



Harold D. Blankenship Jr.

August 16, 1963 - January 7, 2025

Harold Dale Blankenship, 61 passed into eternal life on January 7, 2025 from battling many chronic health issues.

He was a loving and devoted physician who cared deeply about his patients. He spent his life healing and caring for others. He was an avid golfer, biker and cigar aficionado. He cared deeply for animals and loved his “pups” with everything he had. He enjoyed spending time with his family, children and grandchildren. Harold loved to travel and go on diving trips or just enjoy a nice summer day by the pool.

Harold was born in Lebanon, MO on August 16, 1963, to Harold Dale Blankenship and Ima Jean (Atchley). He was raised in a loving family along with his brothers Kenneth, Ronald, and Bruce.

After he graduated Lebanon High School in 1981 he attended Ozark Bible College and then went on to study at Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science.

Later on he decided to dedicate his life to palliative and hospice care and became a physician after attending OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine.

He spent majority of his career working at Freeman Health Systems as a Hospitalist and Internal Medicine Physician in Neosho. He was very passionate about helping patients and their families.

Though we mourn his early absence, we rejoice in knowing that Harold is now at peace. His life reminds us of the promise in 2 Timothy 4:7 – "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

He is preceded in death by his mother and Father , Harold and Ima Jean Blankenship, his brother Kenneth Blankenship and nephew Mathew Blankenship and fur babies Chloe and Maggie Mae. He is survived by his wife Krysti Blankenship, daughter Ashlee (Nevin) Yeager, and son Ethan (Madison) Rea. His siblings Ronald (Victoria) and Bruce (Flecia). His grandchildren Corbin, Miyah, Allyzah, Caynon, Ricky, Conlee, and Hayden, multiple nieces and nephews and his beloved dogs Annie and Lola.

A Celebration of Life will be January 24th from 5-7pm at The Roxy in Joplin. Graveside service will be in Lebanon, MO on February 8th at 11am.

In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made an Animal Shelter of your choice.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ I just found out my condolences
Jeff D

JEFFREY DUNN - May 15, 2025 at 01:53 PM

JR

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JOHNNY REBEL - May 01, 2025 at 11:29 AM

JO

“ I met Dr Blankenship when Dr McFarland retired, and he became my doctor. I loved him from the get-go. I was a retired RN, so we shared a lot of medical and patient care knowledge together. I sympathized with him when he struggled with uncooperative computer software in the office. When it came time for me to get a service dog, he was so excited and started unstuck me on what I needed. When he became sick, we shared a lot about living with chronic illness. He was not only my doctor but became a cherished friend. I have been so blessed to have known him and call him my friend.

Joni Otto - January 20, 2025 at 08:14 PM

J?

“ I guess we all got to meet are maker I guess it was time for you to go meet yours !

Johnny rebel 😊 - January 16, 2025 at 09:58 PM

PA

“ I have many memories with Harold "Princess" as I called him. He was my boss , work hubby and friend for almost 10 years. I am truly going to miss everything about him. His smile, laugh, his cranky moods but most of all his love of Medicine and for his patients. God has gained an amazing golfer(not) but he will sure try, someone to share a stogie with ,but most of all great person. Much love, hugs and a kiss on the cheeks my Beloved Princess..Love your work wife

penny Acheson - January 16, 2025 at 07:04 AM

J&

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Jonny rebel ♦♦ - January 16, 2025 at 09:53 PM

PM

Dr. Blankenship was my Dr. for 3 years. I enjoyed him. I missed him when he left Neosho Freeman. He always was there for his patients. He was a wonderful Doctor and a friend to his patients. He showed me many pictures of his family and his dogs which he loved.

Pat Morris - January 17, 2025 at 06:47 PM

EG

Dr. Blankenship was one of the most caring doctors i have had. He was like a friend. You could talk to him about anything. He will be greatly missed!

Elnora Griffith - January 23, 2025 at 01:06 PM

KM

I just found out that Dr. Blankenship had passed away. I missed him so much as he was a caring professional, and of course one of the best because of his love for dogs! I am so sorry for the loss of this good man. I still miss him

Karol Mayer - April 23, 2025 at 11:47 AM

AH

*I was just talking about him to another co-worker about how we met.
This is sad news. I see poor Maggie has gone to dog heaven as well.*



Alfreda Hill - May 08 at 06:13 PM