



Dorothy Ellen Blair

August 11, 1926 - November 30, 2013

Dorothy Ellen Blair, 87, of 256 Rigney Circle Chatham, VA died on Saturday, November 30, 2013 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital after being in declining health for several months.

Ms. Blair was born in Pittsylvania County on August 11, 1926 a daughter of the late Clifton Hurt Blair and the late Ellen Celestial Easley Blair. She spent most of her life in the Pittsylvania County area where she was a teacher at Hargrave Military Academy until her retirement. She was a graduate of Longwood University and the University of Virginia where she received her master's in education. She was a member of Green Pond Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Patsy B. Patterson of Midlothian, VA and Peggy B. Hackler of Anderson, IN; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents she was predeceased by one brother, Lindsey A. Blair.

A memorial service will be conducted on Friday, December 13, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at the Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Sandy C. Gregory officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family request that memorial donations be made to

Hargrave Military Academy at 200 Military Drive, Chatham, VA 24531.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is respectfully serving the Blair family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 13. 3:00 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel

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Tribute Wall

RJ

“ I came to know Ms. Blair when I was a cadet at Hargrave where she immediately commanded my respect. As I spent more time in her presence, she gained my undying affection and gratitude. I am sorrowed to have learned of her passing and offer my sympathy to those she left behind.

Richard E. Conner, Jr.

Richard E. Conner, Jr. - January 13, 2014 at 05:44 PM

JB

“ My deepest heart felt sympathy's too all that knew Dorothy Ellen Blair. She was my favorite teacher, despite the fact that I was never in her class. The world was a better place with her in it, and my life has turned out better because she was in it. Her kindness touched thousands, and those who passed it on have touched hundreds of thousands. Nelson Mandela improved a nation. Dorothy Ellen Blair improved the world.



Jeffrey Scott Bohemier - December 16, 2013 at 08:41 PM

RG

“ Ms Blair was always very kind to me Hargrave has lost a very special person.
Ryan Guthrie class of 95

Ryan Guthrie - December 09, 2013 at 03:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ellen Blair.*



December 06, 2013 at 10:52 PM



“ *Ms Blair was a major factor for where me and a lot of my former Hargrave classmates are now in life. Thank you Ms Blair for the advice, instruction , and providing us your time. May you rest in peace.*

Clayburn Perry

Clayburn Perry - December 06, 2013 at 09:45 PM



“ *"Dot was a special lady dedicated to helping people. She was especially interested in the young men involved in the post graduate football program at Hargrave during my time coaching there and even helped some of my players after I left. Her kindness and dedication to our program and the young people she helped, made a difference in their lives and mine. I thank God for giving me the chance to know and work with such a great person." Joe Freeland*

Joe Freeland - December 06, 2013 at 03:05 PM



Mrs Blair was indeed a special lady who had a profound impact on those whose lives she touched. I am also very thankful for having the opportunity to work with her and learn from her. She will be truly missed.

matt foutz - December 06, 2013 at 06:53 PM

CP

Absolutely, Ms Blair dedicated her time to ensure we understood the assignments, I am forever grateful for learning under your instructions. You will be missed.

Clayburn Perry - December 06, 2013 at 10:01 PM

AR

“ *Dear family,*

I used to visit Dot from time to time at her beautiful home. She was such a sweet woman. I'm so sorry for your loss. At times like this, I have found Jesus Christ's words at John 5:28,29 to be truly comforting. There he promised that "the hour is coming when all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out...to a resurrection of life." I look forward to that time so much. However, we still have to deal with the pain we feel right now. When overcome with grief, the Bible tells us to go to God in prayer and it gives the assurance that "He will sustain us." (Ps.55:22) I hope these scriptures will bring you some comfort as they have to me. Feel free to contact me at the email address attached and again I'm so sorry for your loss.

Ashley Roncaglione - December 06, 2013 at 10:36 AM

KH

“ *Mrs. Blair was a wonderful woman. I had the pleasure of getting to know here while working at Chatham Health and Rehab. She was loved very much and will be missed.*

Krystal Hall - December 06, 2013 at 09:49 AM

TH

“ Torry Holt purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dorothy Ellen Blair.



Torry Holt - December 05, 2013 at 02:16 PM

PT

“ I worked with Dot for several years at Hargrave. I have never known anyone more committed to her students. It was a pleasure to learn and work with her.

Priscilla Turner

priscilla turner - December 05, 2013 at 08:14 AM

DD

“ I worked with Dot Blair several summers at Hargrave. She was an outstanding teacher and a motivated person. I was sorry to hear of her death.

Dottie Dodd

Dottie Dodd - December 04, 2013 at 12:57 PM

BB

“ Dot Blair was an inspiration as a human being .she practiced without preaching,without raising her voice or lowing your level of integrity.She got the job done that turned my comprehension level in reading to enjoyment!She showed you can be humble and deliver the desired results with quiet passion! Bill Burho class of 71.

Bill Burho - December 04, 2013 at 10:03 AM

ST

“ Mrs. Blair was by far one of the most inspirational teachers of my life. She never gave up on me and she proved time and time again that you can teach a rock how to read. There is no doubt my life would have been left behind in society without her.

GEN Stephen A. Toumajan Class of 85

Stephen Toumajan - December 03, 2013 at 11:10 PM

J6

“ She taught me how to understand what I was reading For that I will always be thankful She was one of my most favorite memories of my 4 years at HMA

John Chenault 65 - December 03, 2013 at 08:39 PM

JJ

“ Ms. Blair came to Hargrave the first year I was there. She was a great Speed-reading teacher

James E. Dietsche, Jr

James E. Dietsche, Jr - December 03, 2013 at 08:24 PM

JC

“ Dot Blair was one of the best !! She gave so much to Hargrave . I will miss her very much. John L Clements

John L Clements - December 03, 2013 at 04:21 PM



“ *Ms. Blair was a genius as a reading teacher. Her expertise was far reaching and helped my son Greg. As a professional educator, who taught students with reading disabilities, I know the methodologies she used so successfully. God has a place in Heaven for Ms. Blair*

Cecelia Smith - December 03, 2013 at 04:02 PM