



Sergeant James Anthony Blanton

March 21, 1967 - August 3, 2022

Sergeant James Anthony “Tony” Blanton, 55, formerly of Chattanooga, passed away Wednesday, August 3, 2022, in a Georgia hospital. Tony was the devoted husband of D’Andrea L. Blanton and born March 21, 1967, in Chattanooga, Tennessee to Edward Blanton, Jr. and the late Chinester Blanton. Tony attended Kirkman Technical High School, graduating class of 1985. He then graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science from Bryan College Class of 2012. He served in the United States Air Force for six years and honorably discharged in 1991. Tony was a proud member of the Fraternal Order of Police and retired from the Chattanooga Police Department after 25 years of faithful service. He was loved by all who encountered him. He never met a stranger and knew how to place a smile on anyone’s face. He had a talent for making any situation laughable. He loved to fish, travel, and spend quality time with his children. Tony was a jack of all trades. He was very resourceful; Google and YouTube were his best friends. The thing that brought him the most joy was spending his days and nights with his “Sweetie”. Tony was preceded in death by his mother; maternal grandparents, Napolian and Mary Clopton; paternal grandparents, Edward Blanton, Sr. and Mrs. Willie Blanton. Survivors include his loving wife, D’Andrea Blanton of six years; children, Victorious Blanton (affectionately known as “Gorgeous” by her daddy) of Nashville, TN, Jadon Blanton (lovingly known as “Big Man” by his daddy) of Murfreesboro, TN, Angelica Jenkins, and Sean Jenkins, Jr., both of Douglasville, GA; father, Edward Blanton, Jr. of Chattanooga; sisters,

Jacqueline (Chris) Graham and Monita (Eric) Cox, both of Chattanooga; brother, Victor (Sheila) Blanton of Marietta, GA; father and mother-in-law, Deacon James and Cherie Ruffin of Marietta, GA; sister-in-law, Dawn (Ronald) Richardson of Marietta, GA; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends. Bishop Kevin L. Adams, Sr. will be giving words of comfort.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

AUG **10**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Graveside Service

AUG **10**. 1:15 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery
1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Tribute Wall

DW

“ To the family of Sergeant James Anthony Blanton, my husband Tyrone Williams worked with him in the past with CPD. Tyrone has always spoken highly of him. We would like to send our condolences to you all. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

- Mr. & Mrs. Tyrone & Danielle Williams

Danielle Williams - August 10, 2022 at 01:23 PM



RG

“ I worked with James for 5 years as a DARE Officer. He was a great man who loved his family dearly. He will be missed.

Roger Gibbens - August 10, 2022 at 11:29 AM

SC

“ My Prayers are with the family my God give you unconditional strength and peace ❤️

Stephanie Carroll - August 10, 2022 at 09:55 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sergeant James Anthony Blanton.

August 09, 2022 at 10:51 AM





“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sergeant James Anthony Blanton.*



August 09, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Sergeant James Anthony Blanton.*



August 09, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sergeant James Anthony Blanton.*



August 08, 2022 at 07:54 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sergeant James Anthony Blanton.*



August 08, 2022 at 04:53 PM

KJ

“ *Khendra B Jordan lit a candle in memory of Sergeant James Anthony Blanton*



Khendra B Jordan - August 08, 2022 at 03:36 PM

KG

“ *It was an honor to work with James in the North GA Health District. His abundant thoughtfulness and dedication to service are qualities of his that will never be forgotten. My thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathies are with James' family.*
-Kimberley Greer



Kimberley Greer - August 08, 2022 at 02:27 PM

RF

“ *RUTH FLEMISTER lit a candle in memory of Sergeant James Anthony Blanton*



RUTH FLEMISTER - August 08, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sergeant James Anthony Blanton.*



August 08, 2022 at 12:46 PM

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“*When a great man dies, for years the light he leaves behind him, lies on the paths of men.*” -Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*Tony will always be remembered for his abundant grace, his ready humor, and his unwavering honor. We are fortunate to have worked and walked alongside this truly great man. With Profound Respect and Deepest Sympathy,
Fraternal Order of Police - Rock City Lodge #22*

FOP Lodge 22 - August 08, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sergeant James Anthony Blanton.*



August 08, 2022 at 12:02 PM

DP

“*I had the pleasure of working with James. Words cannot express what a wonderful and Kind Man he was to everyone he met. I enjoyed working with him and the privilege of getting to know him. Prayers for Gods Healing Hands for James Family. You are in my Thoughts and Prayers.
Donna Patterson*



Donna Patterson - August 08, 2022 at 10:03 AM

NN

“ *Nikki Nowell purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Sergeant James Anthony Blanton.*



Nikki Nowell - August 08, 2022 at 08:40 AM

AJ

“ *On behalf of Kirkman Technical High school, class of 1985 we send our sincere condolences to the entire family. May the peace of GOD be with each one of you doing this difficult time. James will forever be remembered for his SMILE for sure and his KINDNESS.*



Annette (Dunigan) Jackson - August 08, 2022 at 05:36 AM

NC

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Your hearts are broken, but God knew best. His faithfulness to our community and serving as our police at Orchard knob Baptist Church for many years was our blessing. He will be missed. Monita, and the rest of the family.. I pray God will see you through. Stay strong and keep the faith*



Norma Cooper - August 07, 2022 at 11:32 PM

CJ

“ My deepest sympathy and condolences to The Blanton family. My heart goes out to you as well D'Andrea (Dee Dee) and family. I am praying for you all and God will comfort everyone during this heartbreaking time.

Catherine

Catherine Jones - August 07, 2022 at 04:41 PM

KD

“ Kelli Darden lit a candle in memory of Sergeant James Anthony Blanton



Kelli Darden - August 07, 2022 at 08:34 AM

YW

“ Yolanda Ward lit a candle in memory of Sergeant James Anthony Blanton



Yolanda Ward - August 06, 2022 at 08:03 PM

ND

“ North Georgia Health District purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sergeant James Anthony Blanton.



North Georgia Health District - August 06, 2022 at 06:44 PM

TA

“ *Tracy Lattimore Anderson lit a candle in memory of Sergeant James Anthony Blanton*



Tracy Lattimore Anderson - August 05, 2022 at 09:59 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Sergeant James Anthony Blanton.*



August 05, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sergeant James Anthony Blanton.*



August 05, 2022 at 08:14 PM

SB

“ *Sherry Ball lit a candle in memory of Sergeant James Anthony Blanton*



Sherry Ball - August 05, 2022 at 07:45 PM

RH

“ *Reginia Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Sergeant James Anthony Blanton*



Reginia Hamilton - August 05, 2022 at 07:19 PM

RH

Our prayers and condolences goes out to the family of James Anthony Blanton. Our Brother will truly be missed. Gone but not for gotten. The Hamilton and Ramsey.

Reginia Hamilton - August 05, 2022 at 07:23 PM



My prayer is for strength, endurance, and all that the family, love ones stand in the need of be supply by God always 🙏🙏 Barbara Miller

Barbara Miller - August 06, 2022 at 09:08 PM

AB

To the family of James Anthony Blanton, my prayers and condolences goes out to each of you especially Dee Dee. May God bless and keep each of you during this difficult time. Remember that earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal.

Alice Burton

Alice Burton - August 08, 2022 at 01:25 PM