



James D. Blanchard

August 29, 1954 - October 17, 2024

Mason, NH – James D. Blanchard, 70, of Mason, NH passed away unexpectedly in his home, on Thursday evening October 17, 2024.

Jim was born in Fitchburg, on August 29, 1954, the son of the late David and Jane (Lowe) Blanchard and grew up in Townsend, MA before settling in Mason, NH in 1991.

Jim started his career working as a metal fabricator for several years before joining the Townsend Water Department, where he worked until his retirement. In his younger years he was a volunteer firefighter for the Townsend Fire Department, a recent member of the Sons of the American Legion in Wilton, NH, and a past member of the Townsend VFW's Men's Auxiliary. He is the son of the late "Townsend Waver".

Jim loved spending time with his family more than anything. He looked forward to the yearly family trip to "Daisy" in North Truro. He leaves behind precious memories making many, many well planned trips to Disney. Jim and Denice became avid lovers of Key West Sun Sets. Oceans were a place often spent just gazing out quietly – whether with a morning cup of coffee or a late-night PBR. Although he was not an active participant in "game night" he never failed to make something yummy for all to enjoy. Never let it be forgotten that Jim always enjoyed a great camping adventure with friends. NASCAR was a

beloved sport he enjoyed watching as well as attending. He was a true MacGyver, whether it be making a trailer, flagpole, a mickey head pin board for his grandchildren or a fence in his daughter's yard, he always had a plan. Jim was a reliable, dependable and loving friend. Jim was always there when you needed a helping hand or a good laugh. One of his fondest experiences in life was being a Grampy, he beamed ear to ear when he saw his buddies. He was the most loving husband and best dad one could have.

He leaves his wife of 31 years, Denice M. (Brouillette) Blanchard of Mason, NH; his daughter Mycala J. Tyler, and her husband Ethan of Gardner; his three sisters, Diane Bonner of Texas, Linda Lyon of Florida and Joyce Bournival of Maine; two grandchildren, Blakely and Ethan James (EJ) and several nieces and nephews. And lastly, the numerous friends who were like his family, he loved each of them.

All are welcome to join in a celebration of Jim's life to be held at the VFW in Pepperell, MA on Sunday, November 24th from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

JB would want you to always remember ... "Theres a great big, beautiful tomorrow, shining at the end of every day. There's a great big, beautiful tomorrow and tomorrow is just a dream away!"

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **24**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Pepperell Veterans of Foreign Wars
55 Leighton Street
Pepperell, MA

Tribute Wall

AK

“ *Denise and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Jim was a great guy, and will be truly missed by so many. We are sad that we won't be able to make it to the celebration of life tomorrow, but our thoughts will be with you....
With Love,
Rick and AnnMarie Koivu*

AnnMarie Koivu - November 23, 2024 at 11:11 AM

RT

“ *Renate/Charles/Aimee/Susan and Taylor purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of James D. Blanchard.*



Renate/Charles/Aimee/Susan and Taylor - November 22, 2024 at 03:29 PM

RT

“ *Renate/Charles/Aimee/Susan and Taylor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James D. Blanchard.*

Renate/Charles/Aimee/Susan and Taylor - November 22, 2024 at 03:29 PM

DS

“ *I have joyful memories of Jim with Denice and Micala at Rob and Marianne's home when all our kids were young. To Jim's family, I pray that all the love and joy you shared together over the years bring you comfort now. ~ Deb Shannon*

Deb Shannon - October 31, 2024 at 12:43 AM

MT

“Dad, thank you for all the life lessons, unconditional love, the laughs, so many fun trips, delicious food and loving my babies. The memories we share are priceless and I’m so happy to have so so many. I already miss you, the hole you have left in my life is huge. Please continue to guide me through this life. I hope wherever you may be is close enough for you to hear me. Although the pain I’m experiencing is unexplainable I can still hear you singing to me “there’s a great big beautiful tomorrow” and I’m trying to believe in that. 2-4-3 forever



Mycala Tyler - October 27, 2024 at 08:25 PM

LT

Beautiful tribute to your dad. Love you

Lois Tyler - October 27, 2024 at 09:09 PM

BG

I’m so sad to hear of his quick departure from here. My heart goes out to Deedee, Mycala and family.

Beverly Gamlin - October 27, 2024 at 10:17 PM

RS

This really saddens me. I worked with Jim at H&V in West Groton. He was so much fun to work with and had a great sense of humor. I was happy for him when he got the job at Townsend Water Dept. because he hated working at the mill. He was a genuine good guy!

Rest in peace Jim!

Rick Shaw

Rick Shaw - October 28, 2024 at 05:09 AM

LM

So sorry to hear this sad news. My sympathy and prayers for Mycala and his other family members and friends. I will be sure that Lee Collette knows. 🙏❤️

Lee McTighe - October 30, 2024 at 10:48 AM

PR

I am shocked to be reading this. My sincere condolences go out to Jim's family and many, many friends. Jim worked for me at the Water Department for several years. Jim was a dependable, hard worker who was very meticulous at what ever he did. He will be sorely missed. RIP my friend.

Paul Rafuse - November 01, 2024 at 05:52 PM