



Robert Allan Blair

May 6, 1938 - June 3, 2017

Robert Allan Blair, 79, of St. Albans, passed away Saturday, June 3, 2017.

He was born on May 6, 1938 in Huntington, West Virginia to the late Wilma Rose Childers Blair and Harold Wade Blair.

Bob is survived by his wife of 56 years, Elizabeth Joan Blair, three children, Beverly Eileen Blair Huff, Sandra Lynn Neil (Gary), Robert Wade Blair and granddaughter, Blair Elizabeth Huff. Robert and Elizabeth were married June 10, 1961.

Robert attended Enslow Elementary, J. E. Robins Elementary, Woodrow Wilson Jr. High, and graduated from Greenbrier Military School in 1956. He attended University of Cincinnati and graduated from West Virginia State College in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and R. O. T. C. honors of distinguished military graduate. He received Regular Army commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps of the U.S. Army. At discharge he had received the rank of Captain. He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service, was an accounting systems salesman with National Cash Register and retired from sales with Sears, Roebuck and Company.

Robert was baptized and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in 1953 and transferred membership to Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church in 1970,

where he was an active member serving as a Deacon and Elder. The motto he lived by was "God, Country, and Family".

Robert was a Life Member of the Greenbrier Military School Alumni Association, served on the Alumni Board of Directors and received the Mr. Greenbrier Award for his many years of enduring love, devotion, and service to Greenbrier Military School and its Alumni Association. He served as President of the Charleston Sears' Retiree Group for over 10 years.

A visitation of family and friends will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, St. Albans. Visit his tribute page at ChapmanFuneralHomes.com to share memories with the family.

Funeral Services will be held at 2pm on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, St. Albans with the Rev. Jim Robinson officiating. Interment will follow at Highland Cemetery, Huntington with military honors performed by James E. Marshall American Legion Post # 187.

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Blair family.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

Saltwell Road
Huntington, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177
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Funeral Service

JUN 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Allan Blair*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Jennifer and Greg purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Robert Allan Blair.*



Jennifer and Greg - June 07, 2017 at 03:17 PM



“ *Betty, Janet and I are very sorry to see this. We can't be with you this evening but our hearts and thoughts will be with you.*

Chet

chet thornton - June 07, 2017 at 02:39 PM



“ *Joseph Blair McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Robert Allan Blair*



Joseph Blair McGlothlin - June 07, 2017 at 11:05 AM

OS

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Robert Allan Blair.*



Our Deepest Sympathy - June 06, 2017 at 11:22 PM

NC

“ *NC Xi Epsilon Beta Chapter purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert Allan Blair.*



NC Xi Epsilon Beta Chapter - June 06, 2017 at 11:09 PM

TM

“ *Thomas B. Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Robert Allan Blair*



Thomas B. Mitchell - June 06, 2017 at 09:57 PM

“ The below Poem is in Honor of my "Dear Friend", Bob Blair:

GOODBYE DEAR FRIEND

*YOU ARE SITTING THERE DOING NOTHING AND THEN YOU
GET A CALL
OR A FRIEND YOU SELDOM HEAR FROM SENDS AN E-MAIL
THAT'S QUITE SMALL
YOU LISTEN OR READ IN DISBELIEF TO THE NEWS THAT IS
ALWAYS BRIEF
ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS HAS PASSED AWAY AND
THAT IS ALL*

*ANOTHER FRIEND IS GONE FOREVER AND THERE IS
NOTHING YOU CAN DO
YOU THINK OF THE LAST TIME YOU WERE TOGETHER JUST
THEM AND YOU
YOU CAN SEE THEIR FACE, BUT YOU CAN'T REALLY PLACE
THE PLACE
BUT WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE, YOU KNOW THEY
ARE THROUGH*

*YOU THINK OF THEIR FAMILY AND HOW THEY MUST FEEL
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU SHOULD DO, SEND A CARD OR
TAKE A MEAL
YOU KNOW THERE IS NO WAY TO CONSOLE THEIR FAMILY
TODAY
YOU FEEL RATHER POWERLESS AND IT ALL SEEMS UNREAL*

