



Bettie Jean Blair

September 9, 1935 - February 2, 2017

Bettie Jean Smith was born in Rockingham, NC on September 9, 1935. She was the last born of 15 children to the late Eugene and Henrietta Deberry Smith. She grew up and graduated high school in Southern Pines, NC before moving to Brooklyn, NY in 1952. Bettie worked in retail until 1955 when she married William Henry Blair. William and Bettie were blessed with three sons Robert William, David Lawrence and Gary Thomas. While raising her children in Brooklyn, Bettie also provided childcare, and received numerous awards from Catholic charities for providing exceptional childcare services. She relocated to Atlanta, GA in 1992 to be near her children.

Bettie owned and operated Aunt Bettie's Backyard Daycare from 1993 until her retirement in 2010. She always knew her gift from Jehovah was caring for and nurturing infants and children. Over the course of those years, Betty provided childcare for numerous children, several of whom she remained close to until her death.

After retirement, when Bettie wasn't in field service, she could be found tending her garden and house plants. In addition to reading her bible, she also was also fond of crochet and word puzzles. She took great joy in travelling around the country to visit friends and family. A doting grandmother, she treasured family gatherings that brought her together with her children and grand-children. She also loved a great meal.

Bettie was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses after moving to Atlanta and remained a faithful servant to Jehovah until her death. Bettie's love for Jehovah compelled her to speak of God's Kingdom to everyone who would listen. She could also be found giving advice and spiritual encouragement to those in need and was also a good friend to her neighbors and members of her congregation.

Bettie fell asleep in death on February 2, 2017. She leaves to cherish her memory three sons, Robert (Cassandra) Blair of Houston, TX, David (Daphne) Blair and Gary Blair, both from Atlanta, GA. She was preceded in death by a fourth son, Martin Blair, Brooklyn, NY. Bettie also leaves four grandchildren: Justice Blair of Austin, TX, Jeanea Blair of Baltimore, MD, and Ivy Blair and Chelsea Blair of Atlanta, GA. Two of Bettie's sisters will also cherish her memory: Christine Smith Melton of High Point, NC and Nellie Smith Worley of Brooklyn, NY, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear friends.

On Monday February 6, 2017, there will be a Public Visitation, 10am-7pm and a Wake, 7-8pm at the South Dekalb Chapel of Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Home 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034. On Tuesday, February 7, 2017, the Celebration of Life Service will begin at 11am at The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses - 4126 Flakes Mill Road, Ellenwood, GA 30294. Flowers and condolences may be expressed here at www.levettfuneralhome.com Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes (South Dekalb Chapel) 404-241-5656.

For those wishing to listen to the funeral service, please dial the following number: (678) 608-1285 ; and input the following pin code when prompted: 678005

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656
info@levettfuneralhome.com

Wake Service

FEB 6. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
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Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
4126 Flakes Mill Road
Ellenwood, GA 30294

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Happy Birthday, Grandma! 🎂 We still love and miss you ❤️🙏😊
With Lots of Love, Hugs and Kisses 🥰❤️
Char-Lai and Bryan



Char-Lai Blair - September 09, 2025 at 10:30 AM

CB

“ Happy Mother's Day, Grandma!
We love you very much. Still thinking of you. We miss you so much.
What a great mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother you were.
You were the BEST OF THE BEST!

With Love Always,
Char-Lai and Bryan

Char-Lai Blair - May 14, 2017 at 11:48 AM

PH

“ "A paradise, the earth will be. With eyes of faith, this we can see.
This promise Christ shall soon fulfill, For he delights to do God's
will." (Luke 23:43) Agape'. I hope to see Bettie in paradise soon!

P. Henderson - February 26, 2017 at 01:45 PM

CB

“ To my dear son, Bryan (Justice):

*God has truly blessed you with the most loving and amazing grandmother imaginable!
From the day you were born, she poured out her love on you. Grandma is a fierce protector of you and all those whom she loves. That will not change. Her spirit lives on. The strong and mighty power of her maternal instincts kick in, and it would be better for one to fall into a den of hungry lions than to hurt you.*

Grandma prayed for the absolute BEST for you and for all those whom she loves. Continue, my son, to honor her with your life, service to God, and service to all who are in need of a kind word and a kind deed from a loving heart.

