



## Paul David Blankenship

July 26, 1949 - May 14, 2017

Paul David Blankenship passed away Sunday, May 14, 2017 at his home. Paul David Blankenship was born in Wayne, West Virginia on July 26, 1949.

Paul graduated from Wayne High School in 1967. He received his Bachelor's Degree in 1971 from Glenville State College in Glenville, West Virginia. In 1980 he completed a Master's Degree from Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. He continued his education with postgraduate work in Educational Administration by attending The Ohio State University, Marshall University, University of Dayton, Ohio University, and The University of Rio Grande. He also completed his Superintendent's Licensure Program at Ohio University.

Throughout his educational career, Paul worked in the Wayne, South Point, Wellston and Jackson City School Districts where he also coached football and various other sports including: baseball, track, volleyball, and girls' basketball. From 1996 to 2006 he served as Assistant Principal and Principal at Jackson Middle School. In 2006, Paul retired and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Paul is preceded in death by his mother Pauline (Barnett) Blankenship, his father and stepmother, Jay and Jean Blankenship, grandparents Sally and Irvin Blankenship, and brother Chuck Liebee.

Paul is survived by his wife, Diane (Powers) Blankenship; his children: Brent Blankenship, Jay (Mandee) Blankenship, Molly Blankenship, Beth (Shawn) Osborne; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Kenny and Linda Engelbrecht. Paul is also survived by his five grandchildren: Jordan Banks, Holden Blankenship, Kendal Osborne, Landon Osborne, and Kingston Blankenship; and siblings: Pam (David) Earp, Joanne (Wayne) Carriveau, Mike (Mary) Blankenship, nephew Jimmy Fisher and niece Ashley (Adam) Tripp.

Paul was an avid Cleveland Browns and Marshall fan. His passion was football. Throughout his years of teaching and coaching, Paul touched many lives with his generous, kind and understanding nature. He will be deeply missed by his family and all who knew him.

Calling hours will be at the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, with Rosary Service to follow. Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Wednesday, May 17, 11:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Father Joseph Yokum, Father Stephen Smith and Father Joseph Trapp officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Paul's memory to the Wellston City Schools Track Fund, 1 E. Broadway St., Wellston, Ohio 45692 and the JHS Alumni Scholarship Fund, C/O Vicki Williams, 4335 Jisco West Road, Jackson, Ohio 45640.

Condolences may be emailed to: [mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com](mailto:mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ Molly and Family, Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you. Teresa & Paul Beach

Teresa Beach - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

JB

“ God Bless You Brother. You have always meant so much to me and I love you very much. Jody

Joann Blankenship - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

TO

“ Diane and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I could never express how much I cherish the memories of the years Paul and I spent together at South Point and Wellston. I hope your grief is eased by the memories of the many people's lives that were made better because of Paul. God bless.

Terry Osborne - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

SH

“ PAUL DAVID, WAS A WONDERFUL COUSIN AND FRIEND WE HAD GREAT TIME WITH HIM ,HE WAS CLOSED TO OUR BROTHER MIKE BARNETT WHO PASSED AWAY AT 27 , EVERY TIME I TALK TO HIM HE ALWAYS TALK ABOUT HOW CLOSED THEY WERE ,HE WILL BE SADLY MISS BUT NEVER FORGOT IN ARE HEART. I LOVE THE TIMES WE HAD TOGETHER AS AT FAMILY GATHERINGS BEST WEST TO HIS FAMILY AND WIFE SINCERLY SANDY BARNETT HOPE

SANDRA BARNETT HOPE - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

PP

“ I will never forget the lecture Paul gave me because I skipped a big track meet to go to a concert; he believed in me more than those closest to me did, and wanted me to succeed in track. And Paul was one of Greg's closest and best friends. We are both just at a loss. Wishing peace and strength for the family. Paul's sense of humor and great coaching stories will keep us smiling every time we think of him. He was one of a kind. We loved him.

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**Pam and Greg Phillips** - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

BS

“ Paul's life has had a lasting impact on countless thousands of people. He was both sports fan and coach. He taught lessons from life. He coached with a zeal matched by few and coupled with compassion. His love for family was a shining example for us all. His battle against cancer mirrored his conduct throughout life. He lived his principles. Prayers for healing go to Diane, his children and grandchildren and his large circle of friends.

