



Richard Owen Ballard

June 25, 1941 - January 26, 2015

Richard Owen Ballard, 73, passed away on January 26, 2015 in Spanish Fork, UT. He was born June 25, 1941 in Murray, Utah to Norman William and Leah Olive Johnson Ballard. He married Joyce Nielson on July 12, 1963 in the Salt Lake Temple in Salt Lake City, UT.

Richard was a great husband and father. He was very valiant in his life. He was adored by all who knew him. He was a wonderful friend to all he associated with. He will be greatly missed.

Richard is survived by wife Joyce Nielson Ballard of Spanish Fork, UT, children Brian (Melinda) Ballard of Byron, WY, Trisha (Aaron) Weaver of Cedar Hills, UT, Michelle (Frank) Mickelson of Lovell, WY, David (Rica) Ballard of Lewisville, TX, Elizabeth (Eric) Stephenson of Saratoga Springs, UT, Angela (Mike) Gammell of Spanish Fork, UT. 24 Grandchildren and 3 Great-Grandchildren, and by brother Shirl Dee Ballard.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers and 1 sister.

There will be a viewing Thursday, January 29, 2015 from 6-8 pm and Friday, January 30, 2015 from 9:30-10:30 am with the services starting at 11am in the Spanish Fork South Stk. Center, 870 E. Canyon Rd., Spanish Fork, UT. Interment will be at the Spanish Fork Cemetery.

We love and miss you Popsie!

Services are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home. To leave condolences visit www.serenityfhs.com

Cemetery

Spanish Fork Cemetery

Spanish Fork, UT,

Events

JAN 29 **Visitation or Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

Wolf Hollow LDS 2nd Ward
870 E Canyon RD, Spanish Fork, UT, US

JAN 30 **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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JAN 30 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:30PM

Wolf Hollow LDS 2nd Ward
870 E Canyon RD, Spanish Fork, UT, US

Comments



“ I am sorry to hear of this loss from the Ballard family. Dick truly is one of the great men of the earth. His commitment to his fellow man will long be remembered among the many people he (and Joyce) touched. Ralph C Jensen

Ralph C Jensen - February 05, 2015 at 09:32 AM



“ Trisha & Aaron, I am so sorry for your loss. and so thankful that we have the knowledge we do of the Plan of Salvation. I know it is still hard to be separated from your loved one. my prayers are with you and your family. Judy Dimick

Judy Dimick - January 30, 2015 at 10:13 AM



“ Sending much love and many prayers to the Ballard family. I have many memories of your home through my junior high and high school years. Dick (and Joyce) were such welcoming hosts to packs of teenagers. You raised some wonderful human beings. Angela is a life long friend and one of the most beautiful people I know. What a wonderful father. Peace be with you all.

Vashti Summervill - January 30, 2015 at 08:37 AM



“ The Gordon H. & Glenda Weaver Family express our love and condolences to all the family. We are so sorry for your loss. We enjoyed working with Brother Ballard in the Kent Washington Stake. He was a joy to be around. He has gone home to meet all of those members of the family that preceded him. We all long for our Heavenly Home to be with all of those we knew before we came to earth. He is happy with all those he loves. We will all miss him very much. We need to be true to the faith until we meet again in our Father's Kingdom.

Gordon & Glenda Weaver

Gordon H. Weaver - January 29, 2015 at 08:01 PM



“ Heaven has gained a genuine good guy. He was a wonderful neighbor and set such a good example for children and adults. We have many happy memories of our association with him. Our love to the Ballard Family.

Sharon & Bruce Roberts - January 29, 2015 at 05:24 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Ballard family!
We are so sorry for your loss!

Koleen and Nick Sponsel - January 29, 2015 at 04:47 PM



“ Dick was my first home teaching companion. I would always look for Dick at church to see what he had to say about the football or basketball game we had played. He was always positive and made me feel better regardless of if we had won or lost the game. His family is a testament to him and his wonderful wife Joyce. My thoughts and prayers are with the Ballard family at this difficult time.

Paul Hessenthaler - January 29, 2015 at 11:57 AM



“ So Sorry for all of the family at this time of parting. We are having many great memory flashbacks of everyone during your time in Byron! Love and prayers in your time of sorrow, Christy and John Petrich and family

Christy Petrich - January 29, 2015 at 10:24 AM



“ Elder Ballard was serving at the MTC when I went through, and later, when I went back to volunteer. I may not have known him personally, but from the weekly encounters I had seeing him and talking to him, he inspired all of us with the happy, optimistic encouragement he gave, and his honest, sincere testimony of the gospel.

