



## Gordon Ray Blair

July 12, 1956 - April 22, 2026

Gordon Ray Blair, 69, of Rogers; passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at Jamestown Nursing and Rehab, in Rogers. He was born Thursday, July 12, 1956, at Harper, Kansas; to Richard Sherman and Gwendolyn Glee Webber Blair.

Gordon married Marita Lynn Villines Blair on Saturday, May 26, 1984, in Springdale, and together they built a loving home for their two daughters, Jodi and Samantha. He was a big man with an even bigger heart and personality—often described as a teddy bear—whose warmth and easygoing nature made others feel instantly at ease. Even in a room full of strangers, he had a way of leaving with new friends.

He was a devoted fan of the Dallas Cowboys and shared his love of sports by coaching his daughters' softball and basketball teams as they grew up. He enjoyed both playing and watching football, as well as spending time hunting. In his younger years, he found excitement on the rodeo circuit, riding saddle bronc and bareback.

Above all, Gordon was a proud and loving grandfather who cherished his grandchildren deeply.

Gordon was preceded in death by his wife, Marita Lynn Blair.

He is survived by his parents, Richard and Gwendolyn Blair; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jodi and Danny Thomas, of Wesley and Samantha and Justin Zaccanti, of Lincoln; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Nettie and Alford Kinsey, of Springdale and Twila and Joe Higginbottom, of Rogers; and one brother and sister-in-law, Richard "Rick" and Amanda Blair, of Little Rock. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Josie, Landrie, and Mallorie Thomas, all of Wesley and Duke and Ace Zaccanti, both of Lincoln. He will also be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and extended family.

The family will receive friends 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, Thursday, April 30, 2026, at Brashears Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 10:00 AM, Friday, May 1, 2026, at Brashears Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be Danny Thomas, Justin Zaccanti, Duke Zaccanti, Ace Zaccanti, Colby Higginbottom, Brody Higginbottom, and Oliver Blair. Interment will immediately follow services at Walnut Grove Cemetery - Boxley, Ponca, Arkansas.

Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

# Cemetery Details

## Walnut Grove Cemetery

Arkansas Highway 21  
Ponca, AR 72670

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

APR 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory  
509 North Gaskill Street  
Huntsville, AR 72740  
(479) 738-2123  
<https://www.brashearsfuneralhome.net/>

## Funeral Service

MAY 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KP

“ Sending prayers for the family. I remember him so fondly from summers at the lake. We talked often the first year after his wife passed because his wife died 1 year after my husband passed.

*I remember a summer long ago. All the cousins were together: Blair, Pierce, Ganzel. My dad ran the boat dock business including rental slips where customers boats were morred during the week. One boat at the end was a big house boat with a second story.*

*"Someone" got a great idea to dive/jump/cannonball off the top story of that boat. It was great fun until my dad found out.*

*Gordon Ray caught the brunt of my Dad's anger because he was the oldest and should have known better. He did hang out with us Littles anymore after that. Not much later, the Blair family moved away.*

*I remember thinking he was so cool.*

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**Karen Payne** - May 02 at 12:01 AM

GG

“ Lots of memories of cousin Gordon water skiing at Elephant Butte. Spending time with Aunt Gwen and Uncle Dick and Nettie Ann. Looking forward to seeing you again, Gordon, on the resurrection day.

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**Gordy Gaenzle** - May 01 at 02:29 PM

J&

“ James &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gordon Ray Blair.

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**James &.** - April 30 at 10:36 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gordon Ray Blair.*



April 30 at 11:33 AM



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



April 30 at 11:28 AM



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

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“ *The Salters Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Gordon Ray Blair.*



**The Salters Family** - April 29 at 08:26 PM



“ *The Salters Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gordon Ray Blair.*

**The Salters Family** - April 29 at 08:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gordon Ray Blair.*



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April 29 at 06:30 PM



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

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April 29 at 06:30 PM



“ Ashley Marcum purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gordon Ray Blair.



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**Ashley Marcum** - April 29 at 02:35 PM



“ Ashley Marcum planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gordon Ray Blair.

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**Ashley Marcum** - April 29 at 02:35 PM

IM

“ *In Loving Memory purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Gordon Ray Blair.*



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**In Loving Memory** - April 29 at 12:07 AM

LN

“ *Lynn & Pam, Shawn & Becky, Angie & Nick purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gordon Ray Blair.*



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**Lynn & Pam, Shawn & Becky, Angie & Nick** - April 28 at 05:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gordon Ray Blair.*



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April 27 at 02:49 PM