



## **ROBERT EDWARD "PETE" BLAIR**

January 27, 1928 - February 19, 2020

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Robert Edward "Pete" Blair, 92, of Gary, passed away Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at Welch Community Hospital in Welch. Born January 27, 1928 in Gary, he was the son of the late Goldzsie Chewning Blair and Joseph Blair. Pete graduated from Gary High School and West Virginia University College of Law. Pete was admitted to the West Virginia State Bar on June 5, 1956. He was admitted to practice law before the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, as well as all state circuit courts. He was further admitted to practice law in the federal district courts of West Virginia, as well as the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals sitting in Richmond, Virginia.

Upon graduating law school, Pete worked for U.S. Steel and later opened a private law office in Welch, West Virginia in 1975. The U.S. Steel Corporation, the McDowell County Board of Education and the City of Gary were among his clients as a private attorney.

Pete served as a Commissioner on the McDowell County Commission, Family Law Master and later Family Court Judge. At the time of his death, Pete was an Assistant Public Defender at the McDowell County Public Defender's Office, a position he held since 2003. Pete was also one of the last living World War II Veterans from McDowell County.

Those left to cherish his memories are the love of his life, Eva Barber of Gary; son, Lawrence Barber of Gary; daughter, Karyn Barber of Myrtle Beach, SC;

brother, Dr. Lawrence Chewing Blair of Monterey, CA; sister, Sue Blair Barta and husband Joseph of Radford, VA; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 11:00 AM from the Douglas Mortuary Chapel in Welch, with Reverend Olen Butcher-Winfrey, officiating. Burial will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton. Military Graveside Rites will be conducted by the V.F.W. Post 1144 of laeger.

Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Pallbearers will be family and friends

The Douglas Mortuary in Welch is assisting the Blair family.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens

450 Courthouse Road  
Princeton, WV 24740

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Douglas Mortuary  
157 Wyoming Street  
Welch, WV 24801  
(304) 436-3186  
<http://douglasmortuary.com/>

## Service

FEB 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *To The Family: Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during your hours of bereavement. We had very good fond memories of Atty Blair. Know that each of you are in our daily thoughts and prayers. The children of the late Griffin and Mabel Swayne*

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**Bryant M Swayne** - March 02, 2020 at 05:47 PM

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“ *Eva,*

*Pete was an extraordinary man in so many ways: superb photographer, outstanding attorney, fantastic trainer, amazing negotiator, and caring human being. I worked with Pete at U. S. Steel in the Main Office building. He was a true scholar and gracious gentleman. I am sorry for your loss during this difficult time of transition. Pete will be warmly remembered by all of those who knew him. My family and I will be praying for your comfort in the days and weeks ahead.*

*Nolan Evans*

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**Paul Nolan Evans** - February 27, 2020 at 05:46 PM

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“ *Eva, my deepest condolences to you and family. Pete was a great man. I will never forget his help in family court the only time I had a hearing. I was forever grateful for his and your help. Prayers for you all in the upcoming days.*

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**teresa farmer** - February 25, 2020 at 10:04 PM