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## **I**n Loving Memory of Maudine Blair

On February 18th, 2026, Maudine Blair went to be with the Lord at the age of 101. She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Eugene Goode and Della Wright Blair.

She is survived by her brother, Floyd Franklin Blair (Sharon) of Ocala, FL; her niece, Susan Blair Warford (Jim) of Washougal, WA; her nephew, Michael Blair (Jeanie) of Lake Worth Beach, FL; her grandniece, Katie Blair Emery (Anton) of Portland, OR; her grandnephew, Lucas Warford (Samantha) and great grandnephew, Jack of Bellingham, WA; her grand-niece, Jessica Blair of Los Angeles, CA; her grandnephew, Nathan Warford (Christina), great grandniece Nora, and great-grandnephew Javier of Tampa, FL; and her long-time friend and caregiver, Donna Linkovich Spooner of Tallahassee, FL.

### Early Life and Education

Maudine was born in Ft. Payne, Alabama. When she was four years old, her parents moved the family to Tifton, Georgia. Throughout her childhood and high school years in Tifton, Maudine excelled at learning about and interacting with people. Her classmates recognized her as “most talkative” in her senior superlatives, a trait that served her well throughout her life. As a teenager, Maudine practiced the kindness that her parents taught her by visiting people in a nearby nursing home and bringing them treats, be it a tin of snuff or a pack of handkerchiefs, as well as her irresistible brand of joyful fun.

Polio interrupted Maudine’s professional career at Florida State University, leading to a lifetime of battling the residual pain of a weak back and lower left extremities. For a year, she was bedridden, three months of which was spent at the Roosevelt Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital in Warm Springs, GA where she spread her cheer to the other patients despite her own pain and disability. Her happy mischief was legendary among the hospital staff as well as her



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fellow sufferers of that debilitating disease. During her confinement to bed, she wrote a light-hearted book about her experiences, entitled "Bedititis."

She attended Queens College in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she joined the Alpha Omicron Pi Fraternity. Maudine went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in constructive design from Florida State University and a Master of Education degree in counseling from the University of Georgia. Subsequently, she served as Assistant Director of Counseling and Personnel Services at Florida State University. In mid-career, at the urging of co-workers who observed how many friends of all ages came to her for sage advice on personal and career issues, she earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Marriage and Family Therapy at Florida State University.

### Career and Legacy

In 1970, Maudine founded the first privately owned counseling center in Leon County. In keeping with her boundless creativity and desire to help those who wanted to improve themselves and their relationships with family, co-workers and all whom they would come in contact. She located her practice in an office building where her professional clients could go without revealing that they were getting counseling. She combined her unique blend of psychological models with her captivating personality and an infectious sense of humor to help countless clients—ranging in age from two and a half to ninety-six—lead happier and more fulfilling lives. A person of deep faith, Maudine often said that God was the chairman of her Board, and she considered her mission in life to be "helping people."

Maudine put all her energy and heart into her practice, seeing clients individually, running two 2 ½ hour groups for five evenings a week, and holding, with boundless vigor, weekend marathon group sessions of up to 40 people several times a year in the mountains of East Tennessee. She even designed and built a lodge overlooking Dry Valley close to Townsend, TN to hold her marathons, creating memorable and healing experiences for her clients. In addition to Blair's Counseling Service, she instituted Florida Communications and Management Institute for the purpose of improving intra and interpersonal communications skills in the workplace, a business she extended to Tennessee.

Maudine was a life-long learner who studied professional publications to continuously sharpen her craft. To that end, she participated in many professional organizations including the American Psychological Association (Life Member), which, considering her Ph.D. dissertation, deemed her a psychologist; the American Group Psychotherapy Association (Life Member and



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Certified Group Psychotherapist), International Transactional Analysis Association, and American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (Clinical Fellow).

Maudine continued her professional practice until August of 2024, when her health no longer allowed her to do so. Even then, she brought joy to everyone who approached her bedside, continuing to touch the lives of those around her and leaving a lasting memory of her infinite kindness, sharp wit, and professional expertise.

### Charitable Gift

Should you wish to honor Maudine with a charitable gift, please donate to Big Bend Hospice at <https://bigbendhospice.org/foundation/donate/>. You may request that notification of your gift be sent to Donna “BB” Spooner, Ph.D., P.O. Box 14595, Tallahassee, FL 32317. Email address: [D.L.Spooner@att.net](mailto:D.L.Spooner@att.net).



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In loving memory, Today I write with deep gratitude and love as I remember an extraordinary woman—a gifted therapist, a devoted Christian, and a cherished friend—who blessed this world for 101 remarkable years. It is rare to encounter someone whose wisdom is matched by their humility, whose faith is as steady as their compassion, and whose presence alone brings clarity and peace. She was that person for me. As a therapist, she possessed an uncommon gift: the ability to truly see people. Not just their struggles, but their potential. Not just their wounds, but their strength. She listened without judgment, guided without control, and counseled with both professional excellence and Christ-centered grace. Her faith was never imposed, only lived—quietly, consistently, and powerfully. On a personal level, she helped me transform my life. Through her steady guidance, I learned to communicate more thoughtfully, to respond rather than react, and to navigate relationships with greater patience and understanding. She taught me that growth requires courage, that forgiveness is strength, and that humility opens doors that pride keeps shut. Because of her, I became more aware of how I treat others—and more intentional about doing better. What made her extraordinary was not just her skill, but her spirit. At 101 years old, her mind remained sharp, her heart open, and her faith unwavering. She embodied the scripture she believed in—living a life of service, love, and steadfast trust in God. Her legacy is not only in the countless clients she helped, but in the ripple effect of healthier relationships, restored families, and changed lives that continue because of her influence. I will forever be grateful for her counsel, her kindness, and her friendship. Though she is no longer with us in body, the wisdom she shared lives on in my daily choices, in the way I interact with others, and in the deeper faith she encouraged me to embrace. Well done, good and faithful servant. Your race was long, your impact profound, and your life beautifully lived. With love and gratitude, Trish Blaha

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