



## Richard Blalock

December 29, 1935 - February 22, 2011

BLALOCK – Mr. Richard F. Blalock, age 75 of Alpharetta, died February 22, 2011. Mr. Blalock was a long time Alpharetta barber, businessman and active member of his community. He was a loving father and grandfather and friend to all he met. Mr. Blalock was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Betty Jean Blalock. He is survived by his daughters, Tina Smith of Cumming and Patti Blalock of Alpharetta; sisters, Nancy and Buck Terry of Duluth, Margaret and Earl Simmons of Tiger, and Margie and Danny Gragg of Clayton; grandchildren, Katie and Sam Lafountain of Wilmington, NC and Kassie Smith of Cumming; several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers it is the request of the family that donations be made to Midway United Methodist Church. The funeral service for Mr. Blalock will be on Friday, February 25, 2011 at 11:00 AM at Alpharetta First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Green Lawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 2 to 4 PM and 6 to 8 PM at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory, Roswell/Alpharetta, 770/645-1414. [www.northsidechapel.com](http://www.northsidechapel.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 24. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Visitation

FEB 24. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Service

FEB 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

Alpharetta First United Methodist Church  
69 North Main Street  
Alpharetta, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Blalock*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *My wife and I deeply regret the news of your passing. You were a loving person and we will greatly miss you. Mat you live in peace with the Lord.*

*Ron & María Sjostrom##imported-begin##Ron Sjostrom##imported-end##*

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April 20, 2011 at 04:49 PM



“ *richard was a wonderful human being.blessed to have known him.your family is in my thoughts and prayers.im also a friend of faye.she can let you know who i am.##imported-begin##Dana Weaver##imported-end##*

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March 03, 2011 at 10:31 AM



“ Tina, Patti, Kassie, Katie (and Sam),  
We feel so blessed to have known Pop, even if just for a brief time. We have fond memories of staying at 'the Blalock Bed and Breakfast' before the wedding, keeping the owner up way past his bedtime watching old westerns and talking about his pride and joy, his girls. He made us feel like family; he was strong, kind, compassionate, and gentle.  
We are so sorry for your loss; may you be comforted in knowing he is at peace and once again reunited with his beloved Nan##imported-begin##Carol and Kevin Lafountain##imported-end##

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February 27, 2011 at 07:44 AM



“ Girls-

We lack the words to fully express how very thankful we are that we were allowed the gift of knowing Richard. Richard was so many things to so many people. But to us he was a true friend, a neighbor we adored, and a father and brother figure for Steve. He has had such a positive influence on Steve that I see in so many ways daily. Richard was so happy up here and so at home up here that it was just a joy to talk with him or be around him. We miss him terribly and will never, ever forget what he has meant to us and the lessons he has taught us.##imported-begin##Mary Ann##imported-end##

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February 26, 2011 at 02:18 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to your family. Richard is a true gentleman and I will surely miss him. Was in the barber shop the morning he got the call from Betty Jean regarding the seriousness of her illness. Richard broke down in tears. My heart and prayers went out to him and your family during that difficult time. And now my prayers are with your family again. It is a comfort to know that he and Betty Jean are rejoicing together in glory!##imported-begin##Jim and Robin Fryer Mastrom, Alpharetta, Ga##imported-end##

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February 26, 2011 at 08:57 AM



“ I was saddened to hear today of Richard's passing. My son, Kyle, and I will truly miss our monthly visits with him at the Barber Shop. It's more than a haircut when you get to spend time with a friend. Our prayers are with all of his family and friends, because we know you will miss him dearly. Please be consoled knowing that he is with our Father in Heaven.##imported-begin##Randall Coggins##imported-end##

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February 25, 2011 at 10:25 PM



“ Dear Patti and Mia,

*I just heard about your loss and I am so sorry for you both. My prayers are with you. If he was in anyway like you he was a truly good person. The apple never falls far from the tree.*

*Love you both,*

*Jerry##imported-begin##Jerry Cassidy##imported-end##*

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February 25, 2011 at 06:34 PM



“ Tina and Patti, I can't imagine what you are going thru, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Angela Harrison Roberts##imported-end##

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February 25, 2011 at 05:48 PM



“ Tina and Patti,  
  
I was stunned to learn of your dad's passing. My heart goes out to you and your entire family. May God bless...##imported-begin##Claudia Regan##imported-end##

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February 25, 2011 at 01:25 PM



“ Remembering your family in our prayers. Blessings, Gary and Denise Anderson##imported-begin##Gary and Denise Anderson##imported-end##

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February 25, 2011 at 11:18 AM



“ Thank you, Richard for the life you lived, and the give you gave.  
  
