



Claude E. "Eddie" Blair Sr.

March 10, 1951 - July 22, 2017

Big Stone Gap, VA

Claude E. "Eddie" Blair, Sr., 66, died on Saturday (July 22, 2017) at his home.

He was born in Harlan County, KY, raised in Appalachia, VA, and he lived most of his life in Big Stone Gap. Eddie worked for Westmoreland Coal Co., Life Care Ambulance Service, M.E.O.C., and he drove a school bus for Wise County Public Schools. He was a coach and umpire for the Big Stone Gap Little League and was a band booster and member of the Friday night football chain gang for Powell Valley High School and Union High School. Eddie also volunteered for various local Wise County rescue squad units. Eddie served in the Army National Guard of the District of Columbia. He attended Appalachia Pentecostal Church in Appalachia, VA.

Eddie was preceded in death by his daughter, Darlene Elaine Blair; father, Roy C. Blair; his mother, Juanita (Stanley) Blair; three brothers and two sisters.

Surviving are his loving wife of 47 years, Theresa Darlene Blair; two sons, Eddie Blair, Jr. (Katherine) of Big Stone Gap, and Christopher Blair, Sr. (Lisa) of Appalachia, VA; three grandsons, Jonathan Blair, C. Allen Blair, Jr. and Joe Blair; one granddaughter, Shayla Lewis; one great grandson, Jackson Lewis;

brother, Bobby Blair (Linda) of Newport, TN; two sisters, Jewell Holmes (Carlton) of Richmond, VA and Charlotte Rogers (Larry) of Vero Beach, FL; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Appalachia Pentecostal Church (340 Oak St.) in Appalachia, VA.

The funeral service will be conducted 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary with Dr. Roy Smith and Pastor Donnie Pickett officiating.

Military graveside rites, by the Virginia National Guard Honors team and local V.F.W. and D.A.V. posts will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at the American Legion Cemetery in Big Stone Gap.

The family and friends will meet at the church by 10:15 a.m. Wednesday to go in procession to the cemetery

Pallbearers will be: B. J. Hughes, Willie Meade, Bobby Kern, Skylar Peake, Kenneth Scott and Allen Blair.

To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit www.holdingfuneralhome.com.

Holding Funeral Home is serving Eddie Blair's family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 25. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Appalachia Pentecostal Church
Oak Street
Appalachia, VA 24216

Service

JUL 25. 7:00 PM (ET)

Appalachia Pentecostal Church
Oak Street
Appalachia, VA 24216

Funeral Procession

JUL 26. 10:15 AM (ET)

Appalachia Pentecostal Church
Oak Street
Appalachia, VA 24216

Military Honors

JUL 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

American Legion Cemetery
5001 Powell Valley Road
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Tribute Wall



“ Claude E. "Eddie" Blair Sr.

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ Janet Lovell Akens lit a candle in memory of Claude E. "Eddie" Blair Sr.



Janet Lovell akens - July 27, 2017 at 08:44 PM



“ Joyce Edwards lit a candle in memory of Claude E. "Eddie" Blair Sr.



Joyce Edwards - July 26, 2017 at 07:29 PM



He was truly a friend . we traveled a lot together with the band and had a lot of good times. I'm sorry I didn't make it to your funeral . Rest my friend

Joyce Edwards - July 26, 2017 at 07:57 PM



“ he was a kind and a friend to all u will be missed

nita branham - July 25, 2017 at 04:39 PM

MK

“ I sorry to hear about your dad Eddie I will have you and Jonathon in my thoughts and prayers over the next few days



Missy and jim kelly - July 24, 2017 at 07:21 PM

JE

“ I will miss you, Baby Brother. I will miss talking to you, I don't have anyone to tell all my secrets to anymore. I love you. Love your Big Sister Jewell.

Jewell - July 24, 2017 at 06:11 PM

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“ Avery J. Rose lit a candle in memory of Claude E. "Eddie" Blair Sr.



Avery J. Rose - July 24, 2017 at 01:55 PM

WC

“ Wilma Clark lit a candle in memory of Claude E. "Eddie" Blair Sr.



Wilma Clark - July 24, 2017 at 07:48 AM