



Jan A. Blanck

July 20, 1937 - May 6, 2012

Jan A. Blanck of Annapolis, Maryland, died at his home in Heritage Harbor on May 6, 2012. He was 74.

Jan Blanck was born on July 20, 1937 in Stockholm Sweden to Åke Blanck and Gunvor (Hall) Blanck. He received his degree from Stockholm Technical College in Civil Engineering, becoming a recognized authority on shotcrete practices and tunnel engineering. His career as an engineer, consultant and independent contractor reflected a know how and a commitment to professionalism acquired over more than 40 years of progressive experience with shotcreting, drilling and grouting, tunneling and structural rehabilitation.

Mr. Blanck was a seasoned specialist on several heavy-construction shotcrete projects in Africa and Hong Kong before coming to North America. He served as shotcrete-specialist consultant on the first large-aggregate shotcrete project in North America, the Canadian National Railway Tunnel, Vancouver, 1967. The success of shotcrete on this project led to the acceptance and the use of shotcrete for tunnel support in the USA. He continued to pioneer and supervised the first use of structural shotcrete in the USA, at the Tehachapi Tunnels, California, 1967.

In the 1970's, Mr. Blanck came to the Washington, D.C. area to open the Washington office of the A.A. Matthews corporation and lent his shotcrete expertise to the Rock Creek Park Metro project. He also served as the project engineer at the DuPont Circle Metro project.

In the 1980's, Mr. Blanck established his own company, the J.A. Blanck Company. He continued working on Metro projects, but also worked on a wide range of construction projects, such as the Fire Island rehabilitation project, on Fire Island, New York, the Rock Creek Park Zoo Tunnel rehabilitation project, in Washington DC., and the Yankee Pier rehabilitation project on Governor's Island in New York City.

In the mid 1990's, after "retirement," Mr. Blanck continued consulting on various projects in South Africa, Puerto Rico, and later Australia. Up until two years ago, in 2010, he worked in New York City on the East River tunnel project.

He will be remembered and remain highly respected for his outstanding leadership and contributions in shotcrete practices and tunnel engineering. He contributed at shotcrete and engineering-geology conferences in the USA, Europe and People's Republic of China. His credits included assisting with research projects published for the U.S. Department of Transportation.

On August 17, 1957 he married Siv Margit Alexanderson of Jönköping Sweden. They had one daughter Elisabeth and one son Erik.

Jan is survived by his wife Siv Blanck; Daughter, Elisabeth Albaugh and her husband George Albaugh of Bowie, MD; Son, Erik Blanck and his wife Mary Blanck of Bremen, GA.; Grandchildren, Ingrid and Erik Albaugh of Bowie, MD and Ashton Blanck and Katie Flanagan of Bremen, GA; Sisters, Margareta Blanck and Ingrid Axelson of Stockholm Sweden. One grandson, Ethan Blanck, and one daughter in law, Kim Cash Blanck, predecease him.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date in summer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bremen Educational Foundation for Ethan Blanck Scholarship Fund, 501 Pacific Ave. Bremen, GA, 30110 and/or Hospice of the Chesapeake 445 Defense Hwy. Annapolis, MD 21401.

Online condolences may be made at <http://www.LastingTributesFuneralCare.com>

Comments



“ I'm taking my family to see our lighthouse this summer and then to visit Siv, Elizabeth and George. Thinking of you often lately. You are very missed.

Love

Missy (Catalucci) Coleman

melissa coleman - May 08, 2017 at 07:32 AM



“ As a hostdad 1990/1991 you help me with many things. You came and watch my homegames and even some awaygames as well when I played soccer for Fallston high.

Know my kids just loved you and will always remember you as the loving and caring person that you were.

We think about you!

Love Ernie, Susanne, Daniel & Wilma from Sweden.



Ernst Cardell - June 07, 2012 at 02:05 PM



“ Elisabeth Albaugh lit a candle in memory of Jan A. Blanck



Elisabeth Albaugh - May 29, 2012 at 06:51 PM



“ I worked with Jan on a tunnel project in upstate NY (Afton; JA Blanck was a sub to Conduit & Foundation) during 1986. I now live in Arnold MD and was so suprised to see his obit in the Capital newspaper this evening. My condolences on his passing. I wish I knew he lived in this area so we could have talked.

Daniel Anderson - May 10, 2012 at 07:06 PM



“ Jan and Siv worked with my husband Refik on several tunnel projects, he will be missed by all who ever had the pleasure of knowing him. Our hearts go out to his family. There were lots of reasons to love Jan, but what I admired him the most for was his love for his family, Siv and his children and the grandchildren, they were his heart..
We love each and everyone of you.
Barbara and Refik

Barbara and Refik Elibay - May 09, 2012 at 01:34 PM



“ Looking upon the picture of Jan here it is how we knew him and shall always remember him. When ever we saw him or in his company one would see the face....a smile that lite his whole face with the look of JOY!! Jan always had something to say to make one laugh as well. We only knew him a few short years and enjoyed his and Siv company very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and the family. Carol & Henry

Carol & Heney Redmond - May 09, 2012 at 11:06 AM