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William "Bill" J. Blair, age 90, passed away on April 14, 2025. Raised in Beaver Falls, PA, Bill earned his bachelor's degree from Geneva College and his Master's degree from Temple University. He was a standout player on the men's basketball team, earning All-American honors and setting a school record of 2,052 points, which stood for many years. Due to his significant basketball accomplishments, Bill was nominated to the Beaver County Hall of Fame and Geneva College Hall of Fame.

After graduating, Bill served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1962. He later moved with his children, Margaret and Gregory, and their mother the late Sonya Brown, to Stratford, NJ. There he began his career as a guidance counselor, retiring from Gateway Regional High School after over 30 years. Throughout his career, Bill dedicated himself to his children, family, and students, serving as both a coach and mentor for youth sports and Basketball and Tennis coaches at Gateway High School.

Bill is preceded in death by his wife and love of his life of 45 years, Elaine Jordan Blair; his son Greg; his sisters Mary Martha, Alice May, and Betty Lou; and his parents, Edith Elma and William Blair. He is survived by his children, Meg (Mark) Thacker, Elaine (Jeff) Luoma, Jen (Casey) Sattler, and William (Nina) Blair; as well as 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to greet the family after 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at the Budd Funeral Home, 522 Salem Avenue, [Woodbury, NJ](#). Funeral Service will be at 11 a.m., followed by interment at Eglington Cemetery. Those wishing to do so may contribute to the Bison Group at www.thebisongroup.org.

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My prayers go out to all of Mr. Blair children's and family. Mr. Blair was a kind and understanding person, who always made time to listen to his students. Mr. Blair will be greatly missed by everyone. Rest in peace and is reunited with his wife. God Bless.

Helenann M (McGovern) Knopp

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