



James Michael Blair

Suffolk , VA

09.14.1944 - 05.28.2019

Birthplace: Virginia

Served in the : Army

James Michael Blair, 74, went to be with the Lord on May 28, 2019. He was the son of the late Thomas and Ossie Blair. He was predeceased by his brothers and sisters Juanita Blair Stine, Thomas Blair, Mary Blair, Cornelius Blair, and George Blair.

James graduated from Suffolk High School and then joined the Army. After the military he graduated from Old Dominion University. James joined the family business Blair Brothers and served as treasurer and accountant until his retirement.

He was very active in Main Street United Methodist Church and was on the board of Meals on Wheels, Riddick's Folly, Friends of Barnabas and the Tom & Ossie Blair Memorial Scholarship. He had a passion for golf, flowers and gardening and his family and friends. He was very generous with charities not only financially but with giving of his time.

James is survived by his devoted partner Ronald Pier, siblings Virginia B. Cox, Catherine B. Cartledge, William Blair, Pearl B. Harrell, Robert Blair, David Blair, and Joe Blair; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be conducted on Friday, May 31, 2019 at 11 AM by Rev. Rich Meiser in Main Street United Methodist Church, 202 N. Main St. Suffolk. Burial will be private with military honors in Holly Lawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends in the R.W. Baker & Co. Funeral Home and Crematory, 509 W. Washington St, Suffolk on Thursday, May 30, 2019 from 6 to 7:30 PM. Condolences may be registered at RWBakerFH.com

Visitation

Start Time: Thursday, May 30, 2019 - 06:00pm

End Time: Thursday, May 30, 2019 - 07:30pm

R.W. Baker & Company Funeral Home

509 W Washington St

Suffolk, VA 23434

United States

Service

Start Time: Friday, May 31, 2019 - 11:00am

End Time: Friday, May 31, 2019 - 12:00pm

Main St. UMC

202 N. Main St.

Suffolk , VA 23434

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Guestbook

CHRISTINE B YOUNG

Tue, 05/28/2019 -
02:50pm

I have known James since early school. He was very much a supporter of the Suffolk community in many ways. Always seemed upbeat and was a friend to many. The Blair Family is known and has been well respected for many years in Suffolk and James (along with his many siblings) has carried on that tradition proudly. He way loved and will be missed by many.

CHRISTINE B YOUNG

Roseland Lowe Worrell

Tue, 05/28/2019 -
03:25pm

I have had the incredible opportunity of working with James as a volunteer and Chairman of the Board of Suffolk Meals on Wheels. James was a caring gentleman who volunteered unselfishly for Suffolk Meals on Wheels. We were blessed by the Blair Family's support as they knew this was James' passion - giving back to others. He will be missed - that grin, that smile that let you know he was on the same page as you, and that wink that you knew he agreed with you. Suffolk Meals on Wheels was stronger because he cared to make it better - to make all of us better.

Roseland Lowe Worrell, Suffolk Meals on Wheels Executive Director

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Tracey Sackett

**Tue, 05/28/2019 -
05:38pm**

So sorry to hear this! James was a wonderful neighbor to me, with a very kind heart when I lived on Orchard Avenue. Prayers for his family.

Tracey Sackett

Holt Livesay

**Tue, 05/28/2019 -
06:07pm**

So sorry to read about James' passing away. Knew him all his life; and he, like his (many) siblings, was an attribute to the Suffolk area. Will miss him as all his predeceased siblings.

Holt Livesay

Travis cullifer

**Tue, 05/28/2019 -
07:17pm**

So sorry, James was a good a generous person and will be missed by all those that had the pleasure of being among his circle of friends.

Travis cullifer

**Jenny Williamson
Blair**

**Wed, 05/29/2019 -
10:40am**

We are so saddened by this tremendous loss for the family and Suffolk community. We are very grateful our baby, Rye, got to meet his great uncle. Sending all our love to Ron and the rest of the family during this very sad time. -Jenny, Thomas, & Rye

Jenny Williamson Blair

Martha Hayes Hill

**Wed, 05/29/2019 -
10:45am**

My heart is breaking for all of us who had the pleasure of being part of his life. James & I were born within minutes of each other & shared the nursery. We were classmates from grades 1 - 12 , shared so many memories growing up & continued to keep in touch through life. He was such a wonderful person & now, a Very Special Angel in Heaven, to be missed & fondly remembered by all who knew him. Prayers to his wonderful family.

Martha Hayes Hill

**Phil Ferguson and
the employees of the
Suffolk
Commonwealth's
Attorney's Office**

**Wed, 05/29/2019 -
12:47pm**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Blair family for their loss. James was a fine person who will be sorely missed by anyone who knew him.

Phil Ferguson and the employees of the Suffolk Commonwealth's Attorney's Office

Wayne Spivey

**Wed, 05/29/2019 -
02:21pm**

I'm very saddened by the news. James has always been a great guy, friend and neighbor. I will surely miss seeing him when he delivered my meals. I'll never forget the kindness of James and his family. I will keep Ron and the rest of the family in my prayers. My deepest condolences.

Wayne Spivey

**Skip & Wanda Scott-
Collins**

**Wed, 05/29/2019 -
03:09pm**

Ronnie & Family,

Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Skip & Wanda Scott-Collins

**Brenda and Doug
Kincaid**

**Wed, 05/29/2019 -
09:13pm**

We send our sincere sympathy to the Blair family. James has been a dedicated member of the Suffolk community his entire life. His kindness touched so many and he will be missed! We are thinking of his loved ones at this sad time.

Brenda and Doug Kincaid

Bobby Oliver

**Thu, 05/30/2019 -
07:27pm**

Dear Ron, Family, and Friends,

John and I are so sorry for your loss. I so enjoyed working with James at Riddick's Folly as well visiting both of you at your home. May your memories of James always give you support and comfort. Hugs. Yours,

Bobby Oliver

Thomas Moore

**Fri, 05/31/2019 -
08:31am**

My sympathies to the entire Blair Family. I would always run into James @ the post office and we would always have a little chat. Great personality and an infectious smile! The Lord is getting a good one. He will be missed. Thomas Moore

Thomas Moore

Lisa McCartney

**Thu, 06/06/2019 -
02:02pm**

With deepest sympathy and prayers for the Blair family, in the passing of James, your brother, Uncle, Partner and friend.
Sincerely, Lisa McCartney and Ronald Hensley

Lisa McCartney

Ronald H. Williams

**Mon, 06/17/2019 -
09:09am**

Dear Blair Family,

On behalf of the City Treasurer's Office, I want to extend to you our sincerest sympathy on the loss of James Blair. James touched many lives with his desire to want to help people. It was always a pleasure to be in his presence. He will be missed by all that knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Ronald H. Williams, City Treasurer and Office Staff

Ronald H. Williams



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