



Robert Blair

April 10, 1942 - February 8, 2026

Robert Blair, of Terrell, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026. He was born April 10, 1942 in DePort, TX to Robert C. and Priscilla Blair, both of whom preceded him in death.

He attended Mesquite High School after which he enlisted in the US Navy and began his next 9 years serving his country with honor and distinction from 1960 to 1969. He was a veteran of the Vietnam war and, while stationed on battleships and at naval bases, he endeavored to become the best at every assignment given to him to accomplish. After his discharge, Robert returned home to begin a career in driving with Kaiser Aluminum. He drove and delivered across the nation. Though most of the trips required him to be gone for many days at a time, Robert always managed to call home and stay connected to his family. In 1978, he and the family moved to Terrell where he began his second career in construction as the owner and operator of E-Terrell storage Buildings and, later, Blair Construction. His building company specialized in commercial construction with projects and build-outs in the greater D/FW area. When not working, Robert was a member of the American Legion and also of First Baptist Church in Terrell. He enjoyed traveling with his friends in an RV group, traveling to new places, relaxing and making precious memories. He was also an avid golfer known for discovering the best golf courses that would challenge himself and his golfing buddies. A beloved father, Granddaddy Bob, brother, uncle and friend, Robert will be forever missed and always remembered.

His memory will be lovingly carried on by his family including his son, Ricky Blair and wife, Laurie; daughter, Lori Lindsey and husband, David; grandchildren: Blair Peden and husband, Jason, Joshua Lindsey and wife, Jerrica, Fallon Blair and partner, Justin, Corbin Blair and fiance, Becca, Andre Black and wife, McKenzie, J.P. Black and wife, Kathryn, and Brian Black; great grandchildren: Noah, Mia, Joslynn, Jorlah, Jensen, Jaydon, Jones, Logan, Lennon, Brooks and Taytum; brother, Bill Blair and wife, Melinda; the mother of his children Iris as well as nieces, nephews, other extended family and many friends. The family would like to recognize his caregivers Nita Schulze, Lorri Berger and Melanie Wilson.

A celebration of Robert's life and legacy will be at 1:00pm, Friday, Feb. 20, 2026 at the Reflections Venue of Max Slayton Funerals with Naval funeral honors. He will be laid to rest at D/FW National Cemetery at 2:15pm, Wednesday, April 8, 2026. Procession to the Committal Shelter will form in LANE 2.

For those wishing, memorials may be made in his memory to: First Baptist Church Terrell @ fbcterrell.org 403 N. Catherine St. Terrell, Tx. 75160.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life at Reflections Venue

FEB 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

Reflections Venue
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell
Terrell, TX 75160-2117
veronica@maxslayton.com

Committal Service

APR 8. 2:15 PM (CT)

Dallas/Ft. Worth National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Tribute Wall



“ I will always cherish the quiet late evenings I spent with him — the kind of evenings where time seemed to slow down and stories flowed as easily as laughter. He had a way of bringing the past to life, sharing memories that were rich with experience, humor, and wisdom. Sitting beside him, listening, felt like being entrusted with treasures.

Many days, he was my last patient. After long hours of visits and miles on the road, I would pull up telling myself I was just going to run in quickly and finish the day. But the moment I stepped inside, he would start talking — and somehow the evening would grow longer and longer. What was meant to be a short visit would stretch into story after story. And yet, those evenings became the very thing that wound my long days down. Listening to him became my way of exhaling.

He was stubborn, opinionated, and a big, big storyteller. Once he got going, there was no hurrying him along. His stories reflected his Navy days — told with pride and conviction. He spoke of employees at job sites and the responsibility of leading men. He shared trucking stories from long stretches of highway, near death stories, and took it upon himself to educate me on the history of Terrell as if he were its personal historian. Always amazed at his knowledge. Threaded through every story was his deep love for his family, spoken of with strength and quiet tenderness.

Behind that strong-willed exterior was such a giving heart. He would give you the shirt off his back — though he might argue with you first about whether you really needed it.

Some of my favorite memories are the evenings he taught me how to play blackjack. He approached it like serious business, carefully walking me through every hand, determined that I would learn the right way. One day he bought me my own blackjack cheat card, insisting that every good player needs one. It was such a simple gesture, but it meant so much — his way of looking out for me. What I will hold especially close is knowing that he told others he loved me and that we were “like peas and carrots.” That was his way — loyal, sincere, and heartfelt. To be spoken of that way by him was a gift I will always treasure.

He left his mark on my heart in ways I will always carry. Those evenings, those stories, those lessons across his bedside table — they are gifts I will never lose. I was blessed to know him, and even more blessed to call him my friend.

Lorri Berger - February 20 at 10:03 AM

MW

said everything on my mind. i miss him already

Melanie Wilson - February 24 at 12:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Blair.*



February 19 at 11:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Blair.

February 14 at 10:14 PM



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BW

“ *Beth Wilder lit a candle in memory of Robert Blair*



Beth Wilder - February 14 at 08:00 PM

SB

“ *Lots of fun childhood memories with Derwin and Bill*

steve blair - February 13 at 10:41 AM

DR

“ *So many good memories growing up with Derwin (Robert) and Bill. Our parents were very close. The Blair clan had such great family reunions! Love Lori and Ricky! Will see Derwin again in heaven! What a great reunion that will be. Love Dianne Blair Randolph*

Dianne Randolph - February 13 at 09:29 AM

CB

“ *Condolences to the Blair family and all of his loved ones. May he Rest In Peace.*

Cindy and Troy Beasley - February 12 at 01:49 PM

SR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers for all of the family and for Robert*

Sandra & Loren Riggin - February 11 at 01:34 PM

MW

“ *Gonna miss you ol' man!*

Melanie Wilson - February 11 at 09:19 AM