



Catherine Blair Armbrister

August 18, 1936 - June 23, 2022

Princeton, WV- Catherine Blair Armbrister, 85, of Princeton, WV, died Thursday June 23, 2022 in Princeton.

Born August 18, 1936 in Motherwell Scotland, she was a daughter of the late Bryce and Martha Blair. Mrs. Blair was a native of Scotland and immigrated to the U.S.A. in 1948, at the age of 12. In 1957, she married David Mason Armbrister. She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Bluefield. Mrs. Armbrister was an avid doll collector, loved antiques, and was an animal lover. She also loved the beach. Each year, her and David built lasting memories at North Carolina and South Carolina beaches while swimming, camping, shell collecting, and just being together with each other and family. She loved to travel, taking several study trips to Mexico, Spain and France. Mrs. Armbrister earned a B.A. in Liberal Arts in French and Spanish from Westhampton College of the University of Richmond in 1957. She went on to obtain her M.A. Education from Marshall University in 1975, and later earned 45 hours in Graduate Studies leading towards a Doctorate in Spanish and English.

Mrs. Armbrister's career began in 1963 at John's Creek High School in John's Creek, KY. She later taught French at Albemarle High School in Charlottesville, VA, and English and Reading at Park Ungraded High School in Bluefield. She was an Adjunct Instructor of Education at Bluefield College and Marshall University, and was a Spanish and Language teacher at Bluefield High School until her retirement.

She had many awards throughout the years. She was the recipient of the Foreign Language Award, which awarded an all-expense paid study at La Salle University in Philadelphia, and she was a finalist in the National Competition to study at The University of Madrid, Madrid Spain. Mrs. Armbrister was awarded the Who's Who in American Teachers and was awarded the Marshall University Cultural Study in preparation for the 500th anniversary of the discovery of New World.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. David Armbrister; sons, Craig and Glenn Armbrister; and sister, Selina Hopkins.

Survivors include her children, Blair Armbrister and wife Mary, Ken Armbrister and wife Tessa; brothers, Alex and David Blair; grandchildren, Rob Armbrister and fiancé, Marie Enger, Cara Robinson and husband Jon, and Trish Probst and fiancé Scott Schreiber; great grandchildren, Miki and Beau Robinson; and special friends, Nancy Mackaravitz, Anita Calfee, Virginia Slade, and Charlene Runyon.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday July 5, 2022 at the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 p.m. with Dr. Shawn White officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday from noon until the service hour.

Burial will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery in Bluefield, VA where family members and friends will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Craig Armbrister Memorial Scholarship Fund, 535 W. Cumberland Road, Bluefield, WV 24701, the Mercer County Animal Shelter, 961 Shelter Road, Princeton, WV, 24740, or to the Rev. Dr. David M. Armbrister Memorial Scholarship, Bluefield University, 3000 College Avenue, Bluefield, VA 24605.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mrs. Catherine Blair Armbrister.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

Bluefield, VA 24605

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Funeral Service

JUL 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

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1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Catherine Blair Armbrister*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Blair and the entire Armbrister family. While in our hearts we know that it is the way of the world for children to say goodbye to their parents, it is never easy. I hope that, over time, you can find solace in the memories you have and the love you shared. After all, I believe that no one is really gone so long as they remain in the hearts and memories of all those that they touched. My prayers are with you all.*

Don Francis

Donald Lee Francis - July 14, 2022 at 01:50 PM



“ *We are so sorry to learn of the passing of your mom. Please know our deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers are with the entire Armbrister family. In sympathy and friendship, Marcia and Marlin Ryan*



Marcia Ryan - July 03, 2022 at 02:50 PM



“ *Carole B. purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Catherine Blair Armbrister.*



Carole B. - July 03, 2022 at 10:45 AM

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“ Blair and Mary, we were so sorry to hear about the death of Blair's mom. In reading her obituary she was a busy lady who loved life and spending time with her family. We wish you peace. Love to you both, Nancy and Skip

Nancy Mason - July 02, 2022 at 09:04 AM

GB

So sorry to hear of Catherine's passing. Love and Prayers

Gerri Broyles - July 04, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Blair Armbrister.



July 01, 2022 at 06:18 PM