



Thomas Jerry Blankenship

May 8, 1954 - May 6, 2023

Thomas Jerry Blankenship (aka: Tom Cat, Sparky, Big Daddy) (68) was born on May 8, 1954 in Lexington, TN. He went to be with his Lord and Savior on May 6, 2023 in Birmingham, AL surrounded by his family.

Thomas began his career at 12 years old at Doc's Dairy Bar, this kick started a 56-year career as a self-made man. Thomas was a brick mason by trade while becoming owner of his own mason business, twice. He was an owner of a concrete pumping business and later while loving his collection of quarters started building and owning several car washes throughout Tennessee. In addition to coin collecting, Thomas loved collecting old cars. He lived life doing things he loved most. He enjoyed traveling – especially to Cabo where he has said that was Paradise on Earth. His love for motorcycles, and spending as much time as possible with all his grandchildren which is truly what he loved most. In 1982 Thomas met the love of his life, Kelli Alice in Dallas, TX. Together they have raised 6 beautiful children. Jeremy (Luchita), Jason (Samantha), April Harrod (David), Jerid (Leah), Megan Blankenship, and Jereme Tubbs (Stephanie) while being married for 40 years. Thomas is preceded in death by his father, Belton and mother, Marie Blankenship. Brothers Rex and Guy Blankenship. He is survived by his sister, Carolyn Maness (Tim), 11 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held at Sand Ridge Baptist Church on Thursday, May 11, 2023 from 2:00pm-8:00pm. Funeral Services will be held at Sand Ridge Baptist Church on Friday, May 12, 2023 at 1:00pm, his burial will

be directly following at Lexington Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Sand Ridge Baptist Church Missions or Carl Perkins Center for Child Abuse in Lexington, TN.

Tribute Wall

SG

“ Spring G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Jerry Blankenship.

Spring G. - July 06, 2023 at 07:50 PM

JM

“ Rest in peace my friend. I have truly enjoyed and valued our work relationship and friendship through out the years. My thoughts love and prayers to the family. Love Jeremy McGee and family



Jeremy McGee - May 12, 2023 at 07:16 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Jerry Blankenship.



May 12, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Jerry Blankenship.



May 11, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas Jerry Blankenship.



May 11, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Jerry Blankenship.



May 11, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas Jerry Blankenship.



May 10, 2023 at 06:03 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Jerry Blankenship.*



May 10, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ *Brittain Price lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jerry Blankenship*



Brittain Price - May 09, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ *Your friends at Labcorp purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Jerry Blankenship.*



Your friends at Labcorp - May 09, 2023 at 08:37 AM



“ *Pam Bowman lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jerry Blankenship*



Pam Bowman - May 08, 2023 at 11:35 PM

PB

Mr Thomas was a very good man and I enjoyed working for him at the block and Barrel

Pam Bowman - May 08, 2023 at 11:37 PM

JH

“ *Janice Houston lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jerry Blankenship*



Janice Houston - May 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM

GH

“ *Gary Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jerry Blankenship*



Gary Hendrix - May 08, 2023 at 09:29 PM

GS

“ *No words, just prayers!* ❤️ 🙏

Glenda Sumler - May 08, 2023 at 08:59 PM

LE

“ *Linda Elam lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jerry Blankenship*



Linda Elam - May 08, 2023 at 08:39 PM

SM

“ *Sandra Maness lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jerry Blankenship*



Sandra Maness - May 08, 2023 at 07:55 PM

BP

“ *Mr. Blankenship has made a lasting impact on me as a model for gritty perseverance amidst hardship. It has been an honor to know him over the past several years.*

Kelli, I'd love to publicly commend your tireless dedication to your husband. I've never known a more devoted or consistent caregiver than you. I'm so grateful to have known you both and wish rest and peace for you and the family.

Blake Phillips - May 08, 2023 at 07:44 PM

BA

“ *We feel so blessed to have known Thomas. We always appreciated his hospitality. He had such a welcoming spirit.*

His health circumstances always made me feel that he valued life more than anyone and his effort was an expression of that. He was a good man! He will forever be know to us as The Man.

Vicki & Buck Arnwine

Buck Arnwine - May 08, 2023 at 07:24 PM

RS

“ Rhonda Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas Jerry Blankenship



Rhonda Sanders - May 08, 2023 at 06:26 PM

CH

“ Charlotte Harris lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jerry Blankenship



Charlotte Harris - May 08, 2023 at 05:45 PM

CH

Thomas: If there was ONE word that describes you best, it would no doubt be COURAGEOUS. Nickie & I feel "beyond blessed" for the Lord crossing our paths with you, Kelli and your family at SRBC and we love all of you so much. If I could only pick ONE verse that "best" describes what you would want us all to know now: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the FAITH". 11 Timothy 4:7

Charlotte Harris - May 08, 2023 at 05:54 PM

PW

“ Paula Wisinski lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jerry Blankenship



Paula Wisinski - May 08, 2023 at 04:18 PM

CJ

“ I remember as cousins growing up anytime I visited Thomas 's grandmother Aunt Maggie and my grandmother Stella we would play together u took my riding on your Honda motorcycle and we would sit up late playing the game Sorry rest in piece Thomas Jerry love to his family you are in my thoughts and prayers

Cathy Jennings - May 08, 2023 at 04:00 PM



“ Cotton Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jerry Blankenship



Cotton Rhodes - May 08, 2023 at 03:42 PM

KP

“ Keith And Debbie Patterson lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jerry Blankenship



Keith and Debbie Patterson - May 08, 2023 at 03:34 PM

EA

“ Eddie Akins lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jerry Blankenship



Eddie Akins - May 08, 2023 at 03:22 PM

CK

“ *Charlotte Kizer lit a candle in memory of
Thomas Jerry Blankenship*



Charlotte Kizer - May 08, 2023 at 02:42 PM