



## Sylvia A. Blas

April 12, 1954 - January 17, 2018

Sylvia A. Blas, 63, of Sumter, SC, wife of Joseph E. Blas, passed away on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at Palmetto Health Tuomy.

Friends and family are invited to attend her visitation on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 6 o'clock to 8 o'clock PM at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 1:30 PM at First Church of God, 10383 US-78, Summerville, SC 29483. Burial will follow at Riverview Memorial Park.

Sylvia was born on April 12, 1954 in Valdosta, GA, daughter of the late Ernie Clayton and Loretta Clayton. She graduated in 1972 from Valdosta High School. She then went on to receive her LPN Nursing degree from Valdosta Tech. She loved quilt making and singing/playing guitar. Most of all she enjoyed volunteering at United Ministries in Sumter.

Survivors including her husband Joseph are: four daughters: Keri Eason (Chad) of Valdosta, GA, Valerie Mattocks (David) of Jacksonville, FL, Leslie Staples of San Antonio, TX and KelleyJo Bruenning (Mike) of Navarre, FL; one son: Timothy Bland (Missy) of Quitman, GA; ten grandchildren; two brothers: Russell Clayton of Statenville, GA and Leslie Clayton of Florida; one sister: Vicky Bland (Jim) of Florida. Sylvia was predeceased by one brother: Owen Clayton.

Flowers will be accepted.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at [www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com).

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH  
MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

# Cemetery Details

**Riverview Memorial Park**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**JAN 20.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483  
(843) 873-4040  
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

### Service

**JAN 21.** 1:30 PM (ET)

First Church of God Summerville  
10383 US-78  
Summerville, SC 29483

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sylvia A. Blas*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *I am remembering Sylvia from our Jr Hi and High School years. We had some good times in the hot tobacco fields at Aunt Stella and Uncle Edgar's. My condolences to all of the Clayton family and to the Blas family. May you find peace during this difficult time.*

**Venice Minton Taw** - January 20, 2018 at 08:37 PM



“ *Sylvia was my sister in law, I was married to her brother Owen which she introduced us. When he was dying of lung cancer, Sylvia came over daily to check on him and after he passed she even helped hospice comb his hair correctly. I first met her in Lowndes school and we run into each other years later both divorced and went to Positive CHristian singles dances, then she introduced me to Owen. I will always been grateful for that he was the love of my life.*

*Peggy*

**peggy shiver barnes** - January 20, 2018 at 02:46 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Joseph Blas - January 20, 2018 at 08:14 AM



*I never realized that this lady was destined to share the rest of her life with me. Unbelievable, and so thankful that she said Yes,,,,,This picture was taken right after we first met at McKey Park in Valdosta, Georgia. 1991*

Joseph Blas - January 20, 2018 at 08:19 AM



*She was a lovely, kind student.*

Betty Ann - January 28, 2022 at 02:00 AM

“ Sylvia came into my life when my dad met her at a Christian Singles group. I was about 12 years old. At first I was tossed with the idea of my dad remarrying another woman other than being with my mom. I had a few rebellious moments as to be expected for a child. She made my father happy for 25 years and helped to raise me well into adulthood. I watched the beginning of their relationship bloom and watched a couple show love and devotion to each other. For that I'm eternally grateful as I based marital happiness on my parents relationship. When her health began to fade over the last few years, I watched as that love kept them together and as my father bent over backwards to care and provide for her. Through any of the endured stress, their love stayed true and strong. I hope that my marriage reflects this. I always fought the desire she eventually grew to have for me to call her "Mom", but I finally gave in once I grew up physically and mentally and had done so for the last few years (off and on). I know it meant the most to her as she meant more to me than I ever let on. I am a strong and stubborn person but she tolerated me with love.



