

PALLBEARERS

Jeremy King
Austin Washington
Juan Alex Williams

Justin Pruitt
Dominic Schell
Nicolas King

God's Gift

She loved her kids not only with compassion but also with the discipline needed to produce the results of that love. Mama had a way of communicating with each of her children in a language of their own that they understood.

***Tina** was the one who would lead and carry out her orders. She held the authority of Mama's will and sword in her absence.*

***Robin** was one who understood order, excellence, and consistency, only needing consistency and affirmation to motivate her intellect, spirit, and smile.*

***Robert Jr.** was the first son and a quiet soul who was at his best when left alone. He was always trusted to occupy his time responsibly with little or no supervision.*

***Joseph** was the inquisitive one, who learned by experience, demanding Mama's disciplinary talents more than the others. He simply was never to be left unsupervised for the required results to be achieved.*

***Quincie** was quiet, had the benefit of two older sisters, and truly had a mother's heart. Given a lot of attention and care, she would always be seen as the baby girl of the family.*

***Brian** was her last and was everybody's responsibility. Brian was treated as most youngest are. He was very sensitive, low maintenance, and always held a special place in her heart as the last one.*

Mama may have needed each of us in her latter days, but never as much as each of us needed her in our earlier ones.

- Joseph Pruitt

INTERMENT

Lees Summit Historical Cemetery
Lees Summit, Missouri

LAWRENCE A JONES
FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATION

CELEBRATING THE LIFE & LEGACY

Barbara Ann Blair

DECEMBER 23, 1943 - JULY 30, 2026



Saturday

AUGUST 15, 2026 11:00 AM
REFRESH CHURCH
KANSAS CITY, MO

Honoring BARBARA

Barbara Ann Blair was born on December 23, 1943, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Geneva Lucille Oliver and Henry Blair. She was the fourth of twelve children and was blessed with a large, loving family that shaped the compassionate and resilient woman she would become.

Barbara accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at a young age, and her faith remained the foundation of her life. She attended Vashon High School, where her natural curiosity and love of learning were evident. She had a passion for reading, writing, and studying—qualities that stayed with her throughout her life and inspired her lifelong commitment to education.

As an adult, Barbara faithfully served her church by teaching Sunday School and tutoring both children and adults. Her love for teaching extended beyond the classroom and into her community when she founded Granny's School, an accredited home daycare where she nurtured and educated countless young lives with patience, wisdom, and love. Her passion for helping others learn also inspired her to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Missouri–St. Louis.

Barbara's gifts extended well beyond teaching. She was an accomplished writer for the Atchison Globe newspaper in Atchison, Kansas, where her inspirational column, "Selah," became a cherished regular feature. In recognition of her literary contributions, she received a Who's Who award for writers. She also served as a University Ambassador for the University of Missouri–St. Louis, where she had the honor of greeting Congresswoman Barbara Jordan during a university event.

Barbara found joy in singing, watching classic movies, reading, and engaging in meaningful conversations. She possessed a remarkable ability to encourage others, offering timeless wisdom, thoughtful counsel, and unwavering love to her children, grandchildren, family, and friends. Her gentle spirit, compassionate heart, and steadfast faith left an enduring mark on everyone privileged to know her.

On July 30, 2026, at 10:02 a.m., Barbara experienced the glorious sunrise of eternity as she was welcomed by her Savior into her Father's house, where she now dwells in perfect peace and everlasting joy.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Geneva Lucille Oliver and Henry Blair, and her beloved siblings, Eva Mae Moore, Donald Blair, Jacqueline Jackson, and Judy McCoy.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory her six beloved children: Geneva LaTina Pruitt; Robin King (Frank); Robert Pruitt Jr. (Aida); Joseph R. Pruitt (Larena); Quincie Doh (George); and Brian Pruitt (Shanika). She was the proud and devoted grandmother of seventeen grandchildren and the treasured great-grandmother of twenty-two great-grandchildren.

She is also lovingly remembered by her remaining siblings, Edward Blair, Richard Blair, Gerald Blair, Michael Blair, Spencer Blair, Milton Blair, and Quincie Humphrey, along with a host of cherished cousins, nephews, nieces, extended family members, and dear friends.

Barbara's life was a beautiful testimony of faith, perseverance, compassion, wisdom, and unconditional love. She lived with purpose, served with humility, and loved without reservation. Though her earthly journey has ended, the legacy she leaves behind will continue to inspire generations. Her life reminds us that true greatness is found in faithfully loving God, serving others, and leaving the world better than you found it.

"Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your Lord." — Matthew 25:23

Order of Service

Officiant: Pastor Frank King

Prelude

Processional

The Family

Scripture Reading: Psalms 46:1-7/1 Thess. 4:13-18

Kermit McRae, Pastor – Grace Fellowship

Prayer of Comfort

Bishop Raphael Green, D.Ed.Min.

Senior Pastor – Metro Christian Worship Center St. Louis

Songs of Praise & Hymns

Refresh Church Worship Team

Tribute (Representing Clergy)

Frank King – Son-in-law, Pastor – Refresh Church

Acknowledgments & Condolences

Dana Green, Executive Pastor – Refresh Church

Tribute (Representing Siblings)

Michael Blair, Gerald Blair & Quincie Humphrey

Tribute (Representing Grandchildren)

Stacy Schell – Granddaughter

Life Reflections/Video Tribute

Tribute (Representing Children)

Robin King – Daughter, Pastor – Refresh Church

Song

"Through It All" – Andrea Newton

Words of Comfort

*Dr. Oscar Williams Jr. (Nephew) Associate Pastor, The Potters House,
Dean of Worship Arts, Jakes Divinity School, Dallas, TX*

A Glimpse Before Glory

Family

Recessional

Clergy & Family

