



Darrell E. Ballard

April 19, 1942 - January 3, 2019

Darrell Esdle Ballard, 76, of Hurricane entered into his heavenly home on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at his residence after a long illness with his wife by his side.

He was born April 19, 1942 at Alexandria, VA, to the late Eldridge and Ruby Keatley Ballard.

After graduating from Groveton High School in Alexandria, VA, Darrell proudly served his country with the US Army. Darrell retired as a driver from Greyhound Bus with 37 years of service. He received a 20 year Safe Driver Award in May 1995.

Darrell fondly loved cars, trucks and he won several trophies for racing. He also was a member of the Dancers Choice Square Dance Club, Hurricane.

He is survived by his loving wife of 12 years, Linda; sisters, Shelby Bange of Fairfax, VA and Myra Backland (Mark) of Woodbridge, VA; son, Kevin Bryant (Geena) of Hartselle, AL; step-son, Andy Chambers (Christa) of Evansville, IN; step-daughters, Angela Daley (Rick) of Columbus, OH and Amy Roller of Cross Lanes. Also surviving are his 10 very special grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane with Pastor David Buckley and Pastor Gary Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery, Dunbar with military honors.

Friends may call from 12 to 1:00 pm Tuesday prior to the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to HospiceCare, In memory of Darrell E. Ballard, 1606 Kanawha Blvd., West, Charleston, WV 25387.

You may visit Darrell's tribute page at chapmanfuneralhomes.com to share memories or

condolences with the family.

Chapman Funeral Home, family owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Ballard family.

Cemetery Details

Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery

130 Academy Drive
Dunbar, WV 25064

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Darrell E. Ballard*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM

MA

“ *Since it was Darrell that raised me my childhood was full of wonderful memories. I treasure the things he taught me. My children and grandchildren have lost a wonderful "PeePaw" ... As well as his friends and family that love him and will miss him.*

Melissa Lynn Alderman - February 25, 2019 at 04:38 PM

CR

“ *I attended the same grade school and high school as Darrell. I was a classmate of Darrell's sister Shelby at Groveton High School. I did not know Darrell well because he was a year ahead of us at Mt. Eagle Elementary and Groveton. I just read Darrell's obituary. I noted that he served our country in the Army. I want to say, "Thank you Darrell for your service." I know he is dearly loved by his sister and by his family. My prayers and condolences to to Darrell's family and to Shelby. Carolyn Conway Riley, Portsmouth, Virginia*

Carolyn Conway Riley - January 19, 2019 at 08:42 PM

LG

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Darrell's passing. I went to Groveton High School in Alexandria, VA with Darrell and his sister, Shelby, and have many fond memories of that time. May you find comfort in your memories. God bless. Loretta Andress Goss, Ruther Glen, VA*

Loretta Goss - January 11, 2019 at 01:28 PM

JB

“ *My fondest memory of Darrell was how warm & friendly he always was when my husband Mack & I came to visit from Ohio. He almost always came to join us for lunch and always had a friendly welcome for us. My sincere condolences to his wife Linda, family and sisters Shelby and Myra. I offer prayers for peace and comfort for all of you. Sincerely with love, Jessie Bange*

Jessie A. Bange - January 10, 2019 at 10:31 PM

TM

“ Dear Linda and Family, I am so sorry about the passing of Darrell. Remembering a couple of reunions when I first met Darrell and found out he knew my ex-husband, Richard Elliott, from Groveton HS years. Small world! You have some wonderful memories of your time on this earth with Darrell and am sure you will treasure them. Love & hugs, Patti Taylor Manselle



Trish Manselle - January 10, 2019 at 09:52 AM

RJ

“ My fondest memory of my dear friend Darrell was when we went snow mobiling in Yellowstone. So much fun. After my husband passed Linda and Darrel visited me in Florida. His kindness will be missed by all.

Renee Jiron - January 09, 2019 at 04:13 PM

BS

“ Linda, My prayers are with you and the family. May God's grace be with you in the coming days and comfort you.

Love Brenda and Steve,



Brenda Smith - January 07, 2019 at 08:55 AM

CG

“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time, May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Darrell E. Ballard, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.

I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

My thoughts

and prayers to the family of

US Army Veteran, Darrell E. Ballard, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:13 †

Cheryl J Skinner, WV Patriot Guard - January 06, 2019 at 03:11 PM

MJ

“ Darrell will always have a special part in our hearts. His attitude and humor made sure of that. I try not to be saddened by his passing as I know I will see him again one day soon. I remain saddened because, until that day I will miss him. Our prayers and deepest sorrow are shared with you during this difficult time. Just know we are always with you no matter what may come. Mj & Lou

Mj Jeffries - January 06, 2019 at 10:29 AM

ML

“ Mj & Lou purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Darrell E. Ballard.



Mj & Lou - January 06, 2019 at 10:25 AM

MJ

“ Mj Jeffries lit a candle in memory of Darrell E. Ballard



Mj Jeffries - January 06, 2019 at 10:19 AM

BD

“ Linda and family - So sorry, but we will be unable to attend the funeral. Just want you to know that Darrell was fortunate to have you. You took good care of him. I hope we can still stay in contact with you and that we will be able to get up that way to see you later. Take and God Bless you and your family. Love Betty and JB Freeman

Betty Freeman, Cousin of Darrell - January 05, 2019 at 05:34 PM