The Vic Hansard Family##imported-begin##Myrl C. Hansard##imported-end##

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February 25, 2011 at 10:19 AM



“ *Patti and Tina and family,  
You are all in our prayers today and will continue to be in the days ahead. We have such special memories of your Daddy - such a great guy and a part of Alpharetta for so long. He will be missed!*

*We miss all of you, too. God bless all of you and may He guide you through your grief.*

*Love, Jack and Janet###imported-begin##Jack and Janet  
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February 25, 2011 at 08:45 AM



“ *Tina and Patti, the circle is a wonderful place to live because of your daddy, mom, and you two. We were so blessed to have you for so long as neighbors, I played basketball as a kid for your dad and it was great fun. Daddy has kept in touch with him thru the garden, your dad would stop and talk as he passed by. God Bless you both during this time . We love you. Pam and Gene Jones  
.###imported-begin##Pam and Gene Jones###imported-end##*

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February 24, 2011 at 11:30 PM



“ My family and I are truly heart broken to hear the sad news of Mr. Richard's passing. Thankfully, my children and I just had the pleasure of seeing him again this last Thurs, (although it was just very briefly). But even though it was, we still left being blessed by his beautiful kind spirit. What a dear man and tragic loss to our community, but of course to your family.

...My children and I will miss him greatly, as they were very fond of "Mr.Richard" and loved seeing him (and his friend Sonny) when we could (as my boys also enjoyed knowing the fact that Mr.Richard cut their late father's hair too).

Please know that we too will be lifting you all up in prayer - may you feel God's love and grace embrace you all during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Cindy Harrell##imported-end##

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February 24, 2011 at 11:07 PM



“ Patti and Tina, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Richard was a good friend and neighbor to us for over 35 years. We will miss him and his humorous comments. He and Gary were always carrying on about something. We are sorry that we're not able to be there but are out of town celebrating our granddaughter's 2nd birthday. I am sure Richard would understand considering how much he loved his granddaughters.##imported-begin##Gary and Pat Roberts ##imported-end##

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February 24, 2011 at 07:54 PM



“ Katie,  
May the Lord be with you and your family during this time.##imported-begin##Curtis Schacher##imported-end##

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February 24, 2011 at 07:33 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family with the loss of Richard. I have been getting my haircut and my sons since back in the 1980's. His presents will be missed by all that knew him and called him friend.##imported-begin##Joe Spardello##imported-end##

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February 24, 2011 at 06:52 PM



“ Tina & Patti: We are truly sorry for your loss. I have known Richard as a friend for over 45 years. Richard built our house in Alpharetta that we lived in for over 36 years. Richard was a true and trusted friend. You girls were the light of his life and he loved to talk about you. I considered Richard as a member of my extended family. God be with you in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Bill and Nita Spence##imported-end##

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February 24, 2011 at 06:49 PM



“ Very sorry for your loss Tina and Patty, Your dad was an inspiration to all the young people who knew him, He was my barber for 30 years and he will be missed by everyone in Alpharetta. God bless you and your families. You will be in our prayers .##imported-begin##Rickey Waddell##imported-end##

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February 24, 2011 at 04:10 PM



“ *Mr. Blalock is what I always called him he was the first person to ever cut my hair. I was 5 when I started going to see Blalock and went until I was about 13. My dad still goes their and has been going for about 28 years. We are going to miss you. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and Sonny Wright. With Love Johnny and Wanda Purcell and Kerrie Brooks##imported-begin##Kerrie Brooks##imported-end##*

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February 24, 2011 at 02:32 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss! I've known Richard for what seems like my whole life and he's always been a great ear to talk too, and a pleasure to know. This town has truly lost a special person.##imported-begin##Adam&Jennifer Smith##imported-end##*

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February 24, 2011 at 02:28 PM



“ *Tina and Patti; I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. I know he will truly be missed. I had the opportunity to speak with him (and share basketball memories), on several occassions over the past couple of years, when I would see him at a game, etc. It was always a pleasure to reminisce about his days as our coach all those years ago.##imported-begin##Tara DeVore Berry##imported-end##*

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February 24, 2011 at 01:35 PM



“ To Tina & Patti - I'm so sorry for your dad's passing, he was such a kind man and I am glad to have known him. I will pray for each of you and family that God will help you to move forward through the sorrow by constantly being reminded of the good memories and his abundant love for his two girls. I know too well what you are experiencing, I miss my dad and I'm emotional just trying to put together these words. May God comfort you and bless you!###imported-begin##David Dinsmore##imported-end##

