankenship*

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October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Willard M. Blankenship*

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September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Becky and family,  
We are sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief.  
With Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy,  
Marie, Phillip, Kristy,  
Kayla, Kendra, Kyle Pruitte*



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**The Pruitte Family** - December 14, 2016 at 11:49 PM

Scott  
Adam

“ After attending the services today and talking to his family and fellow Paratrooper, I came away feeling sorry I never met Mr. Blankenship. He, by all accounts, would have been the kind of soldier I would have been honored to serve with in any and all assignments. His love of his fellow military veterans and those currently serving was evident in his involvement with a number of veterans fellowship and service organizations, to include the American Legion. Rest in Peace, we have the watch. For God and Country. Scott Adam, MSG, USA (RET), American Legion Post 337, Grovetown

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**Scott Adam** - December 14, 2016 at 03:06 PM

SR

“ *Samurai Chapter Rakkasans purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Willard M. Blankenship.*



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**Samurai Chapter Rakkasans** - December 13, 2016 at 01:59 PM

SH

“ *Sherry Hughes lit a candle in memory of Willard M. Blankenship*



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**sherry hughes** - December 13, 2016 at 01:18 PM

SB

“ Dear Blankenship Family,  
I'm so sorry that I won't be able to attend Uncle Willard's services. I will always treasure the wonderful memories that I have of him and how special he was to me. He will be missed. I love you Uncle Willard.  
Stacy Barnhart

Stacy Barnhart - December 13, 2016 at 09:09 AM

RC

“ Remain at Home Health Care purchased the Amazing Arboricola for the family of Willard M. Blankenship.



Remain at Home Health Care - December 13, 2016 at 07:49 AM



“ 29 files added to the album Life Tributes

Of all the medals upon our chests,  
From battles and wars we know,  
The one admired as the very best,  
Is the one of Infantry blue.  
  
It's only a rifle upon a wreath,  
So why should it mean so much?  
It is what it took to earn it,  
That gives it that magic touch.  
  
To earn this special accolade,  
You faced the enemy's line,  
Whether you survived or not,  
God dictated that one desire.



Posey Funeral Directors - December 12, 2016 at 03:12 PM



“ *Dear Roxie and Family,  
Ruth and I are so sorry to learn of Willard's passing. We want to pass on to you and your family our most sincere and deepest sympathy. We have now discussed what we knew of him and stand in awe of it. I talked over the phone with him just a few weeks ago. We will miss him. He leaves an outstanding legacy as a soldier and as a civilian. We should all strive to be more like him. Rest assured he is resting well in God's grace. Until we form again.*

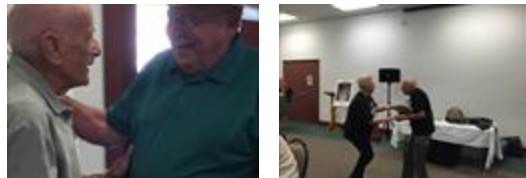
*Gary Davis  
Sec/187 Rakkasans  
Airborne*

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**Ruth Davis** - December 12, 2016 at 12:35 PM

SB

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



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**Stacy Barnhart** - December 12, 2016 at 09:13 AM



“ *Mrs. B., Becky, Sue and family,  
So sorry to hear of Mr. B's home going.  
May the Lord comfort and strengthen you all today and in the days ahead.  
My thoughts and prayers are with each of you today and everyday.*

*Love,  
Karen Copeland Kight*

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**Karen Copeland Kight** - December 12, 2016 at 05:16 AM