



## John J. Blankenship, Sr.

June 15, 1938 - September 17, 2005

John Joseph Blankenship, Sr., 67, Topeka, died Sat., Sept. 17, 2005.

He was born June 15, 1938 in Topeka, the son of Roy Sr. and Sadie Young Blankenship. He attended Sacred Heart Grade School and graduated from Hayden High in 1958. John served his country in the Naval Reserves. He worked for Southwestern Bell for 42 years, retiring in 2001. On Sept. 3, 1960, he and Carol Raynor were married at St. Joseph Church. She survives.

John was a member of Sacred Heart Church. He volunteered for Adoration at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church for 10 years. He was a member of the Moose, member and past president of CWA Local #6401, and the Telephone Pioneers.

Other survivors include his sons, John Jr., and David, both of Topeka, and Jerry, Albuquerque NM; his brothers, Roy Jr., Topeka, Charles, Fredericksburg, Tex.; sisters, Virginia Smith, Independence MO, and Mary Jones, Mansfield Center, Conn.; three grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren. John was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Howard and Leonard; and one sister, Ocea Sherretts.

Mr. Blankenship will lie in state from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church with family visitation from 6:30 to 8. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m.

at the Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m.  
Wednesday at the Church. Burial will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial donations are suggested to Sacred Heart Church and sent in care of  
Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka KS 66614.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John J. Blankenship, Sr.*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Carol, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your Family.*

*Carol and James Reeder*

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**Carol and Jim Reeder** - September 21, 2005 at 06:55 PM



“ *Carol I am so sorry to hear about John. I didn't know he was sick. We had wonderful years together at Hayden. Please accept my deepest sympathy. Love, Carol malecki*

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**carol rohr malecki** - September 20, 2005 at 10:22 PM



“ *Aunt Carol I'm so sorry to hear about John. My regards to you and the rest of the family.*

*Love,  
Steve*

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**Steve Pearce** - September 19, 2005 at 08:12 PM

JV

*“ I knew John at Bell for many years. I was certainly surprised to hear of his death.  
Please accept my sympathy and condolences and those of the Life Member Pioneers.*

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**Jan VanOosten** - September 19, 2005 at 05:38 PM

MH

*“ I was so shocked to see John's name in the paper. My family and I send our deepest sympathy to you and all your family and our hearts hold nothing but loving memories of the both of you. My prayer is that God gets you through these difficult days. Love Laura Dale*

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**Mrs. Eugene F. Hill** - September 18, 2005 at 01:59 PM

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*“ Although John and I had been out of touch for years, I still have fond memories of him and am sad to hear of his passing. To his wife Carol, my deepest sympathy as well as the other members of his family.....*

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**Gary Holly** - September 18, 2005 at 11:27 AM