



Duane Blair

December 17, 1954 - February 5, 2011

DUANE BLAIR, AGE 56

And a resident of Bogalusa died at 11:30 PM Saturday, February 5, 2011 at his residence.

He was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survived by: Son: Andrew Blair of Franklinton

Aunts: Mary A. Smith; Myrtle Smith both of Bogalusa

Uncles: Jewell Blair of Pineville

Numerous cousins and friends

He was preceded in death by his parents Willie J. and Wilma Ruth Smith Blair, grandparents W. S., Sr. and Beedy Olivia Smith, and Ollie J. and Clemie Erwin Blair.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home from 5 PM until 9 PM Tuesday, February 8, 2011 and after 11 AM Wednesday. A funeral will be held at 2 PM Wednesday in the funeral home chapel with Dr. Gene Richards officiating. Burial will follow in the Ponemah Cemetery in Bogalusa.

Tribute Wall

AM

“ *May Almighty father God bless and comfort the family*

Anthony Martin - January 16, 2025 at 06:32 PM

RS

“ *Duane Blair*

Rachel Bergin Smith - February 19, 2011 at 09:49 PM

DC

“ *Andrew you and your family are in our prayers. So sorry to hear of your dads passing. He was a good man with a big heart. Everytime I saw him he had a hug for me and a smile. Always asking how the family was doing. He was a good sheriff that did a lot of good work for Washington Parish. He will be truly missed. GREAT COACH to I had the chance to coach against him in little league he knew his ball and you could tell he loved coaching and helping the youth in the parish. Also condolences from my mom Mrs. Willie Jay Spears. They both thought alot of your dad and grandparents. Again you will be in our prayers.*

Darryl and Kim Cooper - February 12, 2011 at 02:14 PM

YC

“ *We are sorry to here about your father,he was a good personhe picked me and my wife up on the road where we broke down.Iknew your dad foryears we go way back.
yancy chain*

yancy chain - February 11, 2011 at 09:31 PM

EG

“ to andrew and the family of duane to know him was to love him. i am so sorry for the lost of your father. i will be praying in the days ahead that god will give u comfort and peace in the loss of your . in christan love, earl & rachel gill

earl & rachel gill - February 11, 2011 at 02:12 PM

BM

“ I was sadden to hear the news of Duane's departure. Duane and I graduated from the same class of 72 at Pine High School. We did a little running around in school, basketball, hay halling, some river stuff. I will remember him most for his humor and basketball. He was a fun person to be around. I know that all who knew him will miss him. Grace and Peace to you all, Pastor Bill Martin Hot Springs, SD 57747

Bill Martin - February 10, 2011 at 05:22 PM

GB

“ I'll never forget the time Duane, Scott and I were spending the night at Granny Blair's when around midnight her curtains were caught up in the fan making a loud "rat-a-tat-tat" sound and Duane jumped up and screamed at the top of his voice, "The russians are coming!" He never failed to make me laugh. Even when his health deteriorated, he stayed positive and upbeat. I'll miss him dearly.

Greg Blair - February 10, 2011 at 11:49 AM

BP

“ Andrew your dad was a good man & a great sheriff. He always made me smile when I was around him. His cheerful personality will be greatly missed.

Beth Passman - February 10, 2011 at 12:51 AM

MG

“ We were so sorry to hear about Duane. We will keep you in our prayers. *Melanie & Robert Garland*

Melanie Landry Garland - February 09, 2011 at 07:05 PM

DT

“ *Andrew and family....It saddens my heart to see the obituary for Duane. I watched Him grow up around the Nat. Guard Armory with a basket ball or baseball and glove, waiting for some one to play with him. He grew up to be a man I admired much and the best boss I ever had. I served as Pall Bearer for his Mom and Dad, and now proud to serve for Him. Will miss Him much. Praying for you in your grief.*

Devon Thomas - February 09, 2011 at 10:08 AM

GC

“ *Duane was one of the cousins who spent a lot of time at “Aunt Maudine’s”. As I was an only child, suddenly having Duane, Scott & Greg around was an “interesting” experience. Duane made Dennis the Menace look like a saint. I told him when he was elected Sheriff that if he and Scott could team up criminals the way did on me, they’d be enormously successful. I will miss his charm, his humor and his gift of gab. I will remember the times he made me laugh until I cried. I will miss knowing I can turn a corner and find him there with a big smile and open arms. He was a bright spot in all our lives.*

Ginger Baham Corkern - February 09, 2011 at 12:39 AM

BC

“ *I am very sorry to hear about Duane. He was a wonderful person. The family will be in my prayers.*

Bruce Corkern - February 08, 2011 at 10:00 PM

TP

“ My thoughts go out to the Blair family!! Mr. Blair was an awesome man, very kind hearted and always made everyone smile!! I will miss him dearly and he will always be in my thought and prayers!

Tara Prats - February 08, 2011 at 09:33 PM

AK

“ Duane was a patient of ours at Walgreens n Bogalusa, he was always pleasant & made us all laugh every day he came by. We have all been deeply saddened by his brief passing & will miss him greatly. God be with you all & if there is anything we can do please call....love Walgreens staff.