*Memories I will never forget:*

*-After I lost my biological mom, she had gotten me a white kitten for my late birthday. She and my father had been married for 3-4 years by this point.*

*-Many evenings sitting with my parents singing while they played their guitars*

*-Being surprised, disappointed, and surprised again when they gifted me with my first car*

*-Being forced (yes, this sounds counter-happy) to learn to drive a stick shift (her truck)*

*-Being taught to have respect for those older than me with "yes ma'am, no ma'am" and "yes sir, no sir" (Sorry dad, I know you taught me well, but we always answered with "yeah"... lol)*

*-Being there to support me when I went through my chemo treatment and not treating me differently just because of the cancer disease*

*-Finally, for loving my father with her whole heart*

*I rest easy knowing that whatever is after this life, she is not in the constant pain. I rest easy knowing that she knew she was well loved and had a family that loved her back. I rest easy knowing that she is surrounded by those who loved her for qualities and her faults. I rest easy knowing that whatever is after this life, when the time comes, we will all be together again. Lay in peace and rest all your troubles, Mom. We love you.*

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**KelleyJo Bruenning** - January 19, 2018 at 09:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sylvia A. Blas.*



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January 19, 2018 at 07:35 PM



“ *It sadden me to hear if Sylvia's passing. I went to school with her when we were in Junior High and High School. I would see her from time to time in Lake Park, GA after we graduated. She was always wearing a nice smile. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

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**Vickie Byrd** - January 19, 2018 at 03:46 PM

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“*Sylvia and I drifted apart as adults, but she was a dear part of my teen years. We were very close in junior high and high school and for a few years after. The only time I ever skipped school, I was with Sylvia. Liz was in the hospital in Hahira, Sylvia had a car, and we decided checking on our buddy was more important than going to class. But my fondest memories are of singing with her. This was mostly after high school. I spent a lot of time at her house over at the dairy. At that time, I attended a lot of gospel sings with my mother. I would bring back songs I had heard and Sylvia would play them on her guitar. Sometimes I had the songs on cassette tape, but many times I only had the words. I would sing the song and Sylvia would pick it out on her guitar. This is no testament to my singing, but to her talent on the guitar. Of course, she had a beautiful voice, too—I just sang harmony. We sang at the Methodist church a number of times and talked about branching out to other churches. I know she would have done it, but I lacked the nerve. One of our favorite songs was “Hallelujah Square”. I hope that’s where she is now and I hope she finds my mama. I know she would love to sing with her.*”

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**Sherry Hammock Love** - January 19, 2018 at 01:44 PM

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“*Sherry Hammock, Venice Minton and Liz Fountain purchased the Sentiments of Serenity S pray for the family of Sylvia A. Blas.*”



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**Sherry Hammock, Venice Minton and Liz Fountain** - January 19, 2018 at 11:55 AM

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“ Love from Vicki, Jim, Charla, and Dede purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Sylvia A. Blas.



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**Love from Vicki, Jim, Charla, and Dede** - January 19, 2018 at 10:27 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sylvia A. Blas.



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January 19, 2018 at 07:26 AM

 Paula Harper-Buchan

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the sad loss of Sylvia. I had the privilege of meeting Sylvia, Joe and the rest of the family when stationed at Aviano AFB in Italy, and when we lived in Vajont. As a pre-teen I spent many a day hanging out at her house as I was friends with Kelly-jo, Leslie, Valerie and of course Tim. Sylvia was instrumental in my desire to learn to play guitar, and my fondest memories was watching both her and Joe play and sing. Sylvia was very kind and opened up her house and home to both the Italian kids and to me, and always welcomed us as part of the family. I'm so sorry that I can't be with you all at such a sad time, but will light a candle and say a little prayer for her from Scotland. Sending hugs to you all x

*Paula Harper-Buchan*

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**Paula Harper-Buchan** - January 19, 2018 at 03:54 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sylvia A. Blas.*



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January 18, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ *Sending prayers to the family! I hadn't seen Sylvia since childhood, but remember spending lots of summer days playing together in Statenville between her house and the grandparents! RIP Sylvia!*

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**Donna Guy** - January 18, 2018 at 07:00 PM



“ *Adoration Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Sylvia A. Blas.*



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January 18, 2018 at 06:27 PM