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February 24, 2011 at 12:57 PM



“ Family of Richard Blalock: I am so saddened to learn of your loss of Richard so soon after the death of Betty. I did not have the pleasure of meeting you all personally but felt I knew you through the many photographs in the shop. Richard was my favorite barber for many years when I lived in Alpharetta and we enjoyed talking about the good times in Rabun where we both had homes and family. We will all miss him.###imported-begin##Dr. E.W. Donnelly##imported-end##

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February 24, 2011 at 12:55 PM



“ Tina, so sorry for you and your sister. I know we were not ever all that close but I thought the world of you and your family. I know how it feels to lose a parent. May god give you his peace that passes all understanding. Yall are in my pryers. Pirk###imported-begin##Phil Pirkle##imported-end##

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February 24, 2011 at 11:45 AM



“ *Mr Blalock was a new friend to me, when i met him it made me wonder why I hadnt discovered his barbershop in all my years. I barely know him but miss him despite. he was and will always be a awesome man in my book!!*###imported-begin###*andy bardin*###imported-end###

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February 24, 2011 at 11:19 AM



“ *Richard has been a friend for over 40 years. I want forget. Remember, Jesus loves you and will go through this tragic time with you.*###imported-begin###*Bill & Dolores Garrett*###imported-end###

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February 24, 2011 at 10:58 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Richards death. Please accept our condolences. Ray, Anne and family*###imported-begin###*Langley Family*###imported-end###

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February 24, 2011 at 10:26 AM



“ We were so saddened to hear about the loss of Mr. Blalock. Tina as you know Beau went to see him every month for a hair cut since he's 10 years old. Recently we were talking about him and Beau called him Richard. I said he's not Richard he's Mr. Blalock! He said that your dad recently told him after all these years he could call him Richard. He was so sweet and gentle. Beau said there wasn't a single time that he didn't talk about his family and there was a twinkle in his eye when he talked about Cassie and Katie. He was a proud "POP". He will be so missed in the community. I hope you find comfort in knowing he was so loved and we will always keep him in our hearts. We love you and keeping you in are prayers daily. Tricia, Beau, Brittany and Philip###imported-begin###Beau and Tricia Christian###imported-end###

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February 24, 2011 at 10:07 AM



“ We are so very sorry to hear about Richard. He certainly had a positive influence on many young people of Alpharetta in the past and was a good friend to many. Our thoughts and prayers will be with all of your family.

Sincerely,

David and Pat Johnson###imported-begin###Pat Johnson###imported-end###

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February 24, 2011 at 09:04 AM



“ *Katie & Family,  
So sorry to hear about your Pop....I feel I kinda know a little about him just from the little stories you have shared with me about the barber shop and family hair cuts....sounds like a very special person.....my prayers are with you and your family...I'm out but will be back to work on Monday....see you when you return...God Bless!##imported-begin##janet crews##imported-end##*

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February 24, 2011 at 09:02 AM



“ *Tina and Paddie. The Jackson family will always be thankful for your Dad. He began our football careers and Tina (pattie was not born yet) But Tina and your mom cheered us on!! Now we will be cheering for all of you to be strong and I thank God every day for Richard. God Bless you all !! Mike Jackson #11##imported-begin##Mike Jackson##imported-end##*

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February 24, 2011 at 08:41 AM



“ *We loved Pop and respected the great man that he was. We will always fondly remember his great love for his family, his cabin, ACC basketball, and all things good. A wise man to be emulated.##imported-begin##The Scudders##imported-end##*

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February 24, 2011 at 08:32 AM



“ Girls, Richard has been my barber and friend since the early 1960's when he and Oliver opened the shop on South Main. I mourn your loss. He was a true friend, whom I will miss. We would meet up on many Friday nights at Slopes BBQ. He was always smiling when he came in the door with your Mom.###imported-begin##Tony Allen###imported-end##

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February 24, 2011 at 08:27 AM

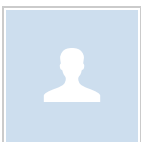


“ Pop,

We are going to miss you so very much but we know that you are reunited with our wonderful Nannie. You have been a true blessing to us as a grandfather & we will never forget all of the wonderful times and memories we had and made with you and Nannie. You are truly a wonderful, caring, loving, thoughtful, successful man that has inspired not only your family but everyone you have ever met. We love you Pop and tell Nannie we love her too!###imported-begin##Shea, Brian, Aspyn & Jamee###imported-end##

