

## Mr. Cecil Ray Blair

May 26, 1941 - November 9, 2024

Cecil Ray Blair, 83, of Carthage, Texas passed away on November 9, 2024 surrounded by loved ones in Carthage, Texas. He was born on May 26, 1941 in Nederland, Texas to the late Cecil Horris Blair and Lucille Soape Blair. Cecil was raised in Carthage, Texas. He graduated from Carthage High School Class of 1960. After graduation he worked for Texas State Highway and Houston Light and Power before getting drafted to the United States Army for 2 years. Cecil then started working for Southwestern Electric Power Company in 1974 until retiring in 1999. Cecil was a charter member and attended Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, Texas. He was preceded in death by parents, Cecil and Lucille Blair; brother, Billy Wayne Blair and sister, Helen Hefflin.

Mr. Blair is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Jackie Blair; sons, Bart Blair (Loretta) of Beckville and Jason Blair (Cicily) of Tenaha; brother, Lynn Blair (Katie) of Tahlequah, OK and sister, Peggy Ritter of Carthage; grandchildren, Carson Hope (Logan) of Beaumont, Kinley Collins (Zach) of Beckville, Jackson Blair (Riley) of Beckville, Cooper Blair of Beckville and Cason Blair of Tenaha; great grandchildren, Emersyn Blair of Beckville and Wilder Hope of Beaumont.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Rev. Saul Petty officiating. Burial will follow in Antioch Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be Monday, November 11, 2024 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Hawthorn Funeral

Home.

Pallbearers will be Jackson Blair, Cooper Blair, Zach Collins, Logan Hope, David Soape and Paul Ritter.

# Cemetery Details

## Antioch Cemetery

345 CR 405  
Carthage, TX 75633

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 11. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street  
P.O. Box 188  
Carthage, TX 75633  
(903) 693-3816  
info@hawthornfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

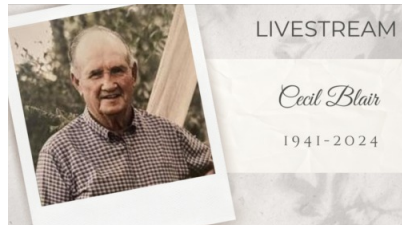
NOV 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church  
1765 US Hwy 59 S  
Carthage, TX 75633

# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Cecil Ray Blair



Hawthorn Funeral Home - November 12, 2024 at 02:49 PM



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Cecil Ray Blair



Hawthorn Funeral Home - November 11, 2024 at 09:47 PM

BB

“ Brad said that Shorty would get behind him in the drive thru line @ MacDonald's and honk his horn several times and hollar out his window at him. Brad didn't know who was making all the ruckus and finally he spotted Shorty laughing at him. Brad loved this character! We know he is terribly missed. Prayers for his sweet family.



Brad and Becky Blair - December 02, 2024 at 11:49 AM

JW

“ So sorry for' your loss Shorty was a life long friend. He will be missed' Love and prayers.

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**jean Harris whiteside** - November 12, 2024 at 05:57 AM

KC

“ My Uncle Shorty was larger than life. As a child, one of the things I most looked forward to, upon returning home to Texas, was the hugs, love, & “pickin’ fights” that were guaranteed to occur at some point during our visit! He & my Daddy, Jesse Lynn, loved to gang up and ‘pick on Uncle Billy” about his cigars or a new pair of overalls. To my poor Granny, they would pretend to search her pockets for money & tease her about her house dress or a number of other silly things. My Dad tells a story about one time he & uncle Shorty were out working & somehow an old, rusty piece of barb wire got stuck in Uncle Shorty’s throat! He went staggering in the house to find their Momma with my Daddy in hot pursuit! Daddy says without any warning, his Momma reached & grabbed ahold of the jagged wire & jerked it from his brother’s throat! She then poured turpentine on the wound and sent them BOTH back outside to finish the chores! Uncle Shorty did as he was told. I am sure he knew better than to refuse! Lol!

Later in life, if I ever caught my dad telling a new (most likely not politically correct) joke, I knew he & Uncle Shorty had recently traded good laughs during a recent phone call.

We have so many great memories. We are sending our love & prayers for each of you. I am sure he is having a big reunion celebration with all the ones we lost before him! We can take comfort in knowing we will see them all again one day too!

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**Kelly Blair Campbell** - November 11, 2024 at 10:18 PM

LF

“ Laura and Tommy Farnham purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. Cecil Ray Blair.



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**Laura and Tommy Farnham** - November 11, 2024 at 12:32 PM

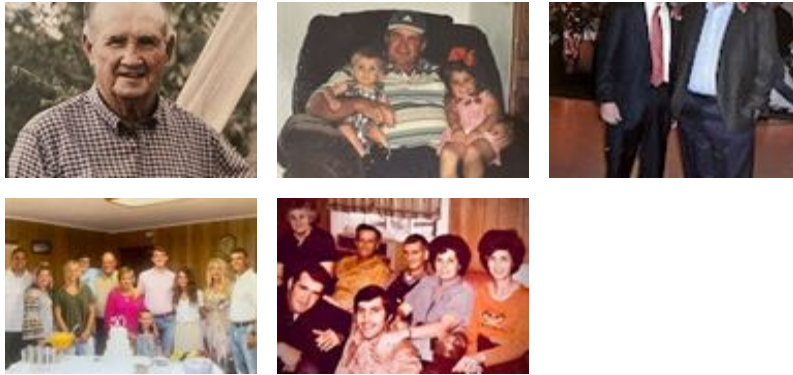
LF

“ *Laura and Tommy Farnham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Cecil Ray Blair.*

Laura and Tommy Farnham - November 11, 2024 at 12:32 PM



“ *55 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Hawthorn Funeral Home - November 11, 2024 at 11:22 AM

VM

“ *Valerie Blair Murphy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Cecil Ray Blair.*



Valerie Blair Murphy - November 11, 2024 at 10:05 AM

LZ

“ Love Joe, Cami & Zeke purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Mr. Cecil Ray Blair.



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**Love Joe, Cami & Zeke** - November 11, 2024 at 08:31 AM

KE

“ Knox Lee / Wilkes Employees purchased the Ser  
ene Retreat for the family of Mr. Cecil Ray Blair.



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**Knox Lee / Wilkes Employees** - November 10, 2024 at 07:57  
PM

KE

“ Knox Lee / Wilkes Employees planted a <a  
href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in  
honor of Mr. Cecil Ray Blair.

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**Knox Lee / Wilkes Employees** - November 10, 2024 at 07:57 PM

GH

“ Jacki you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God be with you and  
your family. He was always so nice to me. I will never forget his kind  
words when my husband passed.

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**Gwen Hill** - November 10, 2024 at 07:36 PM

MS

“ Mickey & Teresa Sutton purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Mr. Cecil Ray Blair.



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**Mickey & Teresa Sutton** - November 10, 2024 at 06:38 PM