



Lila Lee Blankenship

March 27, 1927 - October 22, 2016

Lila Lee Wilkinson Blankenship, age 89 of Wheeling, died peacefully on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at home.

She was born March 27, 1927 in Wheeling, the daughter of the late James and Mary Dailer Wilkinson.

Lila was a graduate from Wheeling High School, Class of 1946, she retired from the special education department with Ohio County Schools, where she was a teachers' aid from 1973 to 1989. She served as community service regional chairman for Ohio County Schools and a member of the Ohio County School Employee Assoc. Throughout her life, she served as a youth director and Sunday school leader at various United Methodist Churches, a member of Ruble United Methodist Church and a member and former officer of the United Methodist Women. She was involved with the Girl Scouts for over 30 years, enjoyed keeping in touch on Facebook, attending all of her grandchildren's sporting, academic, and artistic events, and cheering whole heartedly for the Pirates, Steelers, Penguins, WVU, Penn State, Pitt, Ohio State, Georgia, Point Park Univ., WPHS, and her alma mater Wheeling High. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband: Rev. J. Robert "Bob" Blankenship in 2005; three brothers: Staff Sgt. Harold "Craig", John and Ralph Wilkinson.

Survivors include her two daughters: Beth (Scott) Sands of South Pointe, PA and Lori (Mike) Mathieu of Bethlehem; two sons: Craig (Carol) Blankenship of Enterprise, WV and Dwight (Allison) Blankenship of Columbus, OH; two

brothers: Sonny (Leona) Wilkinson of Wheeling and Jimmy (Fran) Wilkinson of Warwood; two sisters: Betty Lou Leech of Wheeling and Suzanne Quinn of Warwood; 11 grandchildren: Jennifer, Abby, Amy and Jonathan (Ashley) Mathieu, Jeremiah (Dorielle) and Simeon (Laurie) Blankenship, Rebecca (Mike) Pamer and their mother, Darlene Ary, Josh Blankenship, Ezra, Jubal and Lillyah Blankenship and 2 step-grandchildren: Erin Leonard and Bob Pearson; 6 great-grandchildren: Lila, Caraline, Jude, and Margaret Pamer, Adalyn and Josephine Blankenship and numerous nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 2-4 & 6-8pm at the Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Wheeling/Bethlehem where funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 1:00pm with Rev. Craig Blankenship officiating.

Interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Ruble United Methodist Church, 37 Ruby Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

Wheeling, WV 26003

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem
1 Ridgecrest Road
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 232-0400
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

OCT **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Lila Lee Blankenship*



Grisell Funeral Homes - October 25, 2016 at 08:23 AM

BG

“ *Thinking of you today Laurie and Beth. Sending prayers and love from my family to yours.*

Brenda Gessler - October 25, 2016 at 02:45 PM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



Grisell Funeral Homes - October 25, 2016 at 10:33 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Lila Lee Blankenship.*



October 25, 2016 at 09:42 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Lila Lee Blankenship.



October 25, 2016 at 09:08 AM



“ 170 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Grisell Funeral Homes - October 25, 2016 at 08:09 AM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Lila Lee Blankenship.



October 25, 2016 at 08:04 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lila Lee Blankenship.



October 24, 2016 at 05:35 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lila Lee Blankenship.



October 24, 2016 at 04:22 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lila Lee Blankenship.



October 24, 2016 at 02:48 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Lila Lee Blankenship.



October 24, 2016 at 01:36 PM

JF

“ Craig and Carol, our deepest sympathy at the loss of your mother (in-law). God works in mysterious ways since we just made a connection as to my serving at Ruble UMC after Cindy Boggs. Your mom's life and mine only crossed paths briefly but she was a wonderful woman who was loved by all. May the memories of her and your dad remain a large part of who you are in your ministry. God bless the both of you at this time of sorrow. In God's love and peace, John and Judy Flynn

Judy Flynn - October 24, 2016 at 01:12 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lila Lee Blankenship.



October 24, 2016 at 01:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lila Lee Blankenship.



October 24, 2016 at 12:54 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Lila Lee Blankenship.



October 24, 2016 at 10:58 AM

WF

“ *With Love, The Sands and Gordon families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lila Lee Blankenship.*



With Love, The Sands and Gordon families - October 24, 2016 at 09:52 AM

TF

“ *May your Mom Rest In Peace Lori. Our sympathy and prayers to you and your family. God bless.*
Bob & Linda

The Furka's - October 24, 2016 at 05:32 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lila Lee Blankenship.*



October 23, 2016 at 10:51 PM

JK

“ *Best neighbor ever.*

Jan and Ray Kinser - October 23, 2016 at 09:55 PM

LE

“ *Love, Melody, Keith, Mitch, Russ and Elizabeth purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lila Lee Blankenship.*



Love, Melody, Keith, Mitch, Russ and Elizabeth - October 23, 2016 at 08:01 PM

KH

“ *Missing you so much. Thank you for always putting a smile on my face. I will always keep you in my heart. Love Kendra*



Kendra Howard - October 23, 2016 at 07:27 PM

MK

“ Our family has so many happy and wonderful memories of Mrs. Lila Blankenship at Wheeling Park concerts, plays, and sporting events. No one could cheer as loudly or lustily as she could while supporting the youth of Wheeling. We loved her many witticisms and zest for life. My daughter Elizabeth remembers playing many lively card games with her and the rest of her family. Elizabeth said she could hear Grandma Blankenship's cheering louder than anyone else. In fact, she could hear her cheering all the way out to the softball field. When Elizabeth visited Mrs. Blankenship's home, she said that amongst the many photos of her own grandchildren, she also displayed photos of Elizabeth and her twin, Russell. Mrs. Blankenship was unique, funny, loving and a joy to be around. We already miss her so much! We send our prayers and our love. Love, Melody, Keith, Natasha, Mitch, Jenny, Russ, Stephanie and Elizabeth



Melody Kosowski - October 23, 2016 at 07:12 PM