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February 24, 2011 at 08:18 AM



“ Katie,

I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Randy Way###imported-begin##Randy Way###imported-end##

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February 24, 2011 at 07:17 AM



“ Richard truly was a friend to all. He befriended our son who has special needs at an early age and they were constantly bantering about the Bulldogs and Yellow Jackets. Just recently he wore his new Bulldog tshirt at work when Robbie came in for his haircut. We will miss this very kind gentleman....##imported-begin##Dinah and Bob Grollman##imported-end##

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February 23, 2011 at 10:43 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I went to school with Tina and Patti and I want you to know I will be praying for you.##imported-begin##Trina Padgett Davis##imported-end##

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February 23, 2011 at 10:19 PM



“ We are thinking of you all, and praying that God enter your spirits, to lift them up from the sad feeling of losing Pop. He is a great man worthy of remembering with great happiness. Love and prayers to all of you.##imported-begin##Bill and Leigh Longino##imported-end##

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February 23, 2011 at 10:06 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Scott Westbrook##imported-end##

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February 23, 2011 at 09:32 PM



“ Tina and Patti~ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. Alpharetta lost a legend and a great man who touched many lives. May God Bless and comfort you all at this sad time. Love,  
Teena##imported-begin##Teena Hubbard##imported-end##

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February 23, 2011 at 08:39 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. I will always have such fond memories of Richard and Betty Jean. Our prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Ceil & Mike Brown##imported-end##

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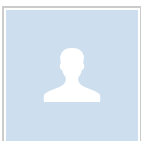
February 23, 2011 at 08:31 PM



“ So sorry for the loss for the family and Alpharetta! My prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Jeanna Roper##imported-end##

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February 23, 2011 at 08:23 PM



“ We were heartbroken to hear this news as just the brief interactions we have had with your Dad and Grandfather left a wonderful memorable mark. What a special man, loved and adored by all. You are all in our thoughts and prayers and we will be with you in spirit these next days ahead. With love, the Staitis##imported-begin##Sandi & Jim Staiti##imported-end##

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February 23, 2011 at 08:14 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear the sad news of Richard's passing. My heart goes out to all of the family and will remember the family in prayer.##imported-begin##Lucille Wright##imported-end##

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February 23, 2011 at 04:23 PM



“ All of us will miss Richard. He was a strong supporter of our community, particularly a supporter of young people who were involved in sport programs. One thing will never change and that is, he left a wonderful legacy for individual members of his family to cherish as long as they live.##imported-begin##Dr. Charles Goodwin##imported-end##

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February 23, 2011 at 03:43 PM



“ Tina and Patti,  
My heart aches for both of you and your families. I hope you know how much your mom and dad meant to me. Your dad not only coached the first Gray-Y b-ball team that I played on in Alpharetta in 1965 but he also coached one of the first two softball teams for women and girls in Alpharetta. He and Charles McGarity were pioneers in women's sports. Your dad taught me so many things about sports and life that have served me throughout life. I will never forget that the night before my first college Basketball game I recieved a call from your dad, telling me to just remember to have fun! Because of all these things and so many more, every time I drive past the barber shop I cannot help but smile at the wonderful memories! I love you guys and I am praying that God will hold you in his arms as you travel this difficult road.  
Sherry##imported-begin##Sherry Kight##imported-end##

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February 23, 2011 at 02:48 PM



“ *Richard was a mentor to me growing up. He gave this "little fat girl" a chance to play basketball and treated me like I was no different than anybody else. He help build my self esteem and I so glad I stopped by the barbershop one day just to tell him how special he was. There will always be an empty spot in your heart for him, I know, beacuse I was my Daddy's Little Girl. My thourghts and prayers are with you. I love you all.##imported-begin##Martha Richards Stowe##imported-end##*

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February 23, 2011 at 02:17 PM



“ *Godspeed Richard.##imported-begin##jack peevy##imported-end##*

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February 23, 2011 at 07:44 AM



“ *Tina & Paddie:  
We were very saddened to hear about your dad. He and your Mother were real good friends to our family and we will all miss him. Sorry we can't make it to be with you during this time of sorrow, but our thoughts and prayers are with you and the precious granddaughters that Richard loved and admired so dearly. We Love you  
Winton & Sarah Cox##imported-begin##Winton & Sarah Cox##imported-end##*

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February 22, 2011 at 07:56 PM