



William Blair,

July 4, 1941 - May 23, 2010

BLAIR, Mr. William, Jr. - Age 68, passed away Sunday, May 23, 2010 at Avalon Hospice. Family hour 10 a.m. Monday, May 31, 2010 at St. James C.M.E. Church, 310 W. Wood St., with funeral service commencing at 10:30 a.m., Rev. Patricia A. Havis officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Monday. Mr. Blair will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., 10am-6pm Sunday. Mr. William Thomas Blair Jr., affectionately known as "Blair" or "Mr. Blair" was born on July 4, 1941 in Wetumpka, Alabama, the son of William Thomas Sr. and Essie Mae (Dunn) Blair. He became an avid reader at an early age. This led to one of his first jobs...reading the bible to and for the pastor of the Spring Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, who was blind. During his service with his pastor, Blair realized that he needed to accept Christ as his personal Savior. He graduated from Elmore County Training School in Wetumpka, Alabama in 1959...and in 1963, he graduated from the Tuskegee Institute, earning a Bachelor's degree. A lifelong educator, Blair began his teaching career at the Academy Street High School in Troy, Alabama where he taught physical education and health as well as serving as the coach of the basketball team. In the mid 70's he relocated to Flint, Michigan where he worked security for General Motors at the Fisher Body Coldwater Rd. Plant. At the same time, he continued to dedicate himself to the field of education, earning two masters degrees from Eastern Michigan University. "Blair" enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the Flint Community Schools beginning at Bryant Jr.

High, continuing to Flint Academy, and finally to Flint Southwestern Academy, retiring in 2006. In 1976, he joined the St. James Christian Episcopal Church where he was a faithful, dedicated, and active member until March of 2010, when his health no longer allowed him to do so. He served as Chairman of the Steward Board, Sunday School Teacher, member of the Male Chorus, always willing to serve he performed other special duties upon the request of the pastor. "Blair" also attended Eternal Life Seventh-day Adventist Church. He was an avid sports enthusiast, who also enjoyed studying the Bible, fishing, traveling and taking care of his plants. "Blair" was a protective loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He leaves to cherish his memory: faithful devoted companion and lovely wife of 18 years, Peggy A. Blair; 2 devoted daughters, Wilandrea (Charles) Blair Fisher of Glendale, CA and Ingrid Blair of Southfield, MI; 2 loving step-daughters, Victoria N. Shelton and Crystal M. Jones of Flint; step-son: Scypion A. Pleasant of North Dakota; 5 grandchildren, Jhaylen Juan Watson, Sidney Blair Fisher and Satchel Norman Fisher, Varshari Jones and Jashayla Shelton; 2 sisters, Josie Pearl (Julius) Howard of Willingboro, NJ and Edna (John) Elmore of Wetumpka, AL; 4 uncles, Rev. Auston Dunn, Rev. Willie Dunn, Mr. Julius Dunn and Mr. LaDale Dunn; a host of other relatives and friends including, Otissteen Blair and Mrs. Sweetie Mae Ethridge. A special acknowledgement to best friend, Mr. Charles Thomas, spiritual father, Mr. George McClain, Rev. Patricia A. Havis and the St. James C.M.E Church family, Pastor and Mrs. Paul H. Musson, M.D. and the Eternal Life SDA Church family. Mr. Blair was preceded in death by his parents, Adrien and Josephine Dunn and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Blair; nephew, Michael Elmore; great-nephew, Jakavius Anthony. The family would like to express a special thank you to Dr. Stevens, Dr. Danish, Dr. Kang, Genesys Health Park medical staff and Avalon Hospice Center.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Blair,*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Mr. Blair will truly be missed! He was by far one of the best teachers to come through FSWA. His most popular saying of "What is the capital of...." will never die. We love you Mr. Blair and you will never be forgotten.*

Erik Barton - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Blair you were one of the coolest history teachers ever. You will truly remembered and never forgotten. You use to stress those capitals of the united states so much. I remember when you use to say GET YOUR THINGS AND GET OUT OF HERE! Or when you would tell us to get it together and we would be like I DIDN'T DO NOTHING and you would be like THATS THE POINT, DO SOME WORK! Those were the days. Sending my condolences out to the Blair Family. May God be with you!*

Jessica Morgan - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Blair family. He will be sadly missed as a great contributor to the St. James C.M.E. Church. The Male Chorus and the Steward Bd. has lost a fine man. A dedicated and hard worker for Our Lord was Bro. Bill. He's in good rest with God now. Bob*

Robert A. Rawls - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *My deepest condolences go to your family. Mr. Blair was a great teacher and mentor for a lot of young men and women. He will truly be missed. I pray your strength in this most difficult time.*

Stacy McGee- Dixon - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ *Mrs. Blair and family you're in our prayers, if you need us we're here.*

Frank & Hazel Miller - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with you & your family during this difficult time. May God continue to bless & keep you, always.*

LeAndra M. Randolph - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Our prayers are with the family during this time of sorrow. May God keep you in His loving arms.*

Joe & Annese Ashton - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ I am so very sorry to hear about your loss. Mr. Blair was a very special man. He knew how to make me and Torri laugh and talk when we tried very hard not to! And always showed us special attention in and outside of the classroom. I am very honored to have known him and to become more than just a student to him. I will miss him very much! Peggy I love you too! And i will keep the family in my prayers.

Angel

Angel Williams - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. The best place to be is in God's memory, John 5:28-29.

Michael J - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Mr. Blair was truly a good person... remembering how crystal, victoria and myself used to beg mr. blair to borrow the acura that we never got to drive.. he wasn't giving up those car keys..lol and those health class days at fswa..crystal, and myself used to laugh about how mr.blair used to rough up the guys who thought were going to come up in his class with no sense and not a care in the world..but he would immediatley put them in their place with a straight face at all times.. you will be truly missed Mr. Blair.. love tynesha cross

tynesha cross - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *To the Blair Family,*

Mr. Blair was my favorite teacher at Southwestern Academy. He was so stern because he knew the potential children can have with the proper guidance. I remember he used to deduct points away from me because I constantly chewed gum to keep from being nervous for a test. I always respected him for running a proper class. We as the students may not have liked it at the time but he showed us what good structure was. I now take that same approach with my child. I personally want to thank the family for sharing a God given treasure with us (the students of Southwestern Academy). May God continue to bless and keep each one of you as you cope with such a loss.

Jennifer Williams - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ *Mr. Blair was one of my favorite teachers at Southwestern Academy. He always made me laugh with his laid back attitude and quick wit demeanor. I would like to give my deepest sympathy to all of his family and friends. May God bless you all during this difficult time.*

Accrell Vickers - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning. Ingrid and family you have my prayers and sympathy*

Phyllis Leslie - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Just would like to say Mr. Blair was an awesome teacher and he will be greatly missed by many. My prayers are with the family/friends of Mr. Blair.

Katrina Lewis - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Praying for you Ingrid and your family during this time of bereavement, Trust in God that he will see you through this trying time, for he will never leave you or forsake you~

Laiondre Larry - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ My deepest sympathy to the Blair Family. As a member of the St. James CME Church family, I know he will truly be missed and never forgotten.

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JW

“ To The Family Of Mr. Blair,

Trusting God completely means having faith that HE knows what is best..... I encourage you to TRUST in the Lord with all thy heart - he will give you strength beyond compare.

I am truly going to miss such a wonderful teacher and friend.

-Your family is in my prayers,

JaMise D. Wash-Lang

C/O 91' Flint SouthWestern Academy

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