



Pervis Earl Blevins

July 15, 1933 - November 24, 2023

Pervis Earl Blevins, known to everyone as “Blackie”, passed away from his earthly life into his eternal one on November 24, 2023 at the age of 90 years old. Blackie was born on July 15, 1933, the 4th of 11 children to Wheeler and Edna Sluder Blevins in Shady Valley, Tennessee, both of who precede him in death.

Blackie was a 1953 graduate of Johnson County High School, Mountain City, Tennessee. After graduation, he enlisted into the US Army and served his country, in Korea, during the Korean War. He was discharged in 1955, returning home to attend East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee. After college, Blackie moved to Flint, Michigan to work in the automobile industry, but quickly learned that he missed his family and home.

On June 30, 1957, Blackie married Phyllis Forrester of Mountain City, Tennessee. Blackie and Phyllis moved to Roanoke, Virginia, before moving to Salem, Virginia, where they bought their first home and started their family. Steve was born in the spring of 1958 and Craig in the fall of 1960. The family of four, then moved to Radford, Virginia, before making their final home in Blacksburg Virginia. In 1976, his daughter, Beth was born.

Blackie worked for C&P Telephone Company, Inc., from 1957, where he remained until his retirement in 1988. Blackie loved his years of retirement,

where he spent most mornings on the water, fishing and afternoons, on the golf course. Blackie spent many days with good friends, on both the water and the golf course. Fishing and good friends took him all over the United States, where he brought back fish and entertained friends and family with countless fish fry's. His greatest joy, both in his career and his retirement was his family and his best four-legged girl, Riley. He took Riley to countless places and she became a staple in the community, just like Blackie. Blackie's infectious smile and love of people will forever remain as part of his legacy.

In addition to his parents, Blackie is preceded in death by his oldest son, N. Steven Blevins in 1996 and his best fishing buddy, Riley in 2017.

Blackie is survived by his wife of 66 ½ years, Phyllis, of the home. His son, Craig Blevins of Blacksburg, Virginia. His daughter, Beth Blevins of Lexington, North Carolina. His granddaughter, Kelsey Blevins of Virginia Beach, Virginia. His grandson, Tyler Blevins and wife, Ann, along with great-granddaughter, Elena Marie of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His English Springer Spaniel, Katie, who has taken excellent care of him, just where Riley left off.

A Celebration of Blackie's remarkable life will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at Blacksburg Christian Church, 240 Watson Ave., Blacksburg, Virginia at 11am with Rev. Gary McCoy and Rev. J.B. Beane officiating. The family will receive friends after the service in the fellowship hall, where lunch will be provided. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests contributions be made to Blacksburg Christian Church, where Blackie and his family have been members, since coming to Blacksburg, Virginia.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Blacksburg Christian Church
240 Watson Ave
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

WM

“ *Phylis, so sorry to hear about Blackies passing. We worked together for a number of years. He will be missed. Prayers for you and the family.*

Wayne McGuire

Wayne McGuire - November 30, 2023 at 06:48 PM

BH

“ *Phillis and family, so sorry for your loss. Lots of great memories working with him at the phone company. He will surely be missed. Thoughts and prayers for your family.*

Bobby Hall - November 30, 2023 at 08:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pervis Earl Blevins.*



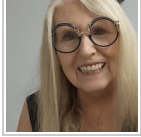
November 29, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Pervis Earl Blevins.*



November 29, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ *Phyllis, and family. I am so sorry to see that Blackie has passed away. He will be missed. He always made me laugh when we worked together. He was a good friend. He was a good man. Always had a smile on his face. Prayers for you and for the family. April Stanley Clark*



April Clark - November 28, 2023 at 07:39 PM

TS

“ *I'm definitely going to miss seeing his big smile and all the laughs we shared just in the short amount of time I got to know him! Rest easy Blackie!*

Tyler smith - November 28, 2023 at 05:50 PM

SR

“ *Shirley R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Pervis Earl Blevins.*



Shirley R. - November 27, 2023 at 10:24 PM

DM

“ *He and my dad always struck up a conversation. We knew him as Blackie as I'm sure the whole town of Blacksburg did. Prayers going up for the family during this difficult time.*

Diane C. Matusevich - November 27, 2023 at 06:21 PM

JC

“ Jackie, I am so sorry to hear of Blackie's passing. Great person, great personslity. He worked with my neighbor and family members at telephone co. Sure lots will miss him.
Janet Croy

Janet Croy Crittenden - November 27, 2023 at 05:43 PM

JB

“ Like many Blackie will always have a special place in my heart. My husband Roger and I would run into Blackie and his friends at McDonald's. He always teased us about knowing his friends and tell us we had his sympathy. My two fondest memories involved music. On year four the 4th of July the church choir decided to sing God bless America. when we did the course we were to walk into the congregation and sing next to someone. I stood next too Blackie and he started singing with me. When we finished he gave me a hug and said how great full he was I chose to stand next to him. My second special memory again involved music. I sane "It is no Secret" a Jim Reeves song one Sunday, and I looked over at Phyllis and Blackie, and Blackie was sitting there singing along with me. I told him after church that the next time we would do a duet. He said no way, He had a beautiful voice. Blackie always loved to tease me about being friends with Sean and Terry Arthur, especially Sean. He would say I surely could find better friends. The funny thing about that was Sean and Terry were also Blackie's good friends. He always had a smile, and made people feel special. We will all miss Blackie a lot.

Jean Brickey - November 27, 2023 at 03:23 PM

CB

Blackie was one of those people who, when you were with him, just made you feel good all over. He was the total package: kind, funny, compassionate, generous, and a joy to spend time with. Blackie, I love you and I will miss you every day. Thank you for the footprints of love that you left in all of our hearts.

Carole Braine - November 27, 2023 at 04:59 PM

EK

*There was only one
Blackie*

Ed Kirkman - November 27, 2023 at 05:32 PM

GS

Blackie was one of a kind, so special. He was the best neighbor you could ever have. He would ride up to our house on his mower and stop to talk, always in a good mood. He would offer advice on how to raise a good garden and offer to loan us anything he had that we might need. He always brought us fresh corn out of his garden as soon as it came in.

When our kids and grandkids were young, they would play ball and hit golf balls in his field between our houses. He would come by and pick at them and tell them something funny.

We are sad that we will no longer see him ride by on his mower, smiling and waving.

Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with Phyllis, Craig and Beth.

Gary and Linda Scott - November 27, 2023 at 05:52 PM

CS

*My heart goes out to all of the family. Blackie was a wonderful person and very good neighbor, God bless you all.
The Sifford Family (Conelia)*

Conelia Sifford - November 29, 2023 at 03:25 PM

AB

Phyllis and family, we were so blessed to have met Blackie and you at Blacksburg Christian Church. You all were so welcoming to JB and his family and to us. Blackie will be missed greatly, for his wonderful, caring personality and great smile. He was a joy to be around. Our prayers are with you and your family for God's peace and comfort during this most difficult time. May God Bless! Angie & Johnny Beane

Angie Beane - November 29, 2023 at 05:56 PM

JR

Phyllis, Craig, Beth & family:

Though we can't be with you physically today, our hearts are with you. To many memories to focus on just one. Blackie's huge, easy going personality will be fondly remembered and missed by all who knew him. Extending hugs and sympathy to you on Blackie's passing. With prayers, Joan Rosazza & Dave Brackin

Joan Rosazza - November 30, 2023 at 08:07 AM