



## Donald L. Blankenship

June 22, 1936 - February 26, 2016

Donald Lee Blankenship, 79, of Carthage passed at 8:42 p.m., February 26th, Friday in Lamar MO. Don was born June 22, 1936 in Carthage MO to Harold Burton Blankenship and Bessie "Tacker" Blankenship. Don was a lifetime area resident of Carthage. Don worked for 36 and half years as owner of the Blankenship Insurance Agency (American Family). He retired from there in September of 2008, then becoming a full-time farmer and rancher. Don was a member of the Mount Hope Church of Christ in Webb City, MO. Don was also a member of the Missouri Extension Council-Leaders Honor Roll and had served in the Cub scouts as a Scout Leader for several years.

Don married Grace Roene Copeland on August 29, 1970 in Mullinville, KS. She survives.

Don is also survived by three sons Adam Blankenship of Carthage MO, Joel Blankenship of Diamond MO and Bryan Blankenship of Lacombe, LA. and one daughter Beth Anne Woods of Pensacola, FL, one sister Betty Harshaw of Carthage, MO, fifteen Grandkids Jerl, Paige, Lexi, Mason, Raegan, Tyler, Kelly, Heidi, Jeffrey, Priscilla, Sarah, Faith, Josh, Lynsi and Evan, ten Great Grandkids and numerous nieces and nephews. Don was preceded in death by a sister Joy Crusa in April 2015 and also by his parents.

Funeral Services will be 7:00 p.m. Monday February 29, 2016 at Mount Hope Church of Christ in Webb City. Visitation will be prior to services at 5:30 to 6:30 also at the church. A private family committal will be held at a later date. Online condolences can be made at [www.ulmerfh.com](http://www.ulmerfh.com). Contributions can be

made to the Navajo Children's mission fund of Mount Hope care of Ulmer  
Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Roene, so sorry for your loss. Thank you for keeping us informed these last several months as to how Don was doing. You were a wonderful caretaker. So many memories of my cousin Don. Didn't get to see him too often while growing up, but when Larry and I moved to KC, we became closer. Don and Roene were always welcoming and fun to be with. Don loved the Lord, and although we will miss him, we know he is with Jesus, our Savior.*”

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**Larry and Phyllis Greenwood** - March 01, 2016 at 12:35 AM

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“*Dear Family, We are so sorry to hear this news, and I was just thinking about him the other day. Lots of good memories with him at American Family and he was a great person. Kelly and Jan Tate*”

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**Jan Tate** - February 29, 2016 at 02:28 PM

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“*You are in my thoughts and prayers Roene, Beth, Bryan, Adam and Joel. Don will be missed. Big HUGs to all of you.*”

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**Laura Stansbury** - February 28, 2016 at 06:33 PM

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“*Roene, sorry for your loss. Will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.*”

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**Bob and Sherry Dean** - February 28, 2016 at 12:27 PM