



Blair Ross Couey Sr.

September 27, 1952 - January 7, 2023

Blair Ross Couey Sr. passed away January 7, 2023 at the age of 70. Blair was born September 27, 1952 in Midland, TX. He lived on the Couey Family Ranch in Garden City until they moved back to El Campo in 1956 due to a severe drought in the region. He and his family moved to El Campo, he enrolled in the El Campo School District and he has been a Ricebird ever since. He excelled in track and baseball from an early age and at the age of 11 he was selected to run in the AAU 200-yard relay, representing the Southeastern US Region. He had clocked the fastest 50-yard dash time in Texas for his age to qualify. In baseball he was awarded unanimous all district honors and it led him to play college baseball for Blinn Junior College and later for Sam Houston State University where he graduated with a degree in Agri-business. He was also a member of the KA Fraternity at Sam Houston State and was very proud of winning the annual Soap Box Derby race three years straight. He still enjoyed the need for speed after moving back home and competed in the Palacios Texas Firecracker Five Hundred Annual Boat Race winning his division more than once.

Blair and Denise were inseparable; this being said more than once. If you saw or heard ones voice or laughter the other was not far behind. Blair went on to marry the love of his life Denise, on September 11, 1976. Blair worked with his family's farming and cattle operation for the next 12 years before becoming the Managing Partner in Mauritz and Couey Petroleum Marketing. In 1985 he

was chosen for the Outstanding Young Men of America Award that he proudly hung in his office throughout his career. He worked in the petroleum industry for 20 years until the company was sold in 2006. During that time, he sat on many boards including the TPCA Board of Trustees, Conoco National Board of Convenience Store Marketing, El Campo Planning and Zoning, El Campo Chamber of Commerce, El Campo City Development, and Methodist Day Care. He was also a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus #2490 where he held the position of Faithful Navigator and Trustee. He was a member of St. Phillip the Apostle Catholic Church, was an active ACTS member and enjoyed teaching 9th grade CCE for many years. He was also a founding member of Showplace 3 Cinema and a founding member of Gulf Stream Construction, LLC dba Lewing Buildings.

Blair and Denise were blessed with two sons; Blair Ross Couey Jr. and Tristan Kight Couey, wife Kristin. They were also blessed with 3 grandchildren; Cameron Blair Couey, Connor Tristan Couey and Charlotte Marie Couey. Blair always enjoyed competitive sports and found himself playing in and organizing many sports tournaments. His love for sports led him to coach his own two boys teams in Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball for 15 years. Later on in life he has found himself back around the sports fields watching and helping his grandchildren. His grandchildren knew him as "Pops" and he was a proud grandfather, rarely missing any events, whether it be dance or baseball. He enjoyed spending time with his family at the bay and never turned down an opportunity to teach someone how to water ski or cast a fishing rod. He also enjoyed riding out to the family farm to go hunting, check the cows, or just look at the crops. Blair also enjoyed listening to music, dancing, playing golf, traveling, and sharing in his wife's art interests.

Blair is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Denise Kight Couey; son, Blair Ross Couey Jr.; son, Tristan Kight Couey and wife Kristin; grandchildren, Cameron Blair Couey, Connor Tristan Couey, and Charlotte Marie Couey.

Additionally, he is survived by his brother, Chris Couey and wife Teresa; brother Gerry Couey and wife Mauri, as well as numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; Ross Harvell and Catherine Harfst Couey; grandparents, Gerard Harold and Hazel Blair Harfst; grandparents, Marvin Layne and Virginia Ross Couey; parent-in-laws, Harold Charles Sr and Nellmarie Tobola Kight, brother in law; Lloyd Alan Kight and nephew Brian Lee Swift.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Friday, January 13 at Triska Funeral Home. A KC Rosary will be recited at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, January 14 at St. Philip Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will follow at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Michael Rother officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Slade Harfst, Jason Bubela, Chad Kight, Dustin Kight, Collin Couey, Clinton Couey, Billy Edmiston – U.S. Marine and Connor Couey. Honorary pallbearers will be Dale Kight, Blaine Kight, Harold Kight Jr., Al Tenant, Larry Swift, Kelly Strong, David Bubela, Duane Arbuckle, Mike Clements, Robert Taylor, Steve Svatek, J. Brent Schiurring, Paul Pope, Leon Macha, Joe Svrcek, Damon Parker, Billy Hodges, Rocky Hamman, Laurence Armour, Mark Byrom, Kody Gerke, Nathan Bubela, Matthew Bubela, Paul Gordon, Anthony Collins David Hodges, Stan Labay and Philip Miller.

