



Jane Blair Bunting Darnell

Date of Death:

Wednesday, November 18th, 2015

Obituary:

Jane Blair Bunting Darnell was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on December 28, 1932 to Frederick Horner Bunting and Ethel Jane Westfeldt Bunting. She passed peacefully in her home at the age of 82 surrounded by family and friends on November 18, 2015 of natural causes.

The first grandchild to George (Big George) and Martha Westfeldt, her mother doubted if even Queen Elizabeth received as much attention. Blair grew into an intelligent and fiercely strong woman with the determination to live every moment to the fullest. Whether reigning as queen of Proteus (1954), visiting her favorite cousins, touring the American West with friends, diving into cultural studies, or raising her family and exploring her passions, she gave her entire heart to everything she did.

In the beginning Blair attended Louise McGehee School in New Orleans. Later she developed an interest in anthropology and native cultures which drew Blair from Middlebury College in Vermont to the University of New Mexico. This is where she met and fell in love with her husband, Casey Darnell. They married in 1957 and started Alamo Farm, (a Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred breeding & training facility) in Albuquerque's North Valley on the banks of the Rio Grande.

Blair was deeply dedicated and served on many boards. She was a true service leader in her community. Some of her favorites were the American Quarter Horse Association, 4-H, the public school system, the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, Rio Grande Preserve and the New Mexico Horse Council.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frederick Horner Bunting and Ethel Jane Westfeldt Bunting, of Charleston, SC; her husband, Clarence (Casey) Darnell; and her granddaughter, Courtney Darnell of Lonsdale, AR.

Blair is survived by her four children, Kristen (David) Kreger, Cliff (Cindy) Darnell, Emily (Joe Bob) Nuñez, Mary Darnell and Richard Churchill; three grandchildren, Luca (Rheanna) Winters, Carlee Darnell, and Casey Churchill; two step grandchildren, Mathew Chavez and Justin Nuñez; one great grandchild, Stella Grace Winters; sister, Amy Bunting; niece, Sarah Gan and family, Rich Gan, Madeline, and Marris; and many very loved cousins and friends.