*YOU REALIZE THE LOSS OF ANOTHER FRIEND AND WONDER
HOW MANY
THERE HAVE BEEN SOME FROM DAYS GONE BY LIKE OLD
WAYNE AND BENNIE
WHO WENT ABOUT A YEAR AGO TO JOIN THE OTHERS GONE
BEFORE YOU KNOW
THE COUNT WAS RISING AS OLD FRIENDS WERE FALLING*

APLENTY

*YOU SIT THERE ALONE AND PONDER THE PAST
YOU THINK OF THOSE GONE AND WONDER HOW LONG YOU
WILL LAST
YOU WONDER WHY YOU ARE STILL HERE WHILE THOSE ARE
GONE SO DEAR
AND YOU CONCLUDE THAT GOD'S WILL IS EVER STEADFAST*

*YOU REALIZE IT IS NOT FOR US TO WONDER WHY
GOD DECIDED WHEN WE ARE BORN AND HE DECIDES WHEN
WE DIE
IN BETWEEN EACH DATE MANY THINGS IMPACT OUR FATE
AMONG THOSE ARE THE GOOD FRIENDS FOR WHICH WE
SAY GOODBYE*

*THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT WE HAVE SUCH FRIENDS
AND IF THEY ARE WRONGED BY US WE SHOULD MAKE
AMENDS
FOR FRIENDS ARE NOT SOMETHING WE USE TODAY AND
THEN THROW AWAY
GOOD FRIENDS ARE WITH US UNTIL ONE LIFE ENDS*

*SO WHEN THAT TIME COMES AND COME IT WILL
WE THAT SURVIVE MUST CHERISH OUR FRIEND STILL
WE MUST CHERISH OUR TIME TOGETHER AND MEMORIES
THAT LAST FOREVER
AND THANK GOD FOR THAT FRIEND WHOSE LIFE IS NOW
STILL*

Poetry by Deak, June 5, 2017

*CAPTAIN JAMES E. ROBERTS JR. (Deak), U.S. NAVY-RETIRED
Graduated from Greenbrier Military School with Bob in 1956.
We lived close to each other in Company "D" for three years.
Bob commanded a Squad in my Platoon in 1956.*

BOB WAS MY DEAR FRIEND

CAPTAIN JAMES E ROBERTS JR.U.S. NAVY-RETI - June 06, 2017 at 08:31 PM

JA

“ *Dear Betty*

Elizabeth and I are saddened by Bob's passing. At every GMS reunion he had a sweet smile and kind words to us. He will be missed! Please be assured of our prayers for the repose of his soul in our True Home. We pray God give you and the family strength and peace during this difficult time.

Love

Jose (GMS '57, Co D) and Elizabeth Acosta

*PS Please send us your email address so that we do not lose touch.
JMAcosta07@gmail.com*

Jose M. Acosta - June 06, 2017 at 02:21 PM

JA

“ *Dear Betty*

Elizabeth and I are sadenned by the news of Bob's passing. At every GMS reunion, he always had a sweet smile and kind words for us. He will be greatly missed. Please be assured of our prayers for the repose of his soul in our True Home. We pray God give you and the family strength and peace during this difficult time.

Love,

Jose (GMS '57, Co. D) and Elizabeth Acosta

P.S. I will send this to Bob's e-mail and so that we do not lose touch please send me your e-mail address.

jose acosta - June 06, 2017 at 01:44 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Robert Allan Blair.*



June 06, 2017 at 11:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Allan Blair.*



June 06, 2017 at 11:32 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Allan Blair.*



June 06, 2017 at 11:24 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Bob worked with my husband Winnie and always called and checked on him after he got sick.*

amy saunders - June 06, 2017 at 07:07 AM

LE

“ *Love, Dan, Amy and Eileen purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Robert Allan Blair.*



Love, Dan, Amy and Eileen - June 05, 2017 at 04:56 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Allan Blair.*



June 05, 2017 at 03:04 PM