



Eric F. Blanchette

June 1, 1981 - October 22, 2011

Visitation for Eric F. Blanchette, 30, of Charleston, formerly of Manteno, will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley.

Burial will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. He died Saturday (Oct. 22, 2011) at his home.

He was born June 1, 1981, in Kankakee. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy for six years, serving on the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier, and was a graduate of Nuclear Power School. He was a graduate of Bishop McNamara Catholic High School and was currently attending Eastern Illinois University.

Surviving are his parents, Randy V. and Mary E. Blanchette, of Monticello, Ind.; his mother, Mary Rouleau, of Bourbonnais; one sister and brother-in-law, Danielle and Matthew Warchol, of Fairview Heights; two brothers, Scott Blanchette, of Davenport, Iowa, and Marc Blanchette, of Orlando, Fla.; one sister, Sarah Vickery, of Chicago; one brother, Matthew Vickery, of Carbondale; and maternal grandmother, Theresa Martin, of Bradley.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

OCT **28**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 N. Center Street
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 939-3573
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

Tribute Wall

AA

“ I heard about Eric's death when I got back to Guam from Hawaii, having had a haemorrhage in my brain on Halloween. I was lucky to have my husband around to take me to the hospital before I started seizing. I too, worked with him on the USS Abraham Lincoln. My heart genuinely goes out to his family.

Alison Alsweiler - January 07, 2012 at 06:14 PM

BK

“ I first met Eric while we were stationed together on the USS Abraham Lincoln, and ended up standing many hours of watch with him. He was a gifted individual, and it's sad to hear of his passing. He will be greatly missed.

Brandon Krueger - November 20, 2011 at 12:00 PM

JM

“ I got to know Eric while we served on the Abraham Lincoln, Between deployments and port calls, we passed a lot of time together. He was a very bright and friendly person, and I will never forget our adventure in Singapore. I'm very sorry to hear about his passing.

I'll miss you, Eric...

Joshua Meeks - November 20, 2011 at 03:55 AM

RO

“ One day I walked into EOS and Eric noticed that something was different about my uniform. "Did you get new coveralls?" he asked me. "Yes," I replied, "Why?" "Because your nametapes have an apostrophe; last time I saw you they didn't," was his reply. I was new to the department, had never met the guy before that and had no idea who he was, but he noticed some insignificant detail and remembered me.

I'll never forget him.

Ryan O'Shea - November 20, 2011 at 01:08 AM

 Robert Elchlepp

“ I met Eric the very first day we arrived at nuclear power school, it was 2 in the morning and he was the only person who wasn't overly excited about our arrival. I soon found out that he was just that kind of guy, but that's what made him so great to be around, he always liked to take things at face value. I served with him from day one of nuclear power till the day I got out, and I will never forget him. Rest in peace Eric.

Robert Elchlepp - November 19, 2011 at 11:28 PM

CP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Christopher Poole - November 19, 2011 at 10:49 PM

MG

“ I knew Eric from our time on the Lincoln together. He was a great guy and was fun to be around. When we were deployed, he had a way of making the tough times bearable. He was an all around good guy and I was blessed to have the opportunity to know him. I pray that God will be with his family and loved ones and give them peace.

Micah Gipe - November 19, 2011 at 10:35 PM

CP

“ I was fortunate to know Eric while serving in the Navy. He is far too young to be gone. He made the ports we visited much more fun and made the work of the deployments much easier to endure. I, and everyone else he knew from the ship, were lucky to have known and worked with him.

Christopher Poole - November 19, 2011 at 10:24 PM

RG

“ I worked with Eric in the Navy. This is horrible. I'm so sorry for loss. Eric was awesome person with a lot going on. He was the glue that held our little group together. He will be missed.



Robert Grubb - November 19, 2011 at 10:04 PM

CL

“ Randy, Mary and family, All our love, support, thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Remember, Eric is under the wings of a beautiful angel now. Love to all. Aunt Cheryl, Uncle Al and Luke

cheryl lisi - November 01, 2011 at 12:37 PM

LA

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Mary Rouleau and her family during this difficult time may god bless all of you.*
-Love Lauren



Lauren - October 28, 2011 at 11:00 PM

AM

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to Randy and Mary and to the entire family. We are so sorry for your loss. May Eric rest in peace.*
- Abby & Patrick McMillin



Abby McMillin - October 28, 2011 at 08:00 PM

CB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.*

Cara, Christian, and Adriana Bell



Cara Bell - October 27, 2011 at 01:22 PM

AM

“ *Eric, May you rest in peace with Grandma & Grandpa Blanchette and all the other angels. You will be missed and never forgotten.*
Love,
Aunt Mel, Uncle Ron, Lauren and Morgan



aunt mel - October 27, 2011 at 01:15 PM

ML

“ Keeping all the friends and family in our prayers.

Mark, Erica and Olivia Lisi

Mark Lisi - October 27, 2011 at 11:23 AM

LK

“ Mel,
Sorry for your loss of your Nephew. You and your family are in Leon and my prayers. Leon and Lila Knittel

Lila Knittel - October 27, 2011 at 09:16 AM

MB

“ There are no words of comfort I can offer to a father what loses a son before himself; it's just too damn hard. Usually a big "hug" and one of my specially blessed "feathers", along with a special "prayer" usually give a little comfort; oh,yeah, it's been a lot of years and you DIDN'T know that I am part Creek(and a Medicine Man), and have a "spiritual connection" through a blessed firepit in our back-yard here in Montana.

Been too many years, Randy, but I can STILL see my old friend's face in that of his son. He was a good looking boy, Randy. Hug your wife, hug Mary, hug your children, and know that your old friend Mitch will say a "special" prayer Friday morning over my firepit up to Our Lady Of The Rockies for Eric.

