



## Clarence George Blair

March 30, 1931 - July 26, 2021

Clarence George Blair was born on March 30, 1931 in Marshall MN to Clarence Sumner Blair and Edna Marie (Austgen) Blair. Growing up in a small farm community, he had carte blanche to the cookie bin at his parent's grocery store, and spent every Saturday at the 5 cent movies watching such classics as the original Superman series and Westerns. When Clarence was 5 he won a contest at the theatre to find a Spanky look-alike from the Our Gang comedies, which earned him his lifelong nickname "Spanky!"

He met his future bride Audrey Ann Deutz at Marshall High School. After high school Clarence joined the Navy and was stationed in Norfolk, VA for 4 years, serving on the U.S.S. Mellette and as an honorary member on the U. S. S. Sea Leopard submarine where he became a Guppy Snorkeler.

After his service he returned to Marshall to marry Audrey and they moved to Minneapolis where Clarence began his career as a Court Reporter. The happy couple was relocated to Deming, NM with 2 kids and then to Lordsburg, NM where 2 more children were born. Another 4 kids came along once they moved to Roswell, NM where they settled in to raise their 8 children.

Clarence was the Official Court Reporter, Fifth Judicial District, for Chaves, Lea, and Eddy Counties, for twenty-seven years, and helped mentor future Court Reporters from Roswell, as well as a niece in Minnesota. He wrote the Constitution and Bylaws for the New Mexico Court Reporters Association in 1968, He served as President of the New Mexico Court Reporter's Association, 1968-1971. He went on to member by appointment by the Supreme

Court of New Mexico of the Certified Shorthand Reporter's Board, 1978-1980. He was reappointed in 1982 for another 3 year term and then served as President of the Board. When he retired from the State of New Mexico he continued to freelance as a Court Reporter for 10 more years taking depositions for local lawyers, until 1994, he really loved his job!

He was very involved with coaching his 3 boys and local youth with little league baseball and basketball. He loved every sport and was a great coach admired by many kids. He was a member of the Elks lodge as well as the YMCA, where he played handball and basketball.

Clarence was a member of St Peter's Catholic Church where he served two terms as Parish Council President and was on the council for 17 years.

Clarence was very involved with the Knights of Columbus which he was first initiated to in 1958 in Deming, NM. Clarence worked his way up the ranks to become Knight of the Year locally in 1969, He became Grand Knight in 1968-1969 for local council 3030, State Council Membership Chairman in 1970-1971, District Deputy, 1971-1972 District 2, Roswell, Alamogordo, and Artesia. He went on to become State Secretary 1971-1972, State Deputy 1972-1974, Vice Supreme Master of the John H. Reddin Province of the 4 corners area to include Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah, 1978-1981, and enjoyed many travels and events with his wife Audrey and his fellow Knights and their wives.

Clarence was predeceased in death by his wife Audrey, his parents Clarence and Edna Blair, and brother Gene Blair.

He is survived by his 8 children, Susyn and Mike Pitts of Bernalillo, NM, Dennis and Terry Blair of Levelland, TX, David Blair of Roswell, NM, Donald and Debbie Blair of Levelland, TX, Barbara and Jeff Mittelstadt of Marcus, IA, Pauline and Len Schnedar of Vista, CA, Mary Ellen and Michael Pothier of Leominster, MA, and Amy and Corey Seward of Phoenix, AZ.

15 grandkids, Joshua Hunt, Sarah Estrada and Jacob Blair, Zachary Blair, Brittany Blair and Keaton Blair, Michael Mittelstadt and Jena Bunt, Brooke, Brandon and Brenna Schnedar, Andrew, Bradley and Mark Pothier, and

Nathaniel Seward.

7- 1/2 Great Grandkids, Kaden, Bryson and Kennedy Blair, Cypress and Sawyer Coburn, William and Molly Mittelstadt, and Baby Bunt, due in October. Clarence leaves behind many beloved relatives in Minnesota as well.

He is also survived by his loving Beehive family, who made his last two years a pure joy!

A Rosary is scheduled for Thursday, September 2nd at 6 pm at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home, and a Funeral Service Officiated by Deacon Howard Herring which will include the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Honor Guard, and interment scheduled for Friday, September 3rd at 11 am at St. Peter's Catholic Church. (Masks are Required)

The family requests donations are made to Poor Clare Monastery of Roswell, Youth in Sports organizations, Knights of Columbus Charities, Diabetes, Heart, and Kidney foundations, or Any Charity you wish in Clarence's name.

