



## John D. "Doug" Blair

December 30, 1948 - April 19, 2015

Services for John D. (Doug) Blair, 66, of Tyler will be conducted on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery with Full Military Honors under US Army Chaplain Randy Ridenour. Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at Stewart Family Funeral Tyler, TX.

Doug passed away Sunday, April 19th, 2015 in Tyler.

He was born December 30, 1948 in Lubbock to John Franklin and Helen Faye Collins Blair.

He served proudly in the Vietnam War with the United States Army and was a Bronze Star recipient.

He was a graduate of Texas Tech University.

Doug's business career spanned 40 years in the ARK-LA-TEX oil and gas drilling industry. He began his career with National Supply Company; he was Vice -President of Southern Onshore Drilling Co. He was District Manager for Nabors Drilling/East Texas Division for over a third of his career. During his tenure, in the East Texas Division he was able to bring together the most talented people in the industry and lead them to become one of the most successful divisions in the company's history.

Doug was highly respected by his industry peers and served on the Board and as President of the International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC) for over two decades.

Doug is survived by his loving family including his devoted wife of 41 years

Mary Ann Blair; Daughter Julie Blair Haley, and her husband, Jeff, of Southlake; Sons John Ryan Blair and his wife, Jessica, of Montgomery, and Philip Kyle Blair and his wife, Kristen, of The Woodlands; Grandchildren; Olivia Grace Haley and Elizabeth Ann Haley of Southlake; John David Blair and Emma Ann Blair of Montgomery; Caroline Elizabeth Blair and Philip Jackson Blair of The Woodlands; Sisters; Jackie Lawrence of Sugarland, and Sharon Thiel of Lubbock; nieces and nephews.

Honorary Pallbearers: John Ryan Blair, Philip Kyle Blair, Jeff Haley, Forest Conley, Alan Murphy, Bruce Gaylor Sr., Jim Gaylor, Bruce Gaylor Jr., Jessie Jaenicke and George Brogden.

He was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church Tyler, TX.

Doug was a passionate supporter of the United States Military and Veterans. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)

# Cemetery Details

## DFW National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy  
Dallas, TX 75211

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Service

APR **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

DFW National Cemetery  
2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy  
Dallas, TX 75211

# Tribute Wall

LK

“ I would like to send my upmost heartfelt condolences for Doug's family. I didnt know Doug personally but I work in office with Mary Ann and she is a very sweet lady and I pray that she gets through this trying time with God's strength and Love. He will greatly be missed.....Lori Keeling

Lori Keeling - April 22, 2015 at 04:03 PM

AO

“ Allyson, Bob, Trey & Office purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John D. "Doug" Blair.



Allyson, Bob, Trey & Office - April 22, 2015 at 03:30 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John D. "Doug" Blair.



April 21, 2015 at 08:33 PM

TF

“ The Ferguson, Gillett and Webb Families purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of John D. "Doug" Blair.



The Ferguson, Gillett and Webb Families - April 21, 2015 at 08:21 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John D. "Doug" Blair.*



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April 21, 2015 at 05:20 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of John D. "Doug" Blair.*



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April 21, 2015 at 05:10 PM



“ *Derek and Lenita Westbrook purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of John D. "Doug" Blair.*



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**Derek and Lenita Westbrook** - April 21, 2015 at 04:13 PM



“ *With Deepest Sympathy, Your friends at BCBS of Texas purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John D. "Doug" Blair.*



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**With Deepest Sympathy, Your friends at BCBS of Texas** -  
April 21, 2015 at 01:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John D. "Doug" Blair.



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April 21, 2015 at 01:10 PM



“ I am very saddened to hear about the loss of your family member, Doug. I did business with him over the years and was a great individual to do business with and visit with. One of the most fun on a hunting trip I had was with him and his sons, will never forget it or forget him.

*Peter D. Mathers  
IE Miller Services (TForce Energy Services)*

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**Peter D. Mathers** - April 21, 2015 at 11:05 AM



“ Willy and I worked with Doug over the years, from my time in Shreveport with Grace Drilling and then in Houston while at Nabors. We will always remember that wonderful personality and that little "snickering" laugh he had. To the entire family, prayers and blessings to you in the days to come and may you find peace in the wonderful family memories you shared.

*Rita and Willy Coffey*

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**Rita Coffey** - April 21, 2015 at 10:48 AM

DH

“ DAN HICKS purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of John D. "Doug" Blair.



DAN HICKS - April 21, 2015 at 10:29 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John D. "Doug" Blair.



April 21, 2015 at 09:32 AM

ST

“ Smith Bits- Houston Team purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of John D. "Doug" Blair.



Smith Bits- Houston Team - April 21, 2015 at 09:30 AM

BH

“ Doug was a very special person .My wife Toni and I have been fortunate enough to have Doug as a friend for fifty years .He loved life and loved the people around him.He will be missed by many.

Bob Hendon - April 20, 2015 at 08:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John D. "Doug" Blair.



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April 20, 2015 at 06:39 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of John D. "Doug" Blair.



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April 20, 2015 at 03:49 PM