



## Jack Donald Blanton

May 20, 1931 - August 3, 2023

Jack Donald Blanton was born on May 20, 1931, and died on August 3, 2023, from cancer. He is pre-deceased by Nancy Youngblood Blanton, his lovely wife of 62 years. He is survived by his children: son Keith (Ela Marie) Blanton and daughter Karen (Tim) Kah; grandchildren: Katy (Brad) Martin, Cassie Kah and Alex Kah; sisters, Linda Murski and Judy (Blaine) Hollinger; brother, Bill Blanton; and many nieces and nephews.

As Jack's family and friends know, he had a very interesting and productive life. He loved being with his friends and hanging out with his family. He was never at a loss for words, loved to tell a story, and was often mentoring and giving advice and words of wisdom to anyone he felt needed it.

Jack was born in Port Arthur, Texas. He attended San Marcos Academy and then graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in Chemistry. He returned to Port Arthur where he managed the dry cleaning department of Blanton's Laundry. He soon met and fell in love with Nancy. They married when she was 18 and he was 22. Jack was drafted into the Army and he and Nancy moved to Germany, where they spent two years. They moved back to Port Arthur where Jack joined his father in the laundry business. With their two young children, they eventually moved to Houston where Jack purchased and operated Warren Cleaners. In 1974, the family moved to Crested Butte, Colorado, where they had enjoyed many summer and ski vacations. Jack

started his own real estate company and was involved in the development of the Three Seasons Condominiums in Mt. Crested Butte. Then he took on a new adventure by helping to develop one of the most beautiful golf courses, surrounded by housing, called Skyland just outside of Crested Butte. It was a big risk and there were some tough times, but he never gave up. Jack was also involved in the opening of Trans-Colorado Airlines to provide service to Gunnison, Colorado, in the early 1980's.

After both kids were married with families of their own, Jack and Nancy moved to the beautiful island of Kauai. Jack joined Sotheby's and resumed his real estate career. After Nancy died unexpectedly in 2016, Jack decided that it just wasn't the same without her there, and moved back to Texas to be near his sisters. He spent his remaining years in Montgomery, Texas, in an apartment overlooking beautiful Lake Conroe, where he made many new friends, but always missed Nancy, the love of his life.

We all miss him terribly. He was the best man we knew. But as he told his family, he had a wonderful life and had no regrets. He lived life to the fullest.

Services will be held on October 28, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 10129 FM 1097, Willis, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Vitas Hospice, in memory of Jack Blanton, at 10450 Gosling Road, The Woodlands, TX 77381; or go to the website at [www.vitas.com](http://www.vitas.com). Thank you.

To view a live stream of the service please visit the following link. It will go active approximately 15 minutes before the service.

<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/7786625431>

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life

OCT **28**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis  
10129 FM 1097 Rd. W  
Willis, TX 77318

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Marvin Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Jack Donald Blanton*



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**Marvin Hyvl** - October 27, 2023 at 10:52 AM