



Jay R. Blankenship

November 13, 1980 - June 7, 2023

Jay Blankenship, age 42, of Jackson, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, June 7, 2023. He was born November 13, 1980, in Chillicothe, Ohio, to Diane Powers Blankenship and the late Paul David Blankenship.

Jay spent his early childhood in the city of Wellston where he attended Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School, participated in youth sports, and met many of his lifelong friends. In Wellston, Jay and his dad bonded over their love of football, and Jay spent many hours alongside his dad as Paul coached the Wellston Golden Rockets. During his high school years, Jay's passion for football continued, making him a leader on the gridiron. One of Jay's proudest accomplishments was being a member of the 1996 undefeated Jackson varsity football team and earning a coveted white jacket. Jay and his teammates had a special bond, and he loved each and every one of them like a brother—he was a true Ironmen.

In adulthood, Jay was lucky enough to find two additional passions: his children and hunting. Jay loved spending time in the outdoors with his sons, Kingston and Holden, and on their many adventures, the three of them built a deep bond. Whether it was scouting a big buck or chasing a long beard, Jay and his boys were ready. When they weren't together in the woods, you could

find Jay and his wife Mandee attending one of his sons' many sporting events. He loved watching his boys play sports, and he was incredibly proud of both of them. Over time, Jay also developed a love of traveling to Disney World with Mandee and Kingston, and they enjoyed many wonderful trips together over the years.

Jay was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and had a deep love for the Lord. His character was most evident in the way he treated people. Jay never met a stranger, and you could always count on him for a good hunting or football story. He had a big heart, always trying to be there for anyone who needed him. Jay's family meant the world to him, and he did everything he could to make them happy. He was a kind, loving man, who will be deeply missed.

Jay is survived by his mother, Diane Powers Blankenship; his wife, Mandee Blankenship; his sons, Kingston Blakenship and Holden Blankenship; his sisters, Beth (Shawn) Osborne and Molly Blankenship; his brother, Brent (Barbi) Blankenship; his mother and father-in-law, Diana Wright and Paul "Woody" Wright; his sister-in-law, Melissa Wright; his aunt, Linda Fisher; his cousins, Ashley and Jimmy Fisher; and his nieces and nephews: Jordan Banks, Kendal Osborne, Landon Osborne, Alyssa Wright, Gaven Helmic, and Bryer Padgett. Jay was also survived by many close and special friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Blankenship; his grandparents, Jay and Paulette Blankenship and Harold and Dolores Powers; and his uncle, Bobby Powers.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, with Father Thomas Herge officiating. Burial will follow

at the Mount Olivet Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 3-7 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2023, at Mayhew Brown Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Jay's name can be made to the Jackson Sideliners Club, PO Box 866, Jackson, Ohio 45640, or the Golden Rockets Athletic Boosters, PO Box 489, Wellston, Ohio 45692. Condolences may be sent to the family at: www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet

Jackson, OH 45640

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home
135 Broadway Street
Jackson, OH 45640
(740) 286-4161

Funeral Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
334 Court St.
Jackson, OH 45640

Tribute Wall

FS

“ Jay we had some good times when you were teaching apprentices in Hudson Oh for the District Council. Haven't seen you in a while and I'm sorry I haven't. I know how much you Loved your family and I hope to see you again. Rest in Peace Brother Jay May God Bless You. Freddie.

Fred R. Hubbard Sr. - June 12, 2023 at 02:40 PM

MP

“ Rest in peace, Jay. You will be carried in the hearts of all who loved you. And to your family, we offer our prayers and sympathy.
Marsha and Richard Powers

Marsha S. Powers - June 10, 2023 at 08:35 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jay R. Blankenship.



June 10, 2023 at 07:50 PM

SB

“ So very sorry for your loss. My sympathy and prayers fir the family

Sharon K Brotherton - June 10, 2023 at 04:13 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jay R. Blankenship.*



June 10, 2023 at 08:48 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jay R. Blankenship.

June 10, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Jay always had a smile on his face, and never said a bad word about anyone. was always on me about working out with him to teach him to throw hands. jay could wrestle but wanted to be a better boxer. We sparred a few times years ago, but he always told me he was going to stick to wrestling. his youngest boy Kingston has turned out to be quite the wrestler, himself. my thoughts and prayers go out to Mandee and the rest of his family. He will be truly missed.*

Charley Lundauer - June 09, 2023 at 06:50 PM



Jay has been a great friend of mine over 15 years, if we were together we were either hunting, fishing or hanging out in my garage working on vehicles. jay was never afraid of hard work or helping anyone who needed a hand. his passion for helping kids grow up is unmeasurable. When he comes to visit you could always count on a smile on his face when he got out of his car. our community has lost a loving caring individual. our prayers are for his family and other friends to get through this difficult time we sorely miss you Jay.

Tom Rose - June 10, 2023 at 01:08 PM

TS

“ I am so sorry to here about Jay. I have many memories of that ornery young man, but most of all I will always remember that smile and big heart. Praying for your family, God Bless.

tammy simmonds - June 09, 2023 at 04:29 PM

DG

“ Words can't express the shock and sadness to hear of Jay's passing. I feel fortunate to be a part of his growing up by not only being neighbors but also as a part of Paul' football staff at Wellston. Jay was always around doing whatever he could to be a part of it all. Sincere condolences to all the family members and good friends. RIP Jay

Doug Griffin

Doug Griffin - June 09, 2023 at 03:54 PM

PB

I am so sorry for the passing .Haven't saw him in years bur my memories was high-school years when he played sports with my son.Sending prayers.

Patti Burris - June 09, 2023 at 09:37 PM

TC

“ Both Paul and Jay were so very kind to me during the many hours I spent at the football field many years ago. Jay was in middle school but he had a fantastic way of starting conversations with grown ups & making me laugh. I'm glad I got to know him as an adult as well, he grew up to be incredibly kind, hard-working and passionate about his family. All great traits I'm sure his kids' will carry on. 🙏 for his family.

Tracy C - June 09, 2023 at 03:47 PM

CP

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Jay! God be with you during your time of need!*

Cheryl Perkins

Cheryl Perkins - June 09, 2023 at 03:16 PM