Angie Knight - February 08, 2011 at 08:37 PM

SM

“ Many fond memories of my very first boyfriend (first grade at Long Avenue Elemntary. We will miss him.

Susan Knight Magee - February 08, 2011 at 08:32 PM

PA

“ My heart like so many others is sad today as we have all lost a special person in our life. I pray that the love of God will enfold you during this time. Duane was a great person, wonderful to work with and had a true heart of love for his family, Washington Parish and he touched so many lives, young and old in so many different ways. He will be greatly missed, but he is at peace with the ones he loved. Peace, Prayers and Blessing be with all of you.

Pam Ashby - February 08, 2011 at 05:11 PM

LF

“ *rest in peace my friend duane i will miss you my friend i will keep your family in my prayer*

leo forrester - February 08, 2011 at 03:06 PM

EG

“ *I go further back when you was known as the little red head following your Dad around the armory in Bogalusa. Later as our Sheriff. John and I were proud and I will miss seeing that broad smile. My prayers are with your son and rest of the family.*

Elizabeth "Liz" Gibson - February 08, 2011 at 12:17 PM

TM

“ *We are sorry to hear about your great loss. Duane was a very friendly person that loved to talk to many people. Please know that many people will be praying for you during this difficult time. May GOD surround you all with His great love and comfort today and in the days and months ahead. Love in Christ, Ronnie & Terry Moak Mount Hermon, Louisiana*

Terry Moak - February 08, 2011 at 11:19 AM

AL

“ *To the family and loved ones of Sheriff Duane Blair I send my condolences. I got to know him through my work with the Explorers. He was very supportive of the youth in this parish as well as the seniors. His thoughtfulness of this parish as well as the programs he sponsored and the care he showed will always be remembered*

Ann Luper - February 08, 2011 at 11:02 AM

DP

“ On Feb.6, 2011, I lost my Friend, my Coach, my Sheriff....many of you knew him as Duane Blair. To me he was more than Duane Blair. Coach Blair helped make me the man I am today. He was someone I looked up to as a role model. I will always cherish and remember the times spent with Coach/Sheriff Blair. As Coach Blair told me Friday night...I Love You and I'm proud of you. Thanks Coach, Rest in Peace

Darren Powell - February 08, 2011 at 09:50 AM

RM

“ So sorry to hear this. Our prayers are with the family.

Randy and Sandra Mohon - February 07, 2011 at 10:55 PM

SP

“ Andrew so sorry for your lost. I don't know how to start to put in words to express how I feel. Coach Blair better known to me as "Sheriff Blair" he was one of my dearest frends. I was so lucky to have had the opportunity to work for a man that had such a passion for his job. He had a great influence on my life as well as my boys. His gift of compassion will be missed.

Shannon Powell - February 07, 2011 at 09:11 PM

SC

“ To the family of Sheriff Blair may God be with you at this time,Mr Duane was a fine person. I know he will be missed alot. He's out of pain and at rest now away from all hurt,lets just hold to all the good memories and take comfort in knowing he is home.

sharon corkern - February 07, 2011 at 08:42 PM

JR

“ I have many wonderful memories of Duane. We go back to our basketball playing days in high school and remained friends throughout our adult life. He was well liked by those who knew him. He will be missed.

Jim Richardson - February 07, 2011 at 08:26 PM

DE

“ I am very sad to hear about Duane. I was fortunate to know him from a very young age. Duane touched many people's lives, always there to lend a helping hand. We shared many good times together, and he will be missed. God bless his family.

David Entrevia - February 07, 2011 at 07:32 PM

VD

“ To the family of "Sheriff Blair", Duane was a remarkable person...will always remember his tenure as Sheriff and he always had something to say..always a smile, and a hug for me when I saw him. He was truly a remarkable person. He will be missed greatly.

Vickie DeCarlo - February 07, 2011 at 06:05 PM

RN

“ I don't have the words to express how I'm feeling about the death of Duane, "Red", or just "D" and as he was known to many as "Sheriff Blair." Duane had so much influence on my life from my wife to my profession. I choose to remember the competitive, confident, and politically savvy Duane. Yes we will also miss his never ending gift of gab. I know he is at peace now with "J" and Wilma Ruth next to him. Peace be with you my friend.

Richard Newman - February 07, 2011 at 03:11 PM

KF

“ *My sympathy and condolences to the family. I will keep you in my prayers.*

Kerry Foil - February 07, 2011 at 02:21 PM

LS

“ *We are very sorry for your lost. The family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

LEVI AND MICHELLE SUMRALL - February 07, 2011 at 02:07 PM

JR

“ *I, like so many others loved Duane. I was Director of the Parish's council on aging for a number of years. As such I witnessed Duane entering a group of elderly persons and they loved him so very much. His entrance would literally "light up the room" May he rest in peace with the parents who loved him the best*

Jane C Rester - February 07, 2011 at 01:52 PM