



## John William Blanchard

November 3, 1924 - May 2, 2019

CHARLOTTE- John (Jake) William Blanchard passed away peacefully May 2, 2019 after a brief illness. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held Saturday, May 11 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel at Aldersgate (3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215). The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the Winter Garden Club Room at Aldersgate.

Jake was born Nov. 3, 1924, in Burlington, N.C., to the late Kathleen Sartin and C. Fred Blanchard. He graduated from Altamahaw-Ossippe High School and attended Lees-McRae College for one semester before joining the Navy during World War II. He served in a special economic rebuilding unit on Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands for close to two years. After the end of the war, he attended Elon University (then Elon College) and earned a bachelor's degree in science.

He taught and coached at E.M. Holt High School in Burlington, N.C. and Aberdeen High School in Aberdeen, N.C. before returning to Appalachian State University (then Appalachian State Teachers College) from which he received a master's degree in education.

Jake then joined A.J. Nystrom & Co, an educational publisher, as its representative in the state of N.C., retiring after 32 years of service.

In the 1950s, he acquired a farm in Alamance County which brought him much happiness over the years. Throughout his life, he enjoyed investing in stocks and monitoring the stock market, baseball and college basketball. Hobbies in early retirement included golf, woodworking, volunteering for a local food bank and working on his house and in his yard on Lake Norman.

Jake was a member of Bethel Presbyterian Church in Cornelius, N.C. and an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church USA.

He married the love of his life, the late Julia Graham Blanchard, on May 30, 1959, and they maintained a loving home for more than 53 years. Celebrating Jake's life are their daughters, Kathryn Blanchard of Charlotte and Maryjohn Blanchard of Durham; son-in-law, Greg Ross of Charlotte; daughter-in-law, Laura Martin of Durham; grandchildren, Jake and Katie Martin of Durham; brother-in-law, W.E. (Dub) Graham Jr. of Raleigh; sister-in-law Jean Graham of Raleigh; nieces and nephews, Carol DeNicola, Fred Faucette,

David Faucette, Laurin Graham, John Graham, Todd McIntye, Sally Helweg and Rachel McIntyre; many dear great-nieces and nephews; his very special Blanchard and Sartin cousins as well as Julia's Graham and Autry cousins; and a host of friends made over a lifetime well-lived. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by sister Norma Lane Faucette, sister Joan McIntyre, brother-in-law Coy Faucette, brother-in-law Richard McIntyre, and niece Debra Carter.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Blanchard-Graham Scholarship at Appalachian State University (University Advancement, ASU Box 32007, Boone, N.C. 28608) or the Blanchard-Graham Scholarship at Elon University (University Advancement, 2600 Campus Box, Elon, N.C. 27244) or to a charity of one's choice. James Funeral Home is serving the family and condolences may be sent to them through our website at [www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com](http://www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com).

# Events

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**MAY**   **Memorial Service**   11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Aldersgate Chapel

3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC, US, 28215

# Comments

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John William Blanchard.



May 09 at 07:17 PM

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“ I saw Cousin Jake's obituary in the paper and was deeply saddened. Our common ancestor, Frederick Blanchard (1774-1853) is unquestionably one of my favorite ancestors. Married three times and fathering 15 children, his last wife was younger than his first several children. He fathered my great great grandmother when he was in his seventies.

When I was writing my genealogy book "The Descendants of William E. Faucett and Elizabeth Wallis" in the late 1990s, I corresponded with a large number of Jake's near relatives, including both his daughters, Kathryn and Maryjohn, as well as Carol DeNicola, Fred Faucette, David Faucette, Todd and Rachel McIntyre, and Norma Blanchard Faucette. I have fond memories of all of you.

Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of Jake. Know that you are in my thoughts at this time.

Mark Faucette  
Carrollton, GA

Mark Faucete - May 06 at 09:18 AM

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“ Linda Clark Kelley lit a candle in memory of John William Blanchard



Linda Clark Kelley - May 05 at 02:40 AM

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“ We are saddened to hear about Mr. Blanchard's passing. He was a sweet and friendly man. Many Sundays we would tell him we were glad to see him and he would reply, "Well, it is good to be seen."

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.  
Mark and Kiki Reid

**Kiki Reid** - May 04 at 08:34 PM

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“ Bill Morris lit a candle in memory of John William Blanchard



**Bill Morris** - May 03 at 03:51 PM