Moto NahJinHan(Walking Bear)

Mitch Booth Butte, MT

Mitch Booth - October 27, 2011 at 08:45 AM

LC

“ *Mary and Randy,
I am so sorry to hear about Eric. My thoughts and prayers are with
you and the whole family. He is in good hands with the rest of the
family up in heaven. God Bless you all!*
Linda Grill Carico

Linda Grill Carico - October 27, 2011 at 07:14 AM

PS

*Randy, just heard this horrible news! You and your family will be in my
prayers! Pat Smith - Mohawk*

Pat Smith - October 27, 2011 at 03:21 PM

AM

“ *1 file added to the album MEMORIES*



Aunt Melanie - October 26, 2011 at 11:54 PM

RM

“ *Randy & Mary.....I am so sorry to hear of Eric's passing. My
thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God be with you
all at this difficult time.*

Randy McKaufsky - October 26, 2011 at 08:49 PM

TF

*Randy, Mary and Family, we are so sorry to hear of the loss of your son
Eric. We hope and pray that you find peace in Gods comfort. Please
know that you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers.
The Cavender's - Jeff, Trisha, Eric, Alex, Aaron & Adrian*

The Cavender Family - October 27, 2011 at 01:08 PM

MR

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Mary Rouleau - October 26, 2011 at 08:38 PM

AJ

GOOD LOOKIING KID

aunt Joyce - October 26, 2011 at 08:56 PM

AK

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Eric's passing...Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Ali Kelley and family

Ali Kelley - October 26, 2011 at 08:27 PM

WL

“ *Eric's family,
I am so very sorry. I am praying for God's
comfort, strength and peace for you. Eric is so
loved. We love you and will keep you in our
hearts and prayers.
Wendy Ludwig*



Wendy Ludwig - October 26, 2011 at 07:15 PM

AJ

“ my favorite memory of Eric is at Christmas at Grandpa and Grandma Rouleau's house All the kids would never want to eat there food.They just wanted to unwrap the presents.I have many pictures of all the grand kids posing for the camera.Those were the family Memories that all of us cherish for a life time. Rest in Peace Eric We will MISS YOU but we know you are with your special angels up in heaven

aunt Joyce - October 26, 2011 at 07:02 PM

JJ

“ "We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your son. Our thoughts are with your entire family."

Jan (Hendrickson), Mike and Cody Justus - October 26, 2011 at 06:42 PM

MF

“ I am so sorry for your loss & my deepest sympathy to the family. May God be with you.

Mike Fahrow

mike fahrow - October 26, 2011 at 04:14 PM

KV

“ Eric was a wonderful person and a true gentleman. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kiersten Vincent (U of I veteran) - October 26, 2011 at 03:58 PM

PR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all! So sorry for your loss. Scott, Pam (Kasal), and Gracie Robbins

Pam Robbins - October 26, 2011 at 03:27 PM

LL

“ RANDY AND MARY OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU WE THINK OF ERIC PLAYING BASEBALL AND YOU AND BRUCE COACHING WE SURE HAD SOME GOOD TIMES

LOVE ALWAYS MIKE AND LINDA LESAGE

LINDA LESAGE - October 26, 2011 at 02:30 PM

CB

“ R.I.P. Eric. Remember you when you were a little guy and your dad would bring you to E.R. to see your grand ma Mary. Gods speed.

cindy bittmann - October 26, 2011 at 12:07 PM

RB

“ I am so very very sorry for your loss. I pray that GOD will be with all of you and help give you strength and healing.



Rhonda Ruyle Bouchard - October 26, 2011 at 09:53 AM

JK

“ My deepest sympathies to all of you! May God be with you.

Jayne Azzarelli Korstick - October 26, 2011 at 09:10 AM

BB

“ Dear Randy, Mary, Danielle, Scott, and Marc....No words can express how sorry we are for your loss. Please know you ALL are in our thoughts and our prayers. Love, Brad, Kerry, Clayton, Quinton, and Bailey



Brad, Kerry, Clayton, Quinton, & Bailey - October 26, 2011 at 08:55 AM

EP

“ *I have so many great memories of all the time spent with the Blanchette family, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. May Eric rest in peace knowing he was loved by so many.*

Elizabeth (Provance) Hansen

Elizabeth Provance-Hansen - October 26, 2011 at 08:54 AM



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m - October 25, 2011 at 11:37 PM

JM

this is a good picture of eric looks like grandpa rouleau

joyce muzzillo - October 26, 2011 at 06:42 PM

BT

“ *Rest in peace Eric. God Bless
Bernie and Jody Thompson*

Bernie And Jody Thompson - October 25, 2011 at 07:57 PM

PJ

Randy, Mary, & Family.....We are so sorry to hear of Eric's death.....there are no words that can possibly reflect what all of you are going through now.....but please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.....God Bless you all and may He guide you through the coming days. Pam & Fred Johnson

Pam & Fred Johnson - October 26, 2011 at 10:57 AM

MH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of loss. God bless.*



Marisa Harpin - October 25, 2011 at 04:25 PM

SB

“ *Our most heartfelt sympathies.*

Sue & Al Bagdade

Susan Klein Bagdade - October 25, 2011 at 02:31 PM

AB

“ *Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*



Amber (Kliest) Burbey - October 25, 2011 at 02:04 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you and your family and wishing you strength in the days ahead.*

Love,

Darrell & Norma Stauffenberg, Darren & Carrie Stauffenberg family, Julianne & Todd Post family and Kim & Walter Shirley family



Kimberly Shirley - October 25, 2011 at 01:43 PM

SV

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Sarah Vickery - October 25, 2011 at 01:26 PM

JM

nice pic sarah

joyce muzzillo - October 26, 2011 at 06:43 PM