



James M. Blanton

January 20, 1946 - December 29, 2023

James Michael Blanton, of Joplin, Missouri, passed away on December 29th, at the age of 77, following a brief illness. Jim was a veteran of the Navy who served his country in the Vietnam war. He worked at the TWA overhaul base for decades before finishing his career with American Airlines. He loved camping, traveling, cheering loudly for the Chiefs, and spending time with his family, especially his beautiful bride of nearly 60 years, Sherry West Blanton. Jim is also survived by his son Daniel Blanton and his wife Shannon of Webb City, Missouri, his son Michael Blanton and his wife Nanci of Evergreen, Colorado, five grandchildren (Zoe, Elijah, Olivia, Marissa and Miranda) and two great grandchildren. A celebration of Jim's life will be held on January 20th in Overland Park, Kansas: please contact Michael at mblanton@mblantonlaw.com for details.