Grace Lisch - January 29, 2015 at 09:50 AM



“ Our condolences to Brian and Michelle and the rest of the Ballard family. Dick was a great boss! I really enjoyed working with and knowing him.

Julie Olson - January 29, 2015 at 09:16 AM



“ What a great man! I will always be great full for his example always sharing, loving and caring for others. My association with him has helped me be a better person. I send my love and prayers to all the the family at this time of your loss. He will always be remembered for his goodness!
May Lord strengthen you at this your time of need!

Don Hatch - January 29, 2015 at 08:07 AM



“ What a great and kind man. Always kind and encouraging. Dick was my very first basketball coach. I still remember his instruction for how to properly use the glass. I am grateful that I was able to bump into you several times this past year.

Warmest regards to the Ballard Family.

Kurt Jensen - January 28, 2015 at 09:57 PM



“ "Uncle Ballard", you will be a bright spot in my childhood memories forever. You and your family were an awesome part of my life and a rich blessing. All my love to the Ballards.

Stephanie Ames Messman - January 28, 2015 at 05:53 PM



“ Popsie was never selfish. Always thought of others. He never Complained (unless it was reading the book of mormon for the 27 time or getting suits) about anything. He was an amazing example towards me. Always made each of us grandchildren feel very special in our own way. He never go mad at you. He was always for every event that us grandchildren where in. He made the best jokes that you couldn't help but laugh at. He was always very nice to everyone that he meets. He gave them one of the most unforgettable hugs, kisses, and hard firm pat on the back. We love you Popsie. You will be missed greatly. I love you so much. Thank you for the adventures and memories we have had.

Jamie Ann Weaver

Jamie Weaver - January 28, 2015 at 05:35 PM



“ Richard Owen Ballard was an amazing father, grandfather, husband and example to all those around him. A truly beautiful and selfless person inside and out. I was blessed to be his grandson. Every moment I spent with him I cherished and will cherish for the rest of my life. Every time I stepped foot into grandma and grandpa's house I can honestly say it's the most beautiful thing I ever experienced. All of the love, serenity, And happiness I get every time I visited was just a time of pure happiness. The welcoming of a huge bear hug from grandpa and the gentle kiss from grandma couldn't ask for anything more. The family reunions we all shared, the fishing trips, the meals, the laughter the card games, grandpa's world famous daddieo popcorn. I'm so grateful to have such a close family that shares the values

that grandma and grandpa taught. The bond the keeps us so close is called love and the Ballard family has that bond like no other and I'm happy to be part of it. I'm all my life I have never seen grandpa get mad, impatient, irritated, upset not once. A great person he was and I know where he is now and can't wait to see him someday. I will always have him in my heart and soul.

Brandon David Ballard



Brandon David Ballard - January 28, 2015 at 04:18 PM



“ I will miss my Uncle Dick! I have so many memories growing up spending time with him and his family! He emulated love and was a deeply spiritual person. I so looked up to him as such an amazing example. I love you so much! I will miss your hugs! Love to my wonderful Aunt Joyce and all my Cousins! God bless you always! All my love!

Diane "Nan" Ballard Lee

Diane Lee - January 28, 2015 at 03:50 PM



“ Richard & Joyce have been a great example to us in their love and devotion to each other and their family, and we have loved sharing time with them. He was so kind and served his family and others with a sweet spirit and a strong testimony. He will be greatly missed by all. Love and prayers be with your family. LaMar & Maxine Stephenson

Maxine Stephenson - January 28, 2015 at 02:22 PM



“ Richard is such a kind and nice man. Just the little we know him we are so impressed with the good man he is. No wonder he and your mother have such good children, spouses and grandchildren.

He will always be an example to Bill and I.

We send you our love and may God bless you with a sweet peace and much comfort.

Love, Bill and Irene Gammell

Bill and Irene Gammell - January 28, 2015 at 02:04 PM



“ Brother Ballard was always so friendly, and although it's been over 25 years, I remember he always enjoyed a good laugh with us high school kids. My thoughts and wishes for comfort are with Sister Ballard, Michelle, David, Buffy and the whole family.

Julie Rasmussen Green - January 28, 2015 at 01:46 PM



“ There simply isn't enough room to share all the memories that I have made with Dick. From teaching me how to spin cookies in the snow to having the very best elk hunt of my life. He was a great teacher and example. He was the best friend a guy could have. We did so many things together that it is hard to decide which were the best, I guess they all rank up there pretty high. I, for one, will miss my friend but know I will see him again, in another time and another place. He was someone who you wanted to pattern your life after and he never put himself above anyone else. He was one of the gang. I Love you, my friend.

Rand Ames - January 28, 2015 at 01:32 PM