

## Ronald Lawrence Blevins

June 28, 1944 - August 24, 2023

Ronald L. Blevins, 79, of West Point, VA died August 24, 2023, at home after a lengthy illness, surrounded by his family.

Ron was a graduate of Goldey Beacom Junior College in Wilmington, DE, and of Old Dominion University. He was a member of West Point United Methodist Church and was a former President of the West Point Kiwanis Club and the King William Chapter of the American Cancer Society. He was born June 28, 1944, at home in Stockton, MD to R. Quincy and Eileen M. (Bell) Blevins.

He was a senior vice president of Virginia National Bank, Trust Operations Executive of Sovran Bank, and a senior vice president of C&S/Sovran and Nationsbank (all predecessors of Bank of America) before retiring in 1994. He retired as Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of Eastern Virginia Bankshares, Inc. in 2010. Committed to banking education and professionalism, he was a frequent instructor and speaker at banking schools managed by The American Bankers Association, Bank Administration Institute, and others, including programs at Northwestern, University of Wisconsin, Pepperdine, UNCC, and Campbell University. He was co-author of a junior college textbook, *The Trust Business*, published by The American Bankers Association.

Ron had been dedicated to genealogy research and writing since 1970 and is

nationally known for his work on the Ashley, Blevins and Sizemore families. His manuscripts can be accessed at the Ashe County, NC, Library and the Grayson County, VA, Heritage Foundation office.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers R. Quincy Blevins, Jr., and Richard E. Blevins, and by his son-in-law, Ricky L Garrett.

Ron was devoted to his wife, daughters, and grandchildren and loved spending time with them. The family has wonderful memories of trips to the Outer Banks and to the mountains of western North Carolina, two of Ron's favorite places. He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Betty Ann (Payne) Blevins; three daughters: Pamela Garrett of Aylett, Joanna Ambrose (Jim) of Mechanicsville, and Shannon Slattery of West Point; five grandchildren: Jacob Cutlip, Kelly Garrett, Kaitlyn Garrett, Elliott Ambrose, and Evan Ambrose; his brother, Rev. Daniel Blevins (Vicki) of Salisbury, MD; and ten nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Monday, August 28, at 11:00 AM at West Point United Methodist Church, 1020 Main Street, West Point, VA 23181. A celebration of Ron's life will immediately follow at 12:00 PM. Following the service, there will be fellowship and light refreshments, also at West Point UMC. A burial will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, September 2nd in First Baptist Church Cemetery, 204 Fourth Street, Pocomoke City, MD.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to West Point Volunteer Fire and Rescue, P.O. Box X, West Point, VA 23181; or to West Point United Methodist Church, PO Box 610, West Point, VA 23181.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

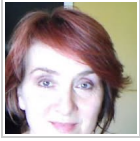
West Point United Methodist Church  
1020 Main Street  
West Point, VA 23181

## Celebration

AUG **28**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I am very sorry to hear of Ron's death. I remember he was a lovely, kind man who talked a lot about his family. Ron hired me at Virginia National Bank in Norfolk many years ago. He took a chance with a foreign woman married to a sailor when no one else would. I learned a lot working with him; he was patient, funny, charming and tolerant of my lack of banking experience. I am very lucky to have known him and deeply saddened by his death.  
W Foster-Simeon

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**Wendy Foster-Simeon** - March 02, 2024 at 04:17 PM

FS

“ FAITH SILVA lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lawrence Blevins



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**FAITH SILVA** - September 08, 2023 at 09:12 AM

GH

“ My condolences to The Blevins Family in the lost of their love one. I worked with Ron fourteen years. He was a very intelligent and kind person who shared many stories with the crew and remembered dates also! Ron will be missed but I'm sure he lived a fulfilling life. Keep his memory alive in your heart. God Bless.



