



## Margaret Blankenship

April 29, 1928 - August 25, 2019

BEESON – Margaret Blankenship, 91, of Beeson, died Sunday, August 25, 2019. Born April 29, 1928 in Beeson, she was the daughter of the late Zeather Vaughan and Gladys Walker Vaughan.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, James “Estil” Blankenship.

Mrs. Blankenship was a 1945 graduate of Matoaka High School and a 1960 graduate of Little French Beauty Academy in Bluefield. She was a former employee of Robert’s Beauty Salon in Princeton and was the owner/operator of Margaret’s Beauty Shop on Beeson Road from 1969-1983. She was a former member of Matoaka United Methodist Church. Margaret was a former member of the Appalachian Artists Association having painted more than 100 oils. She was also a member of the Farm Women’s Club of Pinaok. Margaret was an avid WVU fan and enjoyed her winters in Satellite Beach, Florida where she had many friends from various states. She enjoyed gardening and starting her plants as well as multiple flowers. In her leisure time, she enjoyed scrapbooking and watching wildlife, especially deer and birds.

Survivors include daughter, Connie Murphy and husband Stephen of Ashburn, VA; sons, Norman Blankenship and wife Peggy of Wytheville, VA and Joel Blankenship and wife Carolyn of Lashmeet; sister, Kay Sanders and husband

Ed of Lexington, KY; brother, Ralph Vaughan of So. Point, OH; 10 grandchildren, Angela Rose and husband Terry, Rhonda Scott and husband Mark, Beth Hampton and husband William, Kristie Raulerson and husband Mark, Lori Jones and husband Dusty, Sara Barrett and husband Taylor, Monica Murphy, Mandy Mattingly and husband Josh, Josh Murphy and wife Nikki, and Zach Murphy; 16 great-grandchildren; special cousins, Gale Shrewsbury and wife Rhona, Banna Lou Bivins and husband Jim, Garnet White and Janet Walker; extended family, the Kermit and Sue Bailey family: Dwayne, Libby, David and their families; and special friends Reba and Paul Strasko and Priscilla Laxton.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 31, 2019 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. David Damewood officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Princeton.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Blankenship's name to the American Cancer Society.

The family will receive friends Friday, August 30, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. To view a video tribute to Mrs. Blankenship, or share condolences with the family, please visit [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Memorial Park

1917 West Main St.  
Princeton, WV 24740

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 30.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home  
1612 Honaker Avenue  
Princeton, WV 24740  
(304) 425-8176  
info@bailey-kirk.com  
<https://www.bailey-kirk.com>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 31.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret Blankenship*



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**Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home** - August 31, 2019 at 02:06 PM



“ *Margaret Blankenship*

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December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Connie, I am sorry to hear of the loss of your sweet mother. I have thought of you often through the years. I hold dear to my heart our soft-ball, motor-cycle riding, and beach trip days. Come to think of it, we MAY have been responsible for putting a gray hair or two on Margaret's head! Sending love and prayers your way, dear friend.*  
*Mary Beth*

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**Mary Mckinney** - August 31, 2019 at 11:20 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret Blankenship.*



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August 30, 2019 at 08:29 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Margaret Blankenship.*



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August 29, 2019 at 08:33 PM



“ *I'm so very sorry to hear about Mrs. Blankenship passing. I got to know her through Art events. She was very talented artist. Prayers for the family. Connie Im so sorry.*  
*Bonita Hurst Sink*

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**Bonita Sink** - August 29, 2019 at 08:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Margaret Blankenship.*



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August 29, 2019 at 07:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Blankenship.*



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August 29, 2019 at 02:09 PM

BB

“ Jackie and Beckey Burdette. Love and Prayers to the Blankenship family



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**Beckey Burdette** - August 29, 2019 at 02:06 PM

RS

“ Margaret and I started working together at Roberts Beauty Salon many years ago. We have stayed friends ever since. She has been a true friend to me and I could talk to her about anything, she was more like a second mother to me. We shared many laughs and a few tears together, many fun times in Fl., and visiting each other's homes. I am so blessed to have had her in my life, and I will miss her enormously, but my husband and I will have so many wonderful memories of our sweet friend. ❤️

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**Reba Strasko** - August 29, 2019 at 11:50 AM

RS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Reba Strasko** - August 29, 2019 at 10:43 AM

JS

“ Margaret and I loved painting. Long after I left the Appalachian Artists, she often visited my studio to discuss a particular painting or Art in general. An admirable lady indeed. Deepest sympathy to her family, especially Norman, who was a classmate at Matoaka High School, class of 1964. RIP.

Johnnie Shuck - August 29, 2019 at 10:04 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Blankenship.



August 29, 2019 at 09:50 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Blankenship.



August 29, 2019 at 09:40 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Blankenship.



August 29, 2019 at 08:26 AM

MB

“ *Loved all the years we rode to work together. She was a role model for many young women.*

**Mary Ann Beggs Belcher** - August 28, 2019 at 08:56 PM

BW

“ *So sorry to hear about Margarett passing, she was a dear friend, and relative of my late husband, Willis Walker of whom she was very fond of . Love and God Bless to the family.*

**Betty Walker** - August 28, 2019 at 08:08 PM

BC

“ *Bonnie Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Margaret Blankenship*



**Bonnie Coleman** - August 28, 2019 at 08:01 PM

BC

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I went to school with Connie and to church with Joel. Always so loving and caring. Prayers for family and friends. If I can do anything just contact me.*

**Bonnie Coleman** - August 28, 2019 at 07:59 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Margaret Blankenship*



**TonyanEdgar Wicks** - August 28, 2019 at 05:08 PM

HP

“ *Margret was a sweet lady she was my grandparents neighbors for a long time, she is going to be missed. Love and Prayers, Heather Phillips and family, Tommy and Karen Martin.* ”



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**Heather Phillips** - August 28, 2019 at 05:07 PM