



Rita Blair

February 15, 1961 - February 9, 2023

Marita Lynn Blair, 61, of Springdale; passed away Thursday, February 9, 2023, in Springdale. She was born Wednesday, February 15, 1961, at Harrison; to Robert Orlean and Vada Josiphene Reynolds Villines.

Rita married Gordon Ray Blair on Saturday, May 26, 1984 at Springdale, Arkansas; and together they were parents to two daughters, Jodi and Samantha. She was the office manager at Farmer's Regional Sale Barn for 32 years and considered her coworkers extended family, she was well known for making birthday cakes for them every year. Rita was also a loving and devoted mother and granny. When she wasn't spending time with her family, she enjoyed reading, photography, and genealogy.

A special thanks to sisters Melissa and Mayva Lou for their unyielding love, support, and care of her throughout her final days.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Danny Villines, and two nephews, Benjamin Villines and James Randall Villines. She is survived by her husband, Gordon Blair, of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jodi and Danny Thomas, of Wesley; and Samantha and Justin Zaccanti, of Lincoln; and five grandchildren Josie, Landrie, and Mallorie Thomas and Duke and Ace Zaccanti. She is also survived by three sisters Melissa and Robert Winnat of Walnut, Mayva Villines of Springdale, and Marsha and David

Bateman of Hot Springs Village. She is survived by one brother, Bobby and Rita Villines of Springdale.

The family will receive friends 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at Brashears Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM, Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory with Terry Horton and Eldon Bagwell officiating. Pallbearers will be Bob Dunlap, Tyler Harrell, Tim Holland, Kevin Lynch, Mike McCoy, and Brody Higginbottom. Honorary pallbearers will be Harold Sargent, Ruth Jones, David Kidd, Hooter Sargent, Harold Young, and Colby Higginbottom. Interment will immediately follow services at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boxley, 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

FEB 14. 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

FEB 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ We're so sorry for the passing of Rita. Please accept our condolences. We always enjoyed visiting with her and Gordon. Thoughts and prayers for her family. I know she will be missed.

Daryl and Ginger Hickman - February 15, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Blair.



February 15, 2023 at 09:00 AM

BS

“ You all are in our thoughts and prayers
Brenda smith and Nicole rodgen

Brenda J Smith - February 14, 2023 at 08:43 PM

RW

“ Ryan W. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rita Blair.



Ryan W. - February 14, 2023 at 07:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rita Blair.* ”



February 14, 2023 at 04:51 PM



“ *Bobby & Reisha Ward purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rita Blair.* ”



Bobby & Reisha Ward - February 14, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *Travis Ames and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rita Blair.* ”



Travis Ames and Family - February 14, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rita Blair.* ”



February 14, 2023 at 07:02 AM



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



February 14, 2023 at 12:06 AM