



Mrs. Noreen Blair

March 22, 1939 - April 7, 2024

Noreen Blair (nee Jenkins) died peacefully at home on April 7, 2024. Born March 22, 1939 in Augusta, ME to Milo A. and Minnie Weeks Jenkins, she attended Williams and Farrington Grammar Schools and Cony High School graduating in 1957. At Cony she was a proud member of the marching band and enjoyed following the football team to its various games.

Her first secretarial position was in Washington, DC working for then senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine. She also worked in Washington in the Economics Department of the World Bank. In 1960 she moved back to Augusta and worked briefly at Central Maine Power Company in the Legal Department and then at the Social Security Administration as a secretary and receptionist. In 1962 she went back to school and spent a year at Berkshire Christian College, Lenox, MA. She later worked at E.D. Jones in Dalton, MA. After her marriage to James N. Blair on October 10, 1964 she worked several places in part-time positions. She was part-time secretary at Hope Church, Lenox, MA for several years where she was a member. She and her husband also ran a part-time business called "The Written Word" that provided secretarial and computer services to local residents.

Noreen's love of music was infectious. She played multiple instruments and often played the organ at church services. She sang in the church choir and at times in small groups. She also kept up with a vast social network that gave

her much positive energy.

Genealogy was Noreen's chief hobby and many wonderful hours were spent doing research. Through her mother, she was able to trace the line back to William the Conqueror. While she had some wonderful finds, she also hit brick walls, but it was always a wonderful hobby.

She leaves her husband of 59 years, and their three children – Liesl (Todd) Sieger of Aloha, OR; Shawn (Susan Yavaniski) Blair of Cohoes, NY; and Major Trent Blair (USAF) and his wife Captain Erika Volino (USAF) of San Angelo, TX as well as a granddaughter, Haven Rose Blair of Camillus, NY. She also leaves several cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents and her sister, Beverly Louise Jenkins, who died in 1937.

All services will take place at Hope Church, 259 Kemble St., Lenox, MA. Calling hours 4pm-6pm Thursday April 18, 2024 followed by a funeral service at 10am Friday April 19, 2024. Burial at Center Cemetery, Richmond, MA will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Dr. Russell & Beth White with World Gospel Missions in Kenya, c/o the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

Cemetery Details

Richmond Center Cemetery

Richmond, MA 01254

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Hope Church
259 Kemble Street
Lenox, MA 01240

Service

APR 19. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Hope Church
259 Kemble Street
Lenox, MA 01240

Burial

APR 19. 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Richmond Center Cemetery
Richmond, MA 01254

Tribute Wall



“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to Jim and his children, Noreen will be greatly missed and I will miss our daily talks, may she rest in peace*

lillian Paul - April 24, 2024 at 09:17 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Noreen Blair.*



April 16, 2024 at 06:15 PM



“ *The Zink Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Noreen Blair.*



The Zink Family - April 16, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ *From Carole and Roy Sieger purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mrs. Noreen Blair.*



From Carole and Roy Sieger - April 16, 2024 at 08:45 AM



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



April 15, 2024 at 04:23 PM



“ Rick and Sarah Parisi purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mrs. Noreen Blair.



Rick and Sarah Parisi - April 14, 2024 at 12:45 PM



“ Rick and Sarah Parisi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Noreen Blair.

Rick and Sarah Parisi - April 14, 2024 at 12:45 PM



“ I am so sorry to read about Noreen's passing. My deepest sympathy to you Jim and your family. May Noreen rest in peace. With love
Sabine Chalupa

Sabine Chalupa - April 13, 2024 at 11:40 AM

TF

“ *The Robert Yavaniski Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mrs. Noreen Blair.*



The Robert Yavaniski Family - April 12, 2024 at 06:50 PM

SM

“ *My father, Eugene, and I were so saddened to learn of Noreen's sudden passing. She was a family friend dating back to my parents' days teaching at Berkshire Christian College in the 1960s and 1970s. We later learned that she was a distant cousin of my father's. We were blessed to see Noreen and Jim in March 2022 during a visit to Lenox. My mother, Janet, died unexpectedly exactly 5 months before Noreen, and I know that they are enjoying their reunion in heaven. With love and prayers, Sonya Merrill (Dallas, Texas)*

Sonya Merrill - April 12, 2024 at 04:42 PM

JW

Eugene, Sonya and family, so sorry ti read if your mother's unexpected passing. I have been a member of Hope church in Lenox for quite a few years now. We will miss Noreen and her beautiful playing of the organ for our worship songs. I lived next to you when you were in the Village House on Ferncliff Ave and still reside on the same street in Lee.

Janice Welcome - April 15, 2024 at 12:15 PM

DS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers our with Jim and the family at this time.*
Dean and Dorinda Shaw

Dorinda Shaw - April 12, 2024 at 10:51 AM

TC

“ *The Stinson Clan & The Weeks Clan purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Mrs. Noreen Blair.*



The Stinson Clan & The Weeks Clan - April 12, 2024 at 10:10 AM