



Bernard "Rabbit" Blanford

June 4, 1933 - December 7, 2011

Bernard L. (Rabbit) Blanford, age 78, of Smith Mills, passed away, Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at his home under St. Anthony's Hospice care.

He was a loving husband, father, and Papaw. He was a retired farmer, and a member of Moose Lodge #732.

Mr. Blanford was preceded in death by his parents Bernard and Mamie Blanford, two half sisters Virginia Tischenor and Mary Blanford, and one great granddaughter Emma Marie Gray.

Survivors include:

Wife of 59 years: Juanita Blanford Smith Mills, KY

1 Son: Lewis Bernard Blanford and companion Ron Christian Henderson, KY

5 Daughters: Bernie McGaha and companion Bob Grimes Smith Mills, KY

Needie Babb and husband Calvin Smith Mills, KY

Mary Hudnall and husband Jerry Smith Mills, KY

Robin Givens and husband Dale Little Dixie, KY

Monie Beck and husband Scott Little Dixie, KY

18 Grandchildren

35 Great Grandchildren

Funeral Services will be conducted at 10:00 AM, Friday, December 9, 2011 at Benton-Glunt Funeral Home, Henderson, KY. Rev. Don House will officiate. Burial will be in Smith Mills Cemetery, Smith Mills, KY.

Friends may call from 2:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday and from 9:00 AM until service time on Friday at Benton-Glunt Funeral Home, Henderson, KY.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt Funeral Home
629 S. Green Street
Henderson, KY 42420

2:00 P.M. Tuesday May 8, 2018 Funeral Service

DEC 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard "Rabbit" Blanford*

November 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ *dear papaw-rabbit,
I love you so much, you are a wonderful man. thank you for being in my life..miss you so much. i promise nanny will be well taken care of. One of my memories is when you and rudy were behind the green house in the field leaning on the old truck drinking beer and me and amy came up, you ask me if i wanted a drink, and i took that drink and spit it right out. i look on that day i have to laugh.. i love you papaw rabbit and your truly missed.*

Kristy Gatewood - smith mills, KY - grand-daughter - December 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am sorry for your loss. My prayers are with all of you. If there is anything I can do please email me*

Robin Duncan (John and Jackie Blanford daughter) - Morganfield, KY - friend of the family - December 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ When God made Daddy it was a special day.
He smiled,then laughed as hs rolled out the clay.
He said, I like this dude but just for fun
I will make him a father,but not just for one.
He will have a sixpack and each will do their share,
to add white to his black hair.
His rough hands will show the hard work as he held on to them
His troubled mind will hold worries that they gave to him
His eyes will fade dim from all of their flowing tears
His body will hurt from all of their hard years
His sixpack will be there when there is nothing but pain
Asking God to help him and to let him remain
When time has passed and he has earned his rest,
He will sleep peacefully knowing he has done his best.

You can sleep now Daddy
Your job was well done.

Love
Needie

Needie Babb - Smith Mills, KY - daughter - December 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry to hear about your dad. My pra66yers to all. Holly I will be thinking about you.

Donna Bean Simpson - December 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *May the everlasting arms of Jesus reach down and surround you with His love during this difficult time. I grieve with you, for this man had such a great impact on my life through some of my most difficult times. Know that I love you all and wish I could be with you. I pray you find peace through this time in knowing that everlasting life is just now beginning for this great man. Love to all my family. Hot Rod*

Ed (HotRod) Tichenor - Vestal, NY - Nephew - December 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM