



## Brian Blalock

December 21, 1958 - April 14, 2026

Brian Blalock, 67 of Huntsville, Texas, best known for his role as the Sam Houston State photographer—a position he held for nearly two decades, passed away Tuesday night, leaving behind a community that knew and loved him.

Brian spent much of his life capturing meaningful moments for others, but those closest to him will remember the way he showed up in everyday life even more. He had a way of seeing people and making them feel seen both through his camera and in the steadfast, selfless way he lived his life.

After leaving SHSU, Brian took full advantage of his retirement and could often be found in his happy place by the pool with his wife Melodee of 38 years and a cold beer in his hand.

He was also an active member of Lions Club where he was able to live out his life mission of serving others and giving back to the community.

Brian is survived by his two children Katie and Charlie Blalock. Brian also leaves behind the love of his life Melodee Blalock.

Although Brian will be deeply missed. He would likely want us to remember to serve the lord faithfully, serve others relentlessly, and sit by the pool at least 3

times a week!

Family and friends are invited to a memorial service to remember Brian at 10am on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at University Heights Baptist Church with a short reception following.

In Lieu of flowers please send donations to the Blalock- Cook scholarship endowment through Sam Houston State University.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

University Heights Baptist Church  
2400 Sycamore Ave  
Huntsville, TX 77340

# Tribute Wall

SM

“Melody, Katie, and Charlie, my heart is broken for you all to hear of Brian’s passing. My God carry you all through this very difficult time. My love and prayers go out to all of you.

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**Symantha McCrerey** - May 02 at 07:43 PM

SM

“Sending love and deepest condolences to Brian's family and friends 🙏. This is such a huge loss for the SHSU community. I first met Brian in 2009. I was tasked by ORSP to take on the redesign of our office's newsletter. I was forced to learn Adobe InDesign and Brian became my mentor at that point. He was so kind and patient with me as he taught me most of what I needed to know about that program. I will never forget that and I'll always be grateful to him. Godspeed my friend. 🙏



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**Sharla G Miles** - April 24 at 12:22 AM

SM

“From those of long ago at KBTX, we will fondly remember Brian. Prayers for his family and friends.

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**Sylvia McMullen** - April 22 at 09:55 PM

AF

“ My heart breaks. I looked forward to meeting with Brian and Melodee every semester for several years. They kindly hosted a bunch of us crazy college kids, preparing an amazing meal and most times a fun activity for us to all enjoy together. I'll forever cherish a picture Brian went out of his way for in order to get my entire family in one single picture on my husbands graduation day. If you've been to an SHSU graduation, you know how hard it would be for him to find us afterwards, but he did! And he made certain it was perfect! Sending all my love to you, Melodee, and your two wonderful children that he spoke so highly of. Praying for comfort! Thankful to have met and spent time with Brian.

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**Anna Frye** - April 22 at 08:34 PM

MM

“ Thinking of the Blalock Family and sending my love! I worked with Brian from 2009-2013 when I was a student worker in the MarComm office in the Office of University Advancement. He was always a friendly face in our office, which was a tightknit group, and I was lucky to be a part of it. I remember he was always at all the student organization events, games and everything in between and was very patient about reshooting photos or being available for all my ideas for my Today@Sam stories. I remember him fondly from my time at Sam Houston. My prayers and condolences for his family and the loss of a truly great friend and photographer!

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**Meredith Mohr** - April 22 at 02:57 PM

RO

“ So sad to hear of Brian's passing. Had the pleasure of working with him as a student at SHSU from 2014-2016, and something that strikes me as I recollect those memories is how Brian always treated us students as his peers. That kind of mentorship is hard to come by and leaves a really beautiful impression.

*Wishing peace to Brian's friends and family in the time to come.*

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**Romney** - April 22 at 09:17 AM

MM

*I second this, as a student who worked with him! Wonderfully said!*

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**Meredith Mohr** - April 22 at 02:59 PM

MF

“ Marvin Hyvl & Family purchased the Forever in Our Hearts LED Musical Water Globe for the family of Brian Blalock.



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**Marvin Hyvl & Family** - April 18 at 01:21 PM

DP

“ 1 file added to the album Brian and Doug



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**Douglas J. Powell** - April 17 at 07:20 PM

DP

*These two guys have a LOT to learn!! :-)*

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**Douglas J. Powell** - April 17 at 08:37 PM

DE

“ *Dena lit a candle in memory of Brian Blalock*



Dena - April 17 at 02:16 AM

MF

“ *Lifting up the family and friends of Brian Blalock for comfort and strength from our Lord Jesus Christ. Brian will be missed by a lot of people that he helped and left a special impact on many lives.*



Marvin Hyvl & Family - April 16 at 02:47 PM

DB

“ *I was saddened to learn of Brian's passing. He was one of the "good guys." My sympathies are extended to his family.*

Dan Beto - April 16 at 11:18 AM



“ *Sara Noll lit a candle in memory of Brian Blalock*



Sara Noll - April 16 at 11:13 AM



“ *Marjean Creager lit a candle in memory of Brian Blalock*



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**Marjean Creager** - April 16 at 11:05 AM



“ *A great neighbor and friend. I remember when the kids were about 13, Katie "ran away" from home to next door to hang with my niece. I called Brian to tell him of her whereabouts. We had a good laugh about that. Many good memories of great friends with the Blalocks. The hood will mis his always friendly hello.*

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**Marjean Creager** - April 16 at 11:01 AM

AN

“ *Ali Naqi lit a candle in memory of Brian Blalock*



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**Ali Naqi** - April 16 at 10:23 AM

GK

“ *Gayle Kelly lit a candle in memory of Brian Blalock*



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**Gayle Kelly** - April 16 at 10:17 AM