



George Blankenship

1932-2020

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George "Ray" Blankenship, 88, went to be with our Lord Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020, due to complications of COVID.

Ray was born in Dallas in 1932. Ray proudly served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, worked as a Texas Highway Patrolman and retired from Lockheed Martin. He served as a deacon and was an active member of Sycamore Baptist Church in Decatur. Ray was a committed volunteer at Wise Health System in Decatur.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dayton and Rosie Blankenship; and his brother, Jack.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 66 years, Martha Blankenship; his sons, Chuck Blankenship and wife, Terri, Mike Blankenship and wife, Lori and Jerry Blankenship and wife, Lori; his grandchildren, Rachel James and husband, Sam, Katie Fatum and husband, Alex, Angela Blankenship, Justin Blankenship, and Joseph Meador; his great-grandchild, Naomi James; and a host of

friends.

Due to COVID, the family will be having a private graveside service at Bourland Cemetery in Keller.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Sycamore Baptist Church Building Fund, 133 County Road 2425, Decatur, Texas 76234

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