



# James Lee "Jake" Rankin

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## **James Lee "Jake" Rankin**

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**J**ames Lee “Jake” Rankin passed away peacefully on July 23, 2021, surrounded by the love of his family. He was 79 years old.

Jake was born in Dallas, TX. He wasn't in Texas long, as he was raised in Annapolis, MD. He attended school in West Annapolis Elementary and Annapolis Jr and Sr High School. In high school he played football, lacrosse and wrestling. He even obtained a wrestling scholarship when he attended University of Baltimore. After a little college, he decided to join the Army in 1963. He stayed until 1965 and served in the Vietnam War.

When Jake returned home, he went to work at Anne Arundel General Hospital in the purchasing department and ultimately moved his career over to Sears as an appliance technician in the Appliance Department.

His best friend set him up on a blind date with a mutual friend in 1986, who ended up being the love of his life, Deborah Goddard. It ended up being a perfect match because within three years, in 1989 they were married! They shared a long life together and loved crabbing and fishing, he affectionately called her his “water partner” and their two black labs, Blackie and Bey. Jake also loved hunting, trapping, gardening, cooking dinner for his lovely wife every night and even has his own special recipe for his famous apple pie!

Jake is survived by his loving wife Debbie Rankin, his brother Bolton “Buster” Rankin and a host of other family members.

He is predeceased by his dedicated parents Bolton Rankin and Emilie George Rankin.

A visitation will be held at Lasting Tributes Cremation and Funeral Care in Annapolis, MD on Bestgate Road on August 4, 2021 from 2-5pm where refreshments will be served to celebrate Jake's life.



## Obituary

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In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to The National Wild Turkey Federation  
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## Events


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### Visitation

 **Wednesday**, August 4, 2021

 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET

 **Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care**  
814 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis MD 21401





## Tribute Wall

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GI

**Gina** posted:

Debbie, I am so sorry to hear of Jake's passing. I have many, many memories of "Uncle" Jake from him fixing our washing machine to birthday celebrations. He was a kind and gentle man that will be missed by man. Praying that you have comfort and peace. Love, Gina Ferguson-Ramsey

August 4 at 12:43 PM

PC

**Pam Collins** posted:

Debbie, I'm so sorry for your loss of Jake. I am praying that you find peace when thinking of all the beautiful memories you made together. Love, Pam Collins

August 3 at 10:19 AM



**Dick Goodwin** posted:

Jake frequently played with my sister and me. We lived on Taylor Ave, his grandmother 'through the fence' on Annapolis. Ended up in Jr and Sr HS with Jake. Nice guy, he will be missed.

August 2 at 7:20 AM

AR

**Arlene Robertson** posted:

Jake lived basically next door to us in West Annapolis, our back yards were back to back. I remember him and Buster loved hunting, especially squirrel hunting at the time. Though he was older everybody in the community were close. I moved to Hillsmere Shores and I believe he or Buster moved there too. Jake was always a kind and very sweet person; my condolences to Debbie and the family. May he Rest In Peace Arlene "DiMaggio" Robertson

August 1 at 5:15 AM

LB

**Linda Blackwell** lit a candle in honor of James.



July 27 at 3:23 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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