



## Terry Blakely

January 9, 2025

Terry Blakely was a devoted father and husband of over 64 years. He is preceded in death by his parents, Marion and Bernice, son Stephen, grandson Christopher, great-grandson Dax, and great-granddaughter Maci.

He is survived and forever cherished by his beautiful wife, his children & their spouses, and many, many grandchildren.

Wanda was the love of his life. He loved her deeply and did his best to give her every heart's desire. He would tell you that he knew from the moment he saw her that she was the one for him. Their legacy of love will live on in her life and the lives of their children and their descendants.

He lived his life for his family. Terry, a car enthusiast himself, worked faithfully for Gulf States Toyota for over 30 years. His leadership helped train many employees and he was the recipient of several honors.

After retirement, Terry poured himself into several projects around the home. One of which was creating an outdoor train for his grandkids to enjoy. He spent hours and hours perfecting every track, trussel, and building. Upon completion it was the center of most family gatherings. He was affectionately nicknamed "Train-pa" and that name fit him perfectly.

A United States Air Force Veteran, Mechanic, Teacher, Builder, Photographer, Craftsman, and Author are just a few of many of his other titles. We are most blessed and thankful to have called him "ours".

While he is gone from our sight, he will never be gone from each of our hearts. Rest easy, Dad, Grandpa, Train-Pa... we love you forever.

The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home extend condolences to the Blakely family during this difficult time.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember his kindness and patience with two little girls that would stay up late full of giggles when I would spend the night. He was also forgiving and merciful during times of mischief! 😊 I'm very thankful to have known him. My prayers and condolences to all the family. 🙏🙏

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**Johnnie Lynn Miller** - January 12, 2025 at 09:09 PM

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“ Grandpa Blakely was a steadfast man. He would call family meetings and lay down the “law”. He would fuss at us when we would tell the kids to be quieter, and then go back to reading his books.

*I remember when I first joined the family, we bonded over stories of the military and then over the fantastic worlds we visited in our books. He shared my love of the crazy stories that authors tell.*

*He helped me learn to be self sufficient when working on my car, and always had the tools you needed to get the job done.*

*I'm eternally grateful that I met this man, and married into his family. His life gave me the wife and children that I have, and no one will ever compare to him when it comes to being a patriarch of a family.*

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**Noah Strawn** - January 12, 2025 at 07:43 PM