



## Clyde Dane Blankinship

July 8, 1928 - July 12, 2023

Clyde Dane Blankinship, a beloved husband, father, and esteemed airline captain, peacefully passed away on July 12, 2023, at the age of 95. He leaves behind a legacy of love, devotion, and a remarkable career.

Clyde was born in Ft. Worth, TX, to Basil Dane and Oda Samantha Blankinship. He was also preceded in death by his brother Jack Blankinship of Longview, WA, and his sister Glenda Jolley of Ft. Worth, TX. He is survived by his cherished wife Vickie Blankinship and his daughter Denise Blankinship of Eastman, GA. Also he leaves behind stepchildren Jennifer and her husband Ed Legg of Newnan, as well as Jamie and his wife Katie Ferrell of Denver, Colorado. He had two grandsons Benjamin and Henry Legg. He was also blessed with many nieces and nephews.

When Clyde got out of the Army-Air Force, he became a Master Plumber. He was able to get his pilot ratings with the help of his VA Benefits. He took a flying job in South America where he accumulated flying hours toward his dream career.

Clyde's passion for aviation led him to a fulfilling 33-year career as an airline Captain for Eastern Airlines. His dedication and expertise paved the way for his daughter Denise who followed in his footsteps. They became the first father-daughter Airline Pilot and Captain in history.

Years later after retirement, Clyde dedicated 18 years to the Coweta County School system. He retired just before his 94th birthday. A family man at heart, he treasured every moment with his loved ones, finding solace in the company of his wife and his loyal dog Dudley.

In addition to being a dedicated family man, Clyde Blankinship enjoyed reading the word of God and sharing Jesus with others.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

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# Cemetery Details

## **McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory**

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Captain Blankenship was a true gentleman and excellent pilot for EAL. Flew with him as a F/A countless times. He was one of the great ones and will be missed. My condolences to his family. Kay Yarbrough, Sr. F/A EAL ATL

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**Kay Yarbrough** - August 07, 2023 at 12:19 PM

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“ I remember Capt. Blankinship from my years as a flight attendant for Eastern Airlines. He stood out as a true gentleman, as well as a gifted pilot and dedicated follower of Jesus Christ. My prayer is that his family will find comfort in the memories of a life well lived!

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**Mary Hartmann Grajko** - August 04, 2023 at 10:48 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll during this difficult time, from the Capt. Lee Robinson family. Ronnie and Susan Robinson Whatley

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**Susan Whatley** - August 02, 2023 at 01:22 PM