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**Barbara Summers** - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

DB

“ Diane, Since losing my husband I can relate to all who loses their soul mates. Pray for comfort to the family. Sorry I can't be there, I don't drive much anymore. Every time I talked to P.D. He bragged on your support, I know he said time and time again, how much he loved you. He was one in a million.

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**Dottie Blankenship** - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

MC

“ When I moved to NC to teach, Mr. Blankenship send me several emails of hope and encouragement.It was a very difficult time for me and his emails were a bright spot in a dark time.I've always appreciated that.He will be missed.My thoughts are with his family.

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**Michelle Conway** - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

LB

“ Very sorry, prayers to the family. Was always a Coach!

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**Larry Blackstone** - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

JH

“ Larry and I are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family

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**Jacqueline Heiser** - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Paul. I have fond memories of him while playing sports in school with Jay and Molly. He always seemed to have a smile on his face. May you all find comfort and peace. God Bless.

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**Carrie Holman (Specht)** - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

ES

“ Condolences to Diane and family. He will be missed.

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**Elizabeth Savino** - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

MS

“ Diane and family...though it's always difficult to suffer with a loved one when they are ill, one is never fully prepared for the loss. Please know that we grieve with you and are thinking of and praying for you. Love and hugs.

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**Mike and Deanna Stroth** - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

SH

“ I have many wonderful memories of our childhood together. So very sorry.

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**Sandy Hall** - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

RL

“ I was so sorry to hear about this....I had heard he had been having some health issues but it's still a shock. Spent a lot of time around P.D. in High School....he was a lot of fun!!! I think he was looking forward to making it to the class reunion this fall...I hate that won't come about now. I know you all will miss him greatly and again, I am so sorry for your family's loss.

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**Rosalie Lusher** - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

VW

“ I'm so sorry to learn of the passing of Paul. My sympathies to you Diane, and all of your family.

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**Villa Webb** - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

JO

“ I'm very sorry for you loss. He was a great man and I'm glad Chad and I got to meet him. Prayers for strength to help you all get through this. Chad and I send our love to you all..

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**Julie Osborne** - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

BP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Diane. May you find some peace and comfort through your beautiful memories and wonderful family. God bless.

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**Beth Powers-Seiter** - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

DL

“ Was A coach that taught me i was the best and know one could beat me . as long as i had Faith .Coach All ways made sure we prayed the Lords Prayer before games . Stuck with me and lead me to have faith in Jesus Christ .we were taught by coach Paul.To be winners we were at South Point 20 wins . The best in the State of Ohio 78-79 Thank you coach .I know God has a team for you to lead. In your new home with the Lord .And You 30 years young how cool. i know coach i will see you over there .and were counting the days till Christ returns and were all a family for him .may you family and love ones have peace and be filled with hope that you are healed in the Lords House .and May there hearts be filled with the peace that passes all understanding .in Jesus Name .Love You all Bro .Dana .PS One of the best linebackers you Coach .Thank You Sir.

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**Dana Lucoski** - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

BL

“ We will miss his love of helping the rescue. Steve will especially miss sharing their coaching memories with one another.

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**Barb and Steve Littler** - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

DL

“ From an old friend and school mate. I am so sorry for your loss. Paul was always a sweet man.

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**Donna Lucas** - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

EC

“ *Mr. Blankenship was my middle school principal, but he was more than that, he helped me in alot of ways!! I'm sorry for your loss, he will be greatly missed!!!*

Erin Corvin - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

LJ

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of Paul. Went to High School with Paul at Wayne High School Wayne, WV. He was a very kind 7 great person.*

Laura (Perry) Justice - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

SB

“ *Diann, Molly, and all Paul David's family, so sorry to hear of Paul David's passing. He was a great part of my early relationships with our Blankenship family as his cousin' my late husband Richard Bullock often brought me to Wayne, W.V. To visit and meet this part of his mom's family. Seeing your family with PD at Steven Bollock's 60th B.Day party in 2010 was such a joy. May God be with you and Rest In Peace Paul David.*

Sharon & Gina Bullock - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

WD

“ *Such a wonderful person*

William Dunn - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss Molly. I know there is nothing that I can say but to tell you that you are in my prayers.*

May 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM