



Michael D. Blankenship

December 10, 1980 - May 3, 2026

Michael D. Blankenship, 45 was born on December 10, 1980 and passed away on May 3, 2026 due to a tractor trailer accident on Interstate 77 in South Carolina.

Michael was the son of Earlene Sloan and step father Tracy of Bluefield, WV. His biological father was Willis "Duke Smith" of Alabama.

Michael was survived by his only sister, Rebecca Baldwin of Bluefield, WV; special niece and nephew Monika and Jordan of the home; aunt Jerri Frye of Ohio and Norma Smith of North Carolina. Surviving brothers are Scotty, Timothy, Brenton and Christopher, all of Alabama.

He was preceded in death by his baby sister Millie Kay Blankenship; grandparents Earl and Gay (who adopted him as an infant) of Big Sandy, WV; paternal grandparents Darrel and Charlotte Smith of North Carolina; two cousins Jimmy and Jackie Smith; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service will be conducted at noon on Saturday, May 30th, 2026 at the Ark of Safety Church in Roderfield, WV.

The Douglas Mortuary in Welch is assisting the family. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.douglasmortuary.com

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service

MAY 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

Ark of Safety Church

Rt 52

Roderfield, WV 24881

Tribute Wall

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“ I’m so sorry that this happened to Michael D. He was sunshine to his Pawpaw/Dad Earl. I’m thankful that he had a chance to see beautiful country of different states as he drove that big truck, as he wrote and shared pictures on Facebook.

Earlene, I’m so sorry that you had to go through this with not one, but two of your children. May God bless and comfort you as only He can. I’ve been praying for and know that I pray for all my nieces and nephews every time I pray. I love you all.

Carol Lester - 1 hour ago