Know that God is with you. God will comfort you and give you the peace that surpasses all human understanding. I will always comfort you and encourage you with a mother's love, and I will always embrace you with open arms and an open heart.

I love you. Stay smart. Stay strong. Keep going.

With Love and Deepest Sympathy,

Mom

Char-Lai Blair - February 18, 2017 at 03:52 PM

CB

“ Dear Robert, David and Gary:

Just have to commend you for the beautiful Celebration of Life Service you held for your dear mother, Bettie Jean Blair.

Her service was elegant, orderly, spiritual and splendid. The chosen deep purple silk dress with satin bow was luxuriously fitting for a phenomenal and virtuous woman. I can see her still beaming with pride. You have all grown up to be fine men under her watchful eye.

I thank God for the blessing I had to visit with her on the day before Thanksgiving and for the blessing to speak with her on the phone, one more time, on Thursday, January 26, 2017. Her last words to me were, as always, "I love you. Thanks for calling."

The hurt will surely grip you from time to time. It does to me. Know that GOD IS THE GREATEST COMFORTER OF ALL. God will give you peace that surpasses all human understanding, and He will erase away all your pain in time.

I love you guys. I love your mother. I am grateful for all the love she ever did show me and tell me. Stay smart. Stay strong. Keep going.

With Love and Deepest Sympathy,

Char-Lai Y. Blair

Char-Lai Blair - February 18, 2017 at 03:11 PM

CM

“ Bettie will remain in our hearts & thoughts forever. She was a blessing to everyone who knew her. You'll always be Our "Forever Angel". We have so many wonderful memories to hold on to. Gil, Cheryl, Byron, Brandie & Our Families

Cheryl Melton - February 06, 2017 at 08:07 PM

CM

“ Christine Melton purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Bettie Jean Blair.



Christine Melton - February 06, 2017 at 04:13 PM

AL

“ I still taste the flavor of that leg of lamb I ate during the barbecue in your backyard in Brooklyn. Later my daughter was united in holy matrimony to your son and that brought us closer together. May you be rewarded for your acts of kindness in your final resting. Go on get your reward!



Alberta Long - February 06, 2017 at 03:37 PM

AL

“ Go ahead Bettie, and take your rest. I remember, when we first met, how warm and friendly you were. Your warmth and love were fully displayed to my niece, Char Lai Blair, throughout the years. To that, I say, thanks.



To Bob, Bryan and the rest of the family, my prayers are with you, during this difficult time.

May Bettie's soul rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Blessings,
Carolyn Deleveaux
Nassau, Bahamas

Alberta Long - February 06, 2017 at 03:11 PM

WE

“ To the Blair family our deepest condolences to you during this time. Ms. Bettie was a true friend and like a grandmother to our children (KK & Miss Toots) as she would call them. Her kind heart and warm spirit will be truly missed by those she touched and grew to love.



Kerry, Tanya & India Webb

Webb - February 06, 2017 at 10:43 AM

FB

“ From Greg and Julia Brown purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bettie Jean Blair.



From Greg and Julia Brown - February 05, 2017 at 05:24 PM

CB

“ Dear "Grandma,"

I love you. Thank you for loving me and encouraging me.

I can still hear your sweet lilting voice, like music to my ears. I delight in watching you feed every little hungry critter that comes to your doorstep. You are loving, caring, kind, generous -- a precious treasure beyond measure.. You put the "Grand" in Grandma. When my beautiful son was born, you were right there like a mother. Always there. God blesses you for all the children you have loved and cared for.

You will always live in my heart, Grandma. Now God smiles upon you and holds you in His care. I will see you in the Kingdom someday, Grandma, when we are all caught up together. Rest now, my angel.

*With Love Always,
Char-Lai Blair*

Char-Lai Blair - February 05, 2017 at 04:30 PM

CN

“ So saddened by the loss of my buddy and friend! Look forward to the good times we will have in the new system.

Carolyn Nelson - February 05, 2017 at 07:59 AM



“ *My best friend, I love you and going to miss you. I will see you in paradise. Debra Hunter*



Debra Hunter - February 05, 2017 at 06:46 AM