



Fern Irene Blair

July 12, 1926 - June 3, 2020

Irene (Rasmussen) Blair, 93, was born July 12, 1926 and passed away peacefully on June 3, 2020. Irene was born in St. Paul, Minnesota to Robert and Catherine Rasmussen, the youngest of four children. She moved to California as a young girl, graduating from Modesto High School in 1944, and went to work as a secretary at Valley Tractor Co. She met the love of her life, William "Bill" Blair, on a blind date. They were married in 1949.

Irene and Bill opened and worked at Blair Jewelers in 1965 until they retired and closed the business in 1995. They loved traveling in their motorhome and enjoying retired life together. She was a past member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority and joined Bill in activities with the Turlock Masonic Lodge and Shriners. She was very proud of her Danish heritage and her house was filled with her needlework and embroidery work.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Catherine Rasmussen; her two brothers, Ejner and Harvey Rasmussen; and her sister, Lillian Collins. She is survived by her husband, Bill Blair; her son, Phillip (Janet) Blair; her daughter, Lori (Dan) Harvey; her grandchildren, Brian (Marramonie) Blair and Christine (David) King; and her great-grandchildren, Morgan, Katy, Jason and Simon.

An urn placement will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 12, 2020 at Turlock Memorial Park, 575 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her honor may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, Northern California, 2425 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95817.

Attention: Donations Dept. Re: Irene Blair. Cards and remembrances can be mailed to William Blair, 11261 Doerksen Rd., Denair, CA 95316.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

575 N. Soderquist Rd.
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 632-9111
<http://turlockmemorialpark.com>

Previous Events

Urn Placement

JUN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Turlock Memorial Park
575 N Soderquist Rd
Turlock, CA 95380-3749
(209) 632-9111

Tribute Wall



“ *Fern Irene Blair*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Irene was always the most friendly and caring lady. She will be missed. May she rest in peace. Love Connie*

Constance Smith - June 07, 2020 at 12:33 PM



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



June 07, 2020 at 12:35 AM



“ *My favorite auntie! I remember spending a week at her home with Lori while Phil spent a week at our home (I got the best of that bargain!). Aunt Irene rocked out to American Bandstand with Lori and me, something that never happened at home. She always knew how to have the best time! Auntie Irene, you will be missed.*

Joan Rasmussen - June 06, 2020 at 11:32 PM



“ *Aunt Irene, I just loved talking to you and our talks on the phone. You are truly missed and love all you have done to help Bill and the family you loved so much. You will always be in my heart.*

Glen MCoy - June 05, 2020 at 08:35 AM

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“ Aunt Irene was the most fun loving women, Loving wife and mother !! She loved making others happy!! She worked beside uncle Bill in there business until retirement! They were together for many years ! She like to cook and was very good at it ! She made everyone feel welcomed with her hospitality ! She will be missed ! Thoughts and prayers for uncle Bill and family during the loss of their loved one at this difficult time !' With deepest sympathy, Stephanie Pigg

stephanie pigg - June 04, 2020 at 11:40 PM

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“ Bobbie Swanson Hilligoss lit a candle in memory of Fern Irene Blair



Bobbie Swanson Hilligoss - June 04, 2020 at 10:14 PM

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*Dear Lori & Family,
My deepest condolences to you and your family. Your Mother and Jessie are together again.💕💕
Knowing your Mom through Beta Sigma Phi and Blair's Jewelers was wonderful. Our chapter of Beta Sigma Phi wouldn't have been as special if it hadn't been for Jessie and your Mom. I have fond memories of those years.
When my parents celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary your parents reset my Mom rings which turned out beautifully. I have the rings with my treasured keepsakes.
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Sincerely,
Bobbie Swanson Hilligoss*

Bobbie Swanson Hilligoss - June 04, 2020 at 10:28 PM

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Our warmest condolences to the Blair family on their loss. Irene was a special person with a warm heart. When I would visit she was always so welcoming and gracious. She enjoyed a good joke and was easy to engage in conversation. May she rest in the eternal peace she deserves. Pat your Pepper for us.

Tommy and Deana Farr

Tommy Farr - June 05, 2020 at 08:06 AM