

# Floral & Casket Bearers

## Family & Friends

### With Gratitude from Blair Family

The family of Shirley J. Blair wishes to thank everyone for the intentional acts of love & outpouring of kindness which have been extended during this time of bereavement.

The Blair Family also expresses heartfelt gratitude to staffs of Omni Manor Nursing Home and the Hospice of the Valley for the exceptional care, compassion, and support provided to Shirley and the family during her final days. Their kindness allowed her to transition with dignity and peace. *"God is not unrighteous to forget your labor of love."* - Hebrews 6:10



Transitional Care Arrangements Entrusted

**J.E. Washington Funeral Services**

2234 Glenwood Ave, Youngstown, OH 44511 330.782.8500

— IN LOVING MEMORY OF —

*Shirley Jean Blair*

1949 - 2026



**Thursday, March 12, 2026**

Calling Hours: 10:00am

Services: 11:00am

Chapel at James E Washington Funeral Services

2234 Glenwood Avenue

Youngstown, Ohio 44511

J.E. WASHINGTON  
FUNERAL SERVICES, INC.

# *-The Order of Celebration-*

*Rev. Lewis W. Macklin II, Officiant*



## Parting Viewing

Prayer of Comfort

Sacred Text Reading

Music Ministry

Public Tributes

Reading Shirley's Life & Legacy

Music Ministry

A Message of Hope

Recessional

*Read In Silence*

**Pastor Lewis Macklin**

*Lead Pastor, Holy Trinity Missionary Baptist Church*

*Cortege to Tod Homestead Cemetery*

**Committal Ceremony**

*Benediction*





# Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;  
 I shall not want.  
 He makes me to lie down in  
 green pastures;  
 He leads me beside the still waters.  
 He restores my soul;  
 He leads me in the paths of righteousness  
 for His name's sake.  
 Yea, though I walk through the  
 valley of the shadow of death,  
 I will fear no evil;  
 For You are with me;  
 your rod and your staff, they  
 comfort me.  
 You prepare a table before me in the  
 presence of my enemies;  
 You anoint my head with oil;  
 My cup runs over.  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall  
 follow me  
 all the days of my life;  
 And I will dwell  
 in the house of the Lord  
 Forever.

## *The Life & Legacy of Shirley Jean Blair*

Shirley Jean Blair was born in Youngstown on February 21, 1949, and peacefully departed this life on March 3, 2026, surrounded by the love and memories of family and friends. Shirley will be remembered for her strength, her love of family, and the joy she brought into the lives of everyone who knew her.

On July 30, 1966, Shirley married Eddie Blair, and together, until parted by his passing, they built a life centered around love, family, and commitment. Shirley was a proud graduate of South High School, Class of 1967. She dedicated more than thirty years of service to Assumption Village Nursing Home, where she worked faithfully until her retirement. Her kindness, reliability, and warm spirit made a lasting impact on those she worked with and cared for.

Shirley enjoyed many things in life and embodied the essence of kindness and empathy, making her a cherished member of both her family and the broader community. A woman of the faith, she was a member of Beulah Baptist Church. She loved playing bingo, visiting the casino, couponing, shopping, listening to music, and cheering on her favorite team as an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan. Above all, she treasured spending time with her family and friends.

Shirley's life and memory will forever be honored by her children Lynette D. Blair and Eddie B. Blair, and her bonus daughter Pullet Jones. She was a proud and loving grandmother to Kaylon D. Blair and Vaughn X. Blair. Her legacy will be sustained by her great-grandchildren to Kamaree, Kaliyah, Mason, Kaylon Jr., Mekhi, Major, and Aria Blair. She leaves loving memories with her eldest sister Mary Tyson, brother Arthur Jones, and a cadre of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

As Shirley crossed the celestial sands of time into eternity, she was reunited among the ancestors, which includes her beloved husband Eddie Blair Sr.; parents Bernice Jones and Henry Riley; siblings Barbara Jones, Cynthia Jones, Beverly Jones, LaRee Iverson, Gail McQueen; and William A. Jones III. Shirley's spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of her family and friends, reminding us of the importance of love, kindness, and community.

*- Lovingly Shared by The Blair Family -*



My Mother kept a garden,  
A garden of the heart;  
She planted all the good things,  
That gave my life it's start.

She turned me to the sunshine,  
And encouraged me to dream:  
Fostering and nurturing  
The seeds of self-esteem.

And when the winds and rains came,  
She protected me enough;  
But not too much, she knew I'd need  
To stand up strong and tough.

Her constant good example,  
Always taught me right from wrong;  
Markers for my pathway  
To last my whole life long.

I am my Mother's garden,  
I am her legacy.  
And I hope today she feels the love,  
Reflected back from me.