



## Blair Herren

January 15, 1941 - March 7, 2018

Virginia Blair Johnson Herren, 77, of Arab, AL, passed away in Birmingham, AL on March 7, 2018. Born in Harriman, TN on January 15, 1941 to Max and Gin Johnson, she was a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend to many. She graduated Valedictorian from Harriman High School in 1959. Fascinated by learning, she received a B.S in Chemistry and Math from Birmingham Southern in 1962 where she was in Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Omicron Pi, and Alpha Lambda Delta. Blair was a teacher for many years at Arab High School in math and Health Occupations Education. She worked for NASA for 23 years as a Project Manager for Small Microgravity Experiments and was awarded multiple patents for techniques related to protein crystal growth. Blair was passionate about flowers and gardening, anything NASA or space-related, and had a great sense of humor. Active in her community, she was a member of The Arab Garden Club, The Arab Literary Club, a past member of the Arab City Beautification Board and for fun, The Breakfast Chicks and the Ladies Pot Luck Dinner Club. Blair enjoyed planning the Arab Elementary School Flower Show every year. Blair is survived by her daughter, Laura Read (Russell), her sons Jimmy Herren and Bob Herren (Beth); six grandchildren, Ryan Read, Brandon Herren, Blake Herren, Natalie Read, J.T. Herren, and Brendan Herren; her brother, King Johnson (Donna), her niece Sara Johnson Miller (Andrew) and nephew Sam Johnson (Sarah) and friend, Kenneth Dodd. A ceremony celebrating her life will occur at Gober Funeral Chapel in Arab, AL on Sunday, March 18, 2018. Visitation will be from 12:00-1:00, with a

memorial service to follow at 1:00. In lieu of flowers, please donate to The Arab Education Foundation ([arabcityschools.org](http://arabcityschools.org), specify AHS Robotics Team), The Arab Public Library, or the U.S. Space and Rocket Center Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Family to receive friends

MAR 18. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Gober Funeral Chapel  
1331 Guntersville Road  
Arab, AL 35016  
(256) 586-8111  
goberfuneralhome@otelco.net

## Memorial Service

MAR 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Blair Herren*

October 23, 2023 at 12:35 AM



“ *ANNE BROWDER SARRIS purchased the Garden of Memories for the family of Blair Herren.*



**ANNE BROWDER SARRIS** - March 17, 2018 at 09:16 AM



“ *Sean Tully lit a candle in memory of Blair Herren*



**sean tully** - March 13, 2018 at 07:28 PM



“ *Carl Ivey lit a candle in memory of Blair Herren*



**Carl Ivey** - March 13, 2018 at 05:00 AM

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“ *"Mama Blair" as she was affectionately known as was an inspiration to me in pursuing my career as a registered nurse. She will be truly missed!!!*  
*Carl Ivey*

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**Carl Ivey** - March 13, 2018 at 05:00 AM

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“ *Cathy Self lit a candle in memory of Blair Herren*



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**Cathy Self** - March 11, 2018 at 06:23 PM

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“ *Blair was our neighbor on Clinton St. in Harriman for years and we have watched her children and grandchildren grow through Christmas photos through the years. I know how proud she was of her family. Our thoughts and prayers. Becky Williams Woodiel and Woody.*

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**becky Woodiel** - March 09, 2018 at 08:56 PM

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“ *Blair was a special, sweet lady that was loved by all who knw her. May God's spirit give her family his blessing with his sweet peace.*

*Thinking of you with my love and prayers!*  
*Hilda Thomas.*

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**Hilda Thomas** - March 08, 2018 at 01:45 PM