



Ronald Ballard

February 2, 1946 - September 3, 2010

Funeral services for Mr. Ronald Ballard, 64 of Tenaha, Texas will be 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 5, 2010 at First Baptist Church of Carthage with Dr. Allen Tilley officiating. Burial will follow in Old Center Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be Saturday, September 4, 2010 from 6–8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Mr. Ballard died Friday, September 3, 2010 in Longview, Texas.

Mr. Ronald Dwayne Ballard was born February 2, 1946 in the Old Center Community to the marriage of Leycester and Billye Ruth Graves Ballard. One of three boys, Ronald attended Carthage schools and graduated with the class of 1964. He married Sandra Kay Crawford July 25, 1970 and they celebrated 40 years together. Mr. Ballard devoted 15 years to Carthage High School where he was the Agriculture and DECA teacher. Ronald enjoyed hunting, fishing and was also interested in forestry and timber. Mr. Ballard was a proud member and Deacon of the First Baptist Church in Carthage. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Ballard is survived by his loving wife, Sandra of Tenaha; son, Gregory Ballard of Boston, Massachusetts; daughter, Heather Chiniara and husband A.J. of Frisco; brothers, Lanny Ware and wife Sherry of Old Center and Larry Ware of Flint; brother-in-law: Victor Crawford and wife Marie of Tenaha; grandchildren, Savannah and Chloe Chiniara of Frisco; Numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be the Deacons of First Baptist Church.

The Family requests that memorials may be made to The Baptist Home for Children, P.O. Box 309, Waxahachie, Texas 75168 or Beacon Hospice, P.O. Box 5908, Longview, Texas 75608.

Online condolences may be signed at www.hawthornfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Service

SEP 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Carthage
256 S Market St.
Carthage, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Sandra and Greg,
I am truly sorry for your loss. I did not have opportunity to visit w/you personally, but did want you to know that I have and will remember to pray for you now and in the future. May God bless and comfort you in this difficult time. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.##imported-begin##Tommy Corley##imported-end##*

September 10, 2010 at 12:44 PM



“ *I knew Ronnie for several years when I worked for the school in the transportation dept. Always enjoyed being around him and talking with him. I know that there is nothing that I can say that will take these hard times away from the family, other than saying you will be in my prayers. I could tell you some funny stories about how he would load up those kids in that old bus and take off down the road going out to the farm.##imported-begin##Henry Garrett##imported-end##*

September 09, 2010 at 05:31 PM



“ *My brother Leon Britton and I went to school in Carthage with Ronnie. We remember him fondly and are so very sorry to hear of his passing. May the Lord bless his family and comfort them at this time.##imported-begin##Leona Britton Entwistle##imported-end##*

September 09, 2010 at 04:02 PM



“ *Mr. Ballard was probably my favorite teacher in high school, and i know that he will be GREATLY missed by all!##imported-begin##Amber (Spearman) Reece##imported-end##*

September 09, 2010 at 12:18 PM



“ *I just wanted to say that I am very sorry for your loss. He is such a great man. I met him at the highschool and he was always so sweet. One memory that I have of him is that we were in the school store and I saw something on the floor and I wasn't sure what it was and I picked it up and it was a sticky mouse trap and it stuck VERY WELL to my hand. He laughed at me and teased me when he saw me. :) Again, I am sorry for your loss and pray that God heals your pain. He will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Katie B.##imported-end##*

September 09, 2010 at 12:15 AM



“ *Sandra, I was saddened to read of your husband's passing. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Leisa Lawhorn##imported-end##*

September 08, 2010 at 05:19 PM



“ Dear Sandra and family,

We have been friends for many years, and just wanted to offer our sincere and heartfelt sympathy. Our hope is that God will bless you and supply all of your needs.

*All our love....Charles and Betty
Whitehouse, TX##imported-begin##Charles and Betty Williams
##imported-end##*

September 08, 2010 at 09:27 AM



“ *I certainly remember Ronald and did not know about his funeral until today, Sept. 7. We will be praying for the family.##imported-begin##Leroy & Ann Hassler##imported-end##*

September 07, 2010 at 10:31 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Ron. I enjoyed the years that I knew him and the time we worked together during his DECA leadership. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Mike Williams##imported-end##*

September 07, 2010 at 08:58 PM



“ *Ronald and I graduated together in 1964. We are going to miss our classmate. My prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Charlotte Soape##imported-end##*

September 07, 2010 at 10:46 AM



“ I am sorry to hear of Ronny's death. He fought a good fight. May God bless the family.

Dr. Andy##imported-begin##Andy Nutt##imported-end##

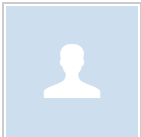
September 05, 2010 at 03:00 PM



“ Sandra & family,
I was so sorry to hear of your loss. You will be in my prayers that the Lord will comfort you and give you strength now and in the days to come. Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me."

Donna Cariker##imported-begin##Donna Cariker##imported-end##

September 04, 2010 at 08:09 PM



“ Sandra, thank you so much for allowing me into your life and into your home during such a difficult time. I will not forget you and Ronnie, I have fond memories. He was truly blessed to have a devoted angel like you to care for him in this difficult time. You stood strong but never alone. I felt God's hand on our shoulders as we laughed and cried.##imported-begin##Gayle Robinson, RN Beacon Hospice Nurse##imported-end##

September 04, 2010 at 06:31 PM



“ We were deeply saddened to learn of the loss of Ronald. He was indeed an inspiration to all who knew him. I always enjoyed our visits when he saw each other.

Through his work in Agriculture he has helped many of his students and colleagues to be professionals in their various endeavors.

I am proud of his walk with the the Lord. We know he is now in Heaven with his loved ones, who have gone on before.

Sincerely,

Cliff Todd##imported-begin##Cliff Todd##imported-end##

September 04, 2010 at 08:23 AM



“ I prayer God gives you strength right now for you and your family.I will remember Mr. Ballard as a tall respectful man from church at Old Center.##imported-begin##summer may covington##imported-end##

September 03, 2010 at 04:15 PM



“ Sandra, I am deeply saddened for you and your children and grandchildren. You know how much Ronald meant to Kyle and to me. He was a wonderful, kind, Godly man who touched many lives, especially the young people he helped to mold. When we think of him, it will be with the fondest memories.

Tammy Alexander##imported-begin##Tammy Alexander##imported-end##

September 03, 2010 at 04:07 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy for your loss.*

Sincerely

Michael Cason

CHS

chemistry/physics##imported-begin##Michael Cason##imported-end##

September 03, 2010 at 03:52 PM