



William Hubert Blair

September 28, 1943 - June 7, 2019

William Hubert Blair, 75, died Friday, June 7 at his home in Newnan. Born on Sept. 28, 1943, at Newnan Hospital, “Billy” was the son of William Hubert Blair Sr. (Boe) and Elizabeth Ballard Blair (Ebbie). Billy retired as systems technician for Callaway Gardens in 2013. Before that he was a longtime systems technician for AT&T and a lineman for what was then called Southern Bell. He established himself early on as a hard worker who got the job done. His hobbies included gardening, fishing, walking, and supporting Georgia Tech football. Inspired by the well-known Victory Garden at Callaway Gardens, Billy built and maintained a mirrored version of the iconic attraction in his own backyard. A graduate of Newnan High School, Billy went on to study at Georgia Tech. He was known for his honesty, wit, intelligence, calming demeanor, and for putting other people’s needs first. His favorite greeting included warmly acknowledging the day of week, as in “Happy Thursday.” Preceding him in death were his parents; an aunt, Jackie Jones; and an uncle, A.J. Ballard. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Sandra Ramsey Blair; his daughter, Beth Blair West and her husband, Michael; his son, Will Blair; his sister, Mary Ellen Phillips and her husband, David; his brother, Donald Blair; two cousins, Elizabeth Fields and Bennie Jones; a brother-in-law, Bill Ramsey and his wife, Alice; and extended family. Billy was well-loved by his family and will be greatly missed. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, June 13 at 2 p.m. at McKoon Funeral Home with Reverend W. Winston Skinner officiating. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. till 2

p.m. McKoon Funeral Home

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I just learned from a former Callaway worker of Billy's passing. Billy worked for me at Callaway from after his retirement from AT&T until I left in 1996, and again when I returned in 2001 and was dismissed in 2005.

Billy had this way of putting everyone at ease during a commotion or kerfuffle with his calm demeanor. Every day you could count on his greeting of "Happy <day of week>!". I would save the difficult assignments for Billy as I knew he would figure it out. The best way was to find something that worked sort of close to what you needed and ask him to figure it out. I still to this day, when I find myself faced with a computer challenge I follow the Billy "Stare and Compare" method, and low and behold, it works without fail.

My condolences to Sandra, Will, Beth and the rest of the family. Billy was a role model for a lot of his Callaway co-workers. During my career, I have never had another employee that was more diligent, intelligent, trustworthy, and grounded as Billy. I am truly sorry for the loss of this good soul.

Carson Holbrook

Carson Holbrook - July 10, 2019 at 01:13 PM

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“ Miss Mary Ellen,
My prayers are with you and your family. I never met your brother but heard wonderful things about him. Jim Kight told me several stories about him and Billy when they worked at Southern Bell. If you need anything let me know.

*Love,
Debbi Haynes*

Debbi Haynes - June 13, 2019 at 04:44 PM

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“ *Shea Strickland lit a candle in memory of William Hubert Blair*



Shea Strickland - June 12, 2019 at 06:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Hubert Blair.*



June 12, 2019 at 12:30 PM