



William Langston Blair

September 12, 1928 - February 1, 2014

William Langston Blair, Bill, passed from this life on Saturday, Feb 1, 2014 at Danville Regional Medical Center. Bill was a no nonsense man with a heart full of love and kindness.

Bill was born to Letitia Garrett and George Dewey Blair on September 12, 1928 in Pittsylvania County. He married Ruby Margaret Salmons on June 30, 1950. She was by his side when he went home to be with his Lord and Saviour.

Although he had a long career with the US Postal Service, retiring in 1994 as Maintenance Supervisor, his most beloved occupation was that of a farmer, a moniker that he was extremely proud of. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Bill was a member of Moffett Memorial Baptist Church for more than 50 years where he served as a deacon and President of his beloved Chapel Bible Class. He loved his church and his church family very much.

Bill is survived by his wife, Ruby, of the home. A son, Jack Blair of Glen Allen, VA and a daughter, Lavonne Blair Rutledge (Dewey) of Danville.

Three grandsons, Dewey "Trae" (Sara) of King George, VA, Anthony "Andy" (Christi) of Hanover County VA, and Brandon (Lynn) of Danville, VA.

He was so proud of his five great grandchildren, Christian Rutledge, Kelsie Rutledge, Katelyn Blair, Andrew Blair and Lauren Rutledge.

He was predeceased by his parents, a daughter-in-law, Gayle J. Blair, a sister, Lorraine Dunn, a brother, James Y. Blair.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, February 3 at 2:00PM at Moffett Memorial Baptist Church conducted by the Rev. Cameron Edgar and the Rev. Jeffrey Wright. Interment will follow in Danville Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to service at the church and at the residence at other times.

The family request memorial contributions in memory of Mr. Blair to be made to Moffett Memorial Baptist Church.

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Moffett Memorial Baptist Church
1026 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Tribute Wall

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“ Hello Ruby and the rest of the Blair Family.

I really enjoyed my time at Disston sharing with many of my friends.

Especially Bill, he was a fun loving man.

He could add joy on your best or worst of days.

His smile and twinkle of his eyes could make you melt even on the coldest days.

He was always ready to help anyone at any time.

Bill gave me my nickname " Alligator" or Gator for short.

The reason he said was as President of The Steelworkers I could eat up the Plant Manager at any time on any day.

This could be the reason. As union President I was able to help win the unfair labor charges before The United States Supreme Court that resulted in the Right of Arbitration in all union labor contracts from that day forth for all of The United States.

I could write a book about our fun and fellowship as friends at Disston.

Seems like only yesterday not the real 50 years (1964 - 2014).

Ruby, I am sorry that I missed the funeral. I just found out today Feb. 14th that my friend Bill had entered "The Gates Of Heaven".

We will rejoice when I too will get to Heaven.

He was quite a Guy. I was lucky to have had himl as a friend.

Nelson Amos

89 Old Mountain Road

Penhook, Virginia 24137

Nelson Amos - February 13, 2014 at 11:28 PM

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“ Ruby, Lavonne & family,

Our sympathies to you in the loss of Bill. He was a good man and a great guy.

May God bless you with his comfort, grace and strength, now and in the days to come.

Sorry not to be in touch sooner as we were in Dubai visiting Jeanne and family when Bill passed away.

God bless you all,

Lee & Debbie Ellison

Lee Ellison - February 08, 2014 at 10:08 AM

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“ *Ruby & Entire Family:*

I wish to extend my sincere sympathy in the loss of your Dear Bill. He was a good & caring man and his demise shall leave a tremendous void within the family and to the entire community as well.

My thoughts & prayers shall be with all of you during this difficult time.



Gerald Gibson - February 03, 2014 at 08:55 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of William Langston Blair.*



February 03, 2014 at 06:33 AM

PK

“ *Phyllis Admire Kelley purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Langston Blair.*



Phyllis Admire Kelley - February 02, 2014 at 09:50 AM