Memorial donations in memory Blair may be made to St. Philip Catholic Church, St. Philip School or Houston Hospice – El Campo.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Memorial Park

1617 South Mechanic Street
El Campo, TX 77437
(979) 543-3770

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
triskafh@sbcglobal.net

Rosary

JAN 14. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Philip Catholic Church
304 W. Church Street
El Campo, TX 77437
<http://stphilipapostle.org/>

Funeral Mass

JAN 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Philip Catholic Church
304 W. Church Street
El Campo, TX 77437
<http://stphilipapostle.org/>

Tribute Wall

LW

“ *L Walla lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.*



L Walla - February 03, 2023 at 12:43 AM

LW

Denise, Our deepest condolences to you and your family for the loss of Blair. He was a kind soul. May God grant you peace during this time. L Walla

L Walla - February 03, 2023 at 12:45 AM

AA

“ *Aileen Avendano lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.*



Aileen Avendano - January 30, 2023 at 05:52 PM

PT

“ *Pat Taylor lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.*



Pat Taylor - January 17, 2023 at 05:59 PM

LK

“ *Linda Kram lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.*



Linda Kram - January 15, 2023 at 08:42 PM

LK

Ken & I are so sorry to hear about your loss. May Blair Rest In Peace. Sending prayers for you & your family.

Linda Kram - January 15, 2023 at 08:46 PM



“ *I just recently came to know the Couey family as I was fortunate enough to be Blair Jrs. Nurse at memorial Hermann sugarland. My heart goes out to the entire family in their loss and it is my sincere wish for the loving hands of God to surround them. God bless. Stacy Monday, BSN, Rn, Cmsrn.*

Stacy Monday - January 14, 2023 at 01:34 PM

MK

“ *Dear Denise & Family, Hubert enjoyed having Blair in his architectural drafting classes. They maintained their friendship into the present day. Please accept our prayers & heartfelt sympathy. Love, Hubert & Mary Jane*

Mary Jane Kaiser - January 14, 2023 at 01:08 PM

JG

“ Blair did me the honor of serving as a groomsman for our wedding. Candy and I are thankful for a lifetime of friendship and support. Beginning with Little League- when Eagles and Orioles graced the diamond, Blair and I shared a love of baseball that hit it's peak as Ricebird teammates at ECHS. A personal highlight of those times was riding together to away Connie Mack summer baseball games in Blair's 442 while sharing another mutual passion- discovering and listening to the latest rock music...courtesy of Blair's abundant collection of 8 track albums. I'm pretty sure that we attended our first (at least for me) concert together...Grand Funk Railroad and Bloodrock at the Sam Houston Coliseum. Though we went our separate ways after high school, our friendship was easily rekindled when we'd reconnect over the years. Blair- I salute you for a life well lived and for making the world a little better, a little kinder, and a little more fun for all of us.

James Gerberman - January 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM

MS

“ Martin Strarup lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.



Martin Strarup - January 13, 2023 at 11:40 PM

JF

“ Joshua Barosh Family lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.



Joshua Barosh Family - January 13, 2023 at 06:41 PM

TD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Thomas Drury - January 13, 2023 at 03:23 PM

TD

“ My family relocated to El Campo in 1969. When I arrived at El Campo High School, on the first day of school that year, I didn't know anyone. I was fortunate to have been befriended by Blair and to spend memorable times with him in those days. He remains, to this day, and forevermore, one of the coolest guys I have ever been around (in the old-fashioned sense of that word, a la James Dean). He exuded a quiet confidence and a generosity of spirit that has stayed with me for these 50+ years. I didn't know him well, but I know he lived a full and meaningful life and was a source of strength and comfort to a great many people. I will remember him and tell his story as long as I live.

*Thomas "Tom" Drury
El Campo Ricebird, Class of 1971*

Thomas D. Drury - January 13, 2023 at 02:54 PM

RE

“ Robert L Erta lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.



Robert L erta - January 13, 2023 at 02:50 PM

JF

“ John And Anna Wissinger And Family lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.



John and Anna Wissinger and Family - January 13, 2023 at 01:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Blair Ross Couey Sr..



January 12, 2023 at 09:51 PM

GP

“ Ginger Ann Preite lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.



Ginger Ann Preite - January 12, 2023 at 07:32 PM

GP

Blair was a great friend always lending a helping hand to others. May God's blessings be with his family.. 🙏🥰

Ginger Ann Preite - January 12, 2023 at 07:35 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Blair Ross Couey Sr..*



January 12, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ *Denise: My nephew, Don Al Middlebrook that lives there in El Campo, called to tell me about Blair. There's not much one can say but I'm sorry. Had some good times introducing y'all to the Movie/Theatre industry. Bob Mortensen*

Bob Mortensen - January 12, 2023 at 05:44 PM



“ *Marilyn Rutledge sent a virtual gift in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.*



Marilyn Rutledge - January 12, 2023 at 01:01 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Blair Ross Couey Sr..*



January 12, 2023 at 10:59 AM

LG

“ *Linda Garcia lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.*



Linda Garcia - January 12, 2023 at 10:23 AM

MA

“ *Denise, Tristan and family. Mary and I were shocked and saddened to read about Blair’s death. He always took time to talk every time we saw each other. I will miss those talks and seeing him around town, usually with Denise or Tristan. He was a good person.*



mack anderson - January 12, 2023 at 10:22 AM

LM

“ *Lu Matzke lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.*



Lu Matzke - January 12, 2023 at 09:32 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Blair Ross Couey Sr..*



January 11, 2023 at 11:22 PM

DE

“ I went to Sam Houston with Blair..
I always respected Blair...RIP Brother Blair Couey.