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**Gale Holmes** - August 31, 2023 at 02:18 PM

CH

“ *C Gale Holmes lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lawrence Blevins*



**C Gale Holmes** - August 31, 2023 at 11:07 AM

AW

“ *Avril & Gerald Williams lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lawrence Blevins*



**Avril & Gerald Williams** - August 31, 2023 at 10:52 AM

JD

“ *So sorry to hear about Mr. Blevins. He was very kind & helpful to me when I first started my own genealogy journey almost 30 years ago. He will be missed by many. Sending prayers to his family.*

*Jennifer Dollar (a Blevins descendant & distant cousin)  
Ashe County, NC*



**Jennifer Dollar** - August 31, 2023 at 05:41 AM

JB

“ *Betty and Family: We are so very sorry to hear about the passing of Ron. We pray God's blessings and comfort upon each of you. Jim and Bevery Ross*



**Jim & Beverly** - August 29, 2023 at 09:17 PM

BD

“Ronnie and my paths crossed when, my sister Lynn married his brother Danny. For the past 55+ years, it has been a privilege to be an extended part of the Blevins family. Betty, and girls, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. I know his journey had been difficult for quite some time. And you are to be commended for the loving support given. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this time.  
In Deepest Sympathy,  
Bonnie Thompson Dennis

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**Bonnie T. Dennis** - August 28, 2023 at 11:45 AM

DH

“Ron was instrumental in our work for the HAM surname in Grayson and Ashe County areas. had contributed to "A Short History of the HAM Surname in Virginia & NC" and was passionate about genealogy.



As I recall, he also attended our presentation of our book and HAM DNA Project results at the Ashe County library back in 2007.

We had corresponded often about the Ashe County families that were pertinent to our areas of interest.

I am so sorry for your loss. My sympathies to the family.

- Dave Hamm, Franklin, Ohio

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**Dave Hamm** - August 28, 2023 at 09:03 AM

MH

“Betty and family I am so sorry to hear this. Know our prayers are with you.  
Mike and Mary Ann Hayes

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**MaryAnn Hayes** - August 28, 2023 at 08:23 AM

JP

“ So sorry for your loss. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Judy and Glenn Palmer - August 27, 2023 at 07:40 PM

DG

“ Betty, I am so sorry to hear about your husband. He was always such a delight to meet. My prayers and thoughts for you and your family. Dorothy Gladding



Dorothy Gladding - August 27, 2023 at 05:51 PM

TT

“ Tracey Talbert lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lawrence Blevins



Tracey Talbert - August 27, 2023 at 02:42 PM

TT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am sending thoughts and prayers to you all!

Tracey Talbert - August 27, 2023 at 02:41 PM

MP

“ So sorry to hear the news. I hear about Mr. Blevins' passing from a distant cousin of his in Ancestry.

*My father is a cousin of Betty Ann, Kenneth Edward Payne, son of Burlie and Bessie Payne. I have some old pictures of Betty Ann's family if she is interested.*

*I am very sorry for the family's loss.*

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**Margot Ann Payne** - August 27, 2023 at 02:09 PM

TG

“ Tina Gulley lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lawrence Blevins



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**tina gulley** - August 27, 2023 at 10:41 AM

JS

“ Thinking and praying for Pam and your family during this difficult time.

*Bel Crest HOA board and residents.*

*Jim Stutts*

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**Jim Stutts** - August 27, 2023 at 10:01 AM

RP

“ Thinking of this Family and the good memories. My cousin stayed with you folks for a while. Always caring and giving,

*Richard Kelley Parkes*

*Williamsburg, Virginia*

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**Richard K. Parkes** - August 27, 2023 at 03:21 AM

BL

“ *Barbara Leidig lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lawrence Blevins*



Barbara Leidig - August 26, 2023 at 05:50 PM

BL

“ *I'm so very sorry Betty and family! Praying for each of you!*

Barbara Leidig - August 26, 2023 at 05:50 PM

KM

“ *Condolences to the family!*



Kimberly Moran - August 26, 2023 at 04:48 PM

BA

“ *Brenda Anerton lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lawrence Blevins*



Brenda Anerton - August 26, 2023 at 03:38 PM

BT

“ *Barbara Taylor lit a candle in memory of  
Ronald Lawrence Blevins*



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**Barbara Taylor** - August 26, 2023 at 02:47 PM

BT

*His legacy lives on with his wonderful work on the North Carolina families. He was an inspiration, a great help to me personally and will be sorely missed. My sincere condolences to Ron's family.*

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**Barbara Taylor** - August 26, 2023 at 02:45 PM

GC

“ *Dear Betty, family and friends,  
With heartfelt sympathy...cherish your  
precious memories.  
Gloria Couch (formerly Foster)*



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**Gloria Couch** - August 26, 2023 at 12:06 PM