



Robert James Blair

August 13, 1951 - February 12, 2023

Robert James Blair passed away at his sister's home in Richardson, TX, surrounded by the love of his family on Sunday, February 12, 2023, at the age of 71.

A former resident of Whitney, TX and DeSoto, TX, James was born on August 13, 1951, in Pecos, TX. He attended Sunset High School in Dallas, TX. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in October 1969 and was later stationed in Korea. James made a career with MHC Kenworth (Dallas & South Dallas), where he worked for 30 years. After his retirement, he enjoyed traveling in his RV, making several trips to Las Vegas to visit his son and grandchildren. He shared his love of sports with his daughter & son. He was an avid fan of DeSoto High School football and the Dallas Cowboys. James eventually settled in his RV at Whitney Resorts, where he spent his days playing games with his friends. He enjoyed fishing/hunting with his brother-in-law John. Some of his most favorite times were spent at Osborn Family Reunions, visiting with all his cousins.

James will be lovingly remembered by his daughter, Robin Newkirk of Weatherford; son, Brandon Blair and wife Stephanie of Las Vegas, NV; father, Wayne Blair of Ft. Stockton, TX; five grandchildren, Link, Story, Hero, Violet & Oliver; four siblings, Vickie Housouer and husband John of Richardson, TX, Larry Clayton and wife Jane of Pass Christian, MS, Karen Honaker and

husband Glenn of Evant, TX, and Gary Clayton and wife Dawn of Caldwell, TX; nieces and nephews; one great-niece, Layne; one great-nephew, Pierce; and longtime friends/brothers, Wesley and Willis Smith.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Helen Ilene (Osborn) Smith.

A visitation will be held on Friday, February 17, 2023, from 6:00-8:00 PM at Slay Memorial Funeral Center in Aubrey, TX. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 10:00 AM at Slay Memorial Chapel. He will be laid to rest in Tioga Cemetery, Tioga, TX following the funeral service.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bradley Shotts and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey
400 South Highway 377
Aubrey, TX 76227
info@slaymemorial.com
<http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey
400 South Highway 377
Aubrey, TX 76227
info@slaymemorial.com
<http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ James was great to work with. Had to go him on the real old Kenworths for help. He always came up with something. 🙏

Bill Ward - February 17, 2023 at 03:06 PM

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“ James will certainly be missed. He was extremely knowledgeable at his job and was never afraid to learn new things, which kept him on the cutting edge of technology. I am honored to have worked with him for the many years that I did and get to know him as an individual. I am glad to hear that he enjoyed his retirement and was able to travel to visit the grandchildren.
-Rest in peace my friend.

Brad Boelling - February 16, 2023 at 09:22 AM

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“ I remember James as a go to guy when we worked for Kenworth he was always there to help no matter what. I know James love his coworkers. We all going to miss him.

lee cothran - February 16, 2023 at 08:33 AM