



## Fred Walker Blankenship

*November 13, 1929 - November 22, 2009*

Mr. Fred Walker Blankenship, age 80, of Plano, Texas went to be with his Lord and Savior on November 22, 2009. He was born on November 13, 1929, in Atlas, Texas to Luther Vernon and Stella Lou (Bramlett) Blankenship. He married Alma Daneen Forse in McKinney, Texas. Mr. Blankenship proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force and was a veteran of the Korean conflict. He was a member of the VFW Post in McKinney and a longtime member of the Dallas Gun Club. He was the owner of Mechanical Welding Inc. in Plano, Texas. He was a past member of 18th and Ave P. Church of Christ in Plano and the North Dallas Bible Church. Mr. Blankenship is survived by his son, Steve Blankenship and his wife, Pam of Plano, Texas; granddaughters, Kelsey and Kaitlyn; and brothers, Hack Blankenship and Herschel Blankenship both of Paris, Texas. He was preceded in death by his wife, Daneen; sons, Jeffrey Neil Blankenship and Greg Blankenship; grandson, Connor Blankenship; and brother, Weldon Blankenship. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 1, 2009, in the Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel. Interment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park. The family will receive friends for a visitation prior to the service at 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Water is Basic at [www.waterisbasic.org](http://www.waterisbasic.org) or Cure International at [www.cureinternational.org](http://www.cureinternational.org).

## Memorials

*I was very sorry to hear of Fred passing. I did not know Fred that well but we talked a good bit when he joined his friends at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Fred was one of those people who was direct and straight when he talked to you. I thought a lot of Fred and really enjoyed talking to him. He*

*could be truly Fred when he wanted to be, but was well thought of by the people that knew him.*

**J.R. WINCHESTER, NOVEMBER 26, 2009**

*Steve, I wish I had known I would have been at the funeral. Your dad and I shared the same birthday. When I heard from him he always said, "hey cuz, what have you been up to"? We hadn't stayed in contact the last few years but I did think of him often.*

**MERLE BRAMLETT ISAACS, NOVEMBER 25, 2009**

*I am so sorry to hear of Ted's passing. I know he will be greatly missed by his family. He was such a blessing to his extended family. The last time I saw Ted was at my father's (his Uncle Enoch) funeral. It was really nice to catch up on old times.*

**BECKY BRAMLETT BLACK, NOVEMBER 25, 2009**

*Steve, I am so sorry to read about the passing of your father. You have had so much tragedy. I am in town for Thanksgiving but leaving on the 30th or I would attend the services. Please know that you are in my family's thoughts and prayers. If there is anything we can do, just let us know. I am going to call Teresa now. SDhe is in Denver. Sincerely, Angie*

**ANGELA DERSHAM SMITH, NOVEMBER 24, 2009**

*The first time I met Fred I knew he would be the perfect person for my childhood friend, Daneen Forse. Fred was a wonderful husband and companion for "Danny" and she so adored him. Their love of the Lord, for each other, and their children made their lives complete. Fred was one of the finest, most honorable men I have ever met. I will miss Fred, as I have missed Daneen, but know in my heart that they are together again with Jesus.*

**EVELYN (EVE) ANNE WOLCOTT, NOVEMBER 24, 2009**

*Dear Steve, Pam, Kelsey and Kate, We are so very sorry to learn of your father/grandfather's passing. Please know that you are in our prayers during this sad time. Much love, The Wagnons*

**KATHI, MITCH AND MEG WAGNON, NOVEMBER 24, 2009**

*I worked for Fred, when Mechanical Welding was in business. One of the*

*finest men I have ever known. He taught me a lot, and I look back on those days fondly*

**STEVE ROBINSON, NOVEMBER 24, 2009**

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