



## Effinger Claire Blantz, Jr.

January 13, 2022

It is with deep sorrow we announce the passing of Effinger Claire “Butch” Blantz, Jr. 72, of Lancaster, PA on Thursday, January 13, 2022. He was the son of the late Effinger C. and Betty (Asper) Blantz. He was the devout husband of his one and only true love Sandra Lee (Speece) Blantz who preceded him in death on October 17, 1996.

Butch worked at the Schmitt’s Aluminum Foundry from his late teens until starting his business, D&D Cleaning, in 1983, which he owned and operated for nearly 30 years until retiring in 2020.

He was a fan of the Miami Dolphins and Washington Redskins and liked watching the games with his family and friends. He enjoyed watching the Three Stooges and listening to The Shadow Radio Show. He was a hard worker who spent a lot of time doing yard work and kept a beautiful lawn. Most of all, he enjoyed visits with his daughters and son-in-laws, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and best friend, James “Spoon” Witherspoon, by whom he will be sorely missed. He will be remembered as a kind and loving family man who wouldn’t hesitate to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughters: Denise J. (Robert) Yingst and Deborah K. Blantz; grandchildren: Nathan J. (Autumn) Yingst, Nicholas R.

(Jeanette) Yingst, and Taryn D. Blantz (Shayne E. Henry): great-grandchildren: Amour S., Atlas B., Jude N., Norah J., and Graham L.; sisters, Ruth Wilson and Mary (John) Mahey; and many friends who were like family.

Family and friends are invited to attend Butch's Funeral Service on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster. The family will have a visitation from 10:30 a.m. until the time of service. There will be a private interment at Millersville Mennonite Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made in Butch's name to Special Olympics at <https://www.specialolympics.org/get-involved/donate> or American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Effinger Claire Blantz, Jr.*



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - January 19, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ *Effinger Claire Blantz, Jr.*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - February 08, 2022 at 03:49 PM



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - January 21, 2022 at 11:46 AM



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - January 20, 2022 at 09:50 AM



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - January 19, 2022 at 02:44 PM



“ 84 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**The Groff's Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - January 19, 2022 at 12:06 PM

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“ *I had the privilege of meeting Mr. Blantz through his daughter Debbie. Mr. and Mrs. Blantz wife raised two strong, independent daughters and many others. He was a hardworking man who created a home that was filled with love for all including furry and water creatures. I could never visit his home without him offering something, a bottle of water, soda and above all kindness. A kind, gentle yet firm and loving Father who adored his girls and family both blood and of the heart. It is our loss and his gain as he gets to dance with his Beloved Wife again. May his family rejoice as I do in honoring the privilege of knowing such a fine Father, Uncle, Grandfather, Man. Marie*

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**Marie** - January 19, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Effinger Claire Blantz, Jr..



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January 19, 2022 at 10:55 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Contributed by Sister Mary Mahey



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Mary - January 18, 2022 at 12:13 PM



*Butch with his sisters Mary and Ruthie*

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Mary - January 18, 2022 at 02:28 PM



“ Very sorry to see that Butch passed away..My thoughts and prayers to his family

Love  
Donna Speece



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**DONNA SPEECE** - January 18, 2022 at 07:46 AM

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“ 4 files added to the album Contributed by Sister Mary Mahey



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**Mary Mahey** - January 17, 2022 at 10:34 AM

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“ You left without  
Warning.  
Gone so fast.  
Now all we have  
Are memories  
Of our past.

You are loved by so many.  
You might not  
Have known,  
But in our hearts  
Is where  
You have grown.

The memories  
I have throughout  
The years  
Will last  
forever with  
Laughter and tears.

I will miss you  
Oh so much.  
So will all  
The lives that  
You have  
Touched.

Love, Your Sister, Mary Mahey, John Mahey and Andrew Mahey

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**Mary Mahey** - January 16, 2022 at 11:14 AM