Dean Evans - January 11, 2023 at 05:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Blair Ross Couey Sr..



January 11, 2023 at 03:04 PM

PT

“ Denise,
Bruce and I are so sad to hear about Blair's
passing. He was such a great guy who will be
missed by all who knew him. Please know
that we are both praying for you, your family
and the repose of his soul.



Pam Turner - January 11, 2023 at 12:08 PM

CT

“ Carol Z. Tomlinsson lit a candle in memory of
Blair Ross Couey Sr.



Carol Z. Tomlinsson - January 11, 2023 at 11:39 AM

VH

“ Vickie Holub lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.



Vickie Holub - January 11, 2023 at 08:38 AM

BW

“ Our expression of sympathy go out to Denise and Family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless. Bernice & Larry Wagner, Jr.

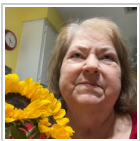
Bernice Wagner - January 11, 2023 at 08:35 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Blair Ross Couey Sr..



January 11, 2023 at 07:25 AM



“ Elaine Cook lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.



Elaine Cook - January 11, 2023 at 03:32 AM

AB

“ Denise & family our condolences are for you & your family. Mr. Blair was a very kind man. Whenever I would see both of you together you'll looked so happy. Treasure your memories they will keep Mr. Couey in your heart. May he rest in peace and may the perpetual light shine upon him.



Augie & Terri Beltran - January 11, 2023 at 01:06 AM

DS

“ I am so sorry to hear about Blair's passing. He will always be remembered by his Class of 1971 classmates. My condolences to the whole family.

Don Sevcik - January 10, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Leslie Schroder lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.



Leslie Schroder - January 10, 2023 at 09:57 PM

LS

“ Liz Staff lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.



Liz Staff - January 10, 2023 at 09:22 PM

RJ

“ So sorry Denise! My thoughts and prayers are with you, the boys and the rest of your family. May you find comfort in all the great memories shared with Blair. RIP Blair.



Rae Ann Johnson - January 10, 2023 at 08:27 PM

CK

“ Carrin And Jerry Katz lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.



Carrin and Jerry Katz - January 10, 2023 at 07:26 PM

PD

“ Patricia Dybala lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.



Patricia Dybala - January 10, 2023 at 07:17 PM

JW

“ Jerry & Janice Winter lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.



Jerry & Janice Winter - January 10, 2023 at 06:47 PM

SC

“ Denise and family- I was so saddened to hear of your beloved Blair's passing. You have my heartfelt sympathy at this time. May Blair rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him. I pray God will grant you His loving comfort. Bless you.

Sandra Cranek - January 10, 2023 at 06:09 PM

RM

“ Rob Myers purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Blair Ross Couey Sr..



Rob Myers - January 10, 2023 at 05:55 PM

SE

“ Susie Bohning Ecklund lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.



Susie Bohning Ecklund - January 10, 2023 at 05:40 PM

SS

“ Sandra Stary lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.



Sandra Stary - January 10, 2023 at 05:22 PM

AS

“ Allen And Judy Sefcik lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.



Allen and Judy Sefcik - January 10, 2023 at 05:22 PM

BC

“ Becky Chomout lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.



Becky Chomout - January 10, 2023 at 04:57 PM

RS

“ Randy McMahan & Delores Staff lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.



Randy McMahan & Delores Staff - January 10, 2023 at 04:10 PM

DS

“ David & Charlene Linhart Smith lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.



David & Charlene Linhart Smith - January 10, 2023 at 03:14 PM

CB

“ Charlene Borak lit a candle in memory of Blair Ross Couey Sr.



Charlene Borak - January 10, 2023 at 01:24 PM

GD

Denise, I'm so sad to hear about Blair's passing. He has been special to me since childhood, a sweet person. I loved him, and send my love to you and your family, he'll be missed as El Campo is really a large family, everyone cares and grieves together. May God give you peace.

Gloria Dowden - January 10, 2023 at 03:30 PM

DC

*Denise and Family - Please know we were saddened to learn of Blair's passing. Thinking of you.
Jim and Delores Cox*

Delores Cox - January 10, 2023 at 04:37 PM