

*A Beautiful life came to a sudden end,
He died as he lived, everyone's friend.
He was always thoughtful, loving and kind
What a precious memory he left behind.
He left us suddenly, his thoughts unknown
But he left us memories we are proud to own,
Treasure him, God in your garden of rest,
For in our world he was one of the best.*



In Loving Memory
CELEBRATING A LIFE

Lovingly Survived by
Three Sisters

Olive King of Victoria, BC
Lena (Jack) Dewan of Garrick, SK
Mary Ann (Bob) Latty of Cold Lake, AB

Two Brothers

Frank (Sharon) Blair of Edmonton, AB
David Blair of Choiceland, SK

Forty-two Nieces & Nephews

**As well as several other relatives
and numerous friends**

Predeceased by
Parents

Joseph (1981) & Florence (1996) Blair

Three Sisters

Shirley Blair, Louise Backman & Florence Blair

Brothers

Arthur Elve (Evelyn), Earl Elve,
Lewis (Florence), Adelard (Doreen)

Brother & Sisters-in-law

Peter King, Doris Blair, Marilyn Blair

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IN
Loving
MEMORY



Albert Maurice Blair

December 4, 1934 ~ January 26, 2023



In Loving Memory of
Albert Maurice Blair

Iron River, Alberta

Born

December 4, 1934

Nipawin, Saskatchewan

Passed Away

January 26, 2023

Iron River, Alberta

Funeral Service

Friday, February 3, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Willow Prairie Community Hall

La Corey, Alberta

Officiating Father Limneo Zamora

Pallbearers

Dwayne Latty, Darren Latty, Rodney Blair,
Glen Saur, Erwin Tkachuk, Blaine Tkachuk

Final Resting Place
at a later date

Garrick Cemetery
Garrick, Saskatchewan

At the conclusion of the service, family and friends are
invited to share in a time of fellowship in the hall

If desired, memorial tributes in memory of Albert may be
made to the Garrick Cemetery

In his own words, the biography of
Albert Maurice Blair

I was born in Nipawin December 4th, 1934, fourth child of Joseph & Florence Blair, and lived in Garrick until moving to the farm in the Kelsey district in 1942. I went to school at Kelsey through grade 8, then took grade 9 by correspondence. I did that at the school as it was a bit more of a controlled environment (sometimes). I had to go to White Fox School to write exams, this gave me an opening in 1949 to go there to finish high school. Fortunately we had relatives there so I stayed with Grandma & Grandpa for a while then with Aunty Belva & Uncle Hobart.

After finishing school, I started working for a farm there. Mom had just returned from visiting Aunty Hilda in Saskatoon and convinced me that I should go there and look for a job. So in 1952 I moved to Saskatoon where I worked in construction. I lived with Aunty Hilda for a while then with Frank & Mildred Howarth (Aunty Hilda's daughter). I joined the R.C.A.F. in 1954. After basic training in St. Jean, Quebec and Camp Borden, Ontario I was transferred to St. Hubert, Quebec.

I took my release from the R.C.A.F. in 1957 and went to work for Saskatchewan Government Airways, first in Prince Albert, then Lac La Ronge. They needed someone in Uranium City, so I went there for a winter. I went to the oil rigs in Alberta for a year, first to Drayton Valley area where Frank was at the time, then to Red Earth, north of Peace River. That is where I had the accident that took my finger. I was transferred to Peace River hospital. I left the oil rigs at that time and got a job with Northern Alberta Dairy Pool in Grand Prairie.

In 1961, I rejoined the R.C.A.F. and was posted to St. Hubert, Quebec for a year, then to Senneterre, Quebec until October 1964. The next stop was Cold Lake, Alberta till 1977. In November of 1977, I married Millie Johnson who was a widow with three children, the youngest 16 yrs old. I was transferred to Namao, Alberta from 1977 to 1982. I was returned to Cold Lake where I retired a Sergeant in 1989 after 31 years of service.

Addendum by Mary Ann Latty:

After he divorced in 1987, Albert retired to his quarter section west of Iron River that he called his "hobby farm", where he raised cattle and chickens. He also cared for stray cats and dogs, both to which he was extremely allergic. Albert was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing and hunting with his friends. He also enjoyed vacationing with his siblings in sunny places like Cuba, Panama, Costa Rica and Mexico. He also made many dear friends over the years through floor curling and crib. Albert Blair passed away suddenly, January 26th, 2023 at the age of 88 years.