Please take a moment and share a fond memory or kind expression of sympathy for Clarence's family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

Clarence's tribute was written in his honor.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

SEP 2. 6:00 PM.

Anderson Bethany Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall



“ *Clarence George Blair*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Clarence George Blair.*



September 02, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ *I was so saddened to hear of your dad's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of your family. God bless.*

*Mary Lou Ormseth*

**Mary Lou Ormseth** - August 31, 2021 at 03:26 PM



*Thank you for the kind words Mary Lou!*

**David Blair** - September 01, 2021 at 12:45 AM



“ *Amy McVay Tellez lit a candle in memory of Clarence George Blair*



**Amy McVay Tellez** - August 29, 2021 at 02:03 PM

AT

*Thoughts and prayers to the Blair family !*

*Amy McVay Tellez and the entire McVay Family*

**Amy McVay Tellez** - August 29, 2021 at 02:04 PM

DB

*Thank you very much Amy!*

**David Blair** - September 01, 2021 at 12:46 AM

GR

“ *Mr. Blair was a very good man and I know that he's up there with my Dad right now. To the Blair family I send my condolences, God Bless*

*Gina Brooks*

**Gina Reinecke** - August 29, 2021 at 11:06 AM

DB

*Thank you Gina, him and Don are having a blast! 😊*

**David Blair** - September 01, 2021 at 12:47 AM

JG

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**Jim Glasscock** - August 24, 2021 at 08:54 PM

CD

“ *What a beautiful obituary; such a wonderful man. Our heartfelt condolences to Susyn, Mike, and the entire Blair family.*

**Christina & Mike DuBois** - August 23, 2021 at 02:05 PM

JH

“ Dear Blair family,  
I have such fond memories of living next to you all on New Mexico Dr. Your dad was always so much fun to be around and a great encourager in life and sports for my brother Alan and I. I always enjoyed seeing him and catching up with him over the years. His presence and service in this community will be greatly missed. My dad, Lee Harvard, and I, along with my wife Jane, send our sincere condolences to you all and pray for God’s continual love, peace and comfort to be poured into you all as you grieve and morn you dad’s passing. We also rejoice with you all that he is new again with the Lord!

Jeff Harvard - August 04, 2021 at 10:22 AM

DB

Thank you Jeff Harvard for the kind words and prayers! You were Great neighbors and we had lots of fun.

David Blair - August 13, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Clarence George Blair.



July 31, 2021 at 03:08 PM

PG

“ To the family of Clarence Blair... our prayers of peaceful comfort surround you all. For David who did an amazing job of caring for his dad until the very end... may God place peace on your heart. Into the arms of Jesus ... Amen

Tom and Pat (Guajaca) Kuemmerle



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**Pat Guajaca-Kuemmerle** - July 30, 2021 at 08:05 PM

SF

As a friend of Susyn's, I had the pleasure of seeing Clarence over the years, when he and Audrey would visit Susyn and Josh in Albuquerque. One of my favorite memories is how we would always end up talking about "those Lobos". ❤️

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**Sue Frank** - July 31, 2021 at 11:24 AM

DB

Thank Pat and Tom Kuemmerle for the kind words and prayers!

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**David Blair** - August 13, 2021 at 08:17 PM

JG

I knew Clarence when we were members of Council 3030. We wanted the state to choose Roswell for the next State Convention, so he came up with the idea that I would fly four of us to Albuquerque in order that we put on a campaign to get it voted for the following year and it worked....we got it!!!. I respected and loved that man. I moved away to Texas, but I saw him elected State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus in New Mexico!! Fond memories that I shall never forget. Jim Glasscock, Past Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator, former District Deputy, former State Conferring Officer in Texas. Congratulations to all of you for having a great and loving Dad!!

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**Jim Glasscock** - August 24, 2021 at 09:30 PM

DB

*Thank you for your kind words Jim!*

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**David Blair** - August 27, 2021 at 11:09 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Mary Ellen Blair-Pothier** - July 30, 2021 at 07:13 PM

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*Beautiful family*

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**Pat Guajaca-Kuemmerle** - July 30, 2021 at 08:07 PM

JG

*When I lived in Roswell and a member of KC Council 3030, I flew Clarence and two other Knights to Albuquerque in an effort to get the KC State Convention voted for Roswell. We got it the following year Clarence was kinda nervous the entire flight. Loved and respected that man. A great Knight of Columbus. He loved His God.*

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**Jim Glasscock** - August 24, 2021 at 09:06 PM