



Gary Ballard

February 26, 1965 - August 20, 2020

Gary S. Ballard, age 55, of Madisonville (originally from Sweetwater), went to be with the Lord on

Thursday, August 20, 2020. Gary was a devoted husband, father, and friend to all who had the honor

and privilege of knowing him. He was a hard worker who provided for his family and he was very

intelligent, having attained his Masters Degree in Engineering. By far, his greatest achievement was

raising his daughter. Gary was a Godly man who gave his life to the Lord and knew that God is in control

of every situation. Gary loved traveling. He was an avid UT football and basketball fan.

Preceded in death by parents Ezra and Helen Ballard; sister Peggy Martin; mother in law Shirley Derrick.

He is survived by his wife Cynthia Ballard, daughter and son in law Dr. Laken Koontz and Robert Koontz,

PO1 U.S. Navy, nephew Ezra Martin, father in law Eddie Derrick. Friends who were like family: Marcus

Lenoir, Claytor Billingsley, Barry McCowan, and Lisa Latham.

Services will be held at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, Thursday August 27. Receiving friends will be

from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., funeral services to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor

Matthew Johnson

officiating.

We welcome everyone to come by to pay their respects but ask that everyone wear a mask and practice social distancing as much as possible.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Ballard*



Kyker Funeral Home - August 26, 2020 at 12:11 PM

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“ *Condolences to the Ballard and Kelso families in the loss of your loved one. My sincere Sympathy.*

Betty Brewster Wilkerson

Betty Wilkerson - August 27, 2020 at 12:21 PM

PL

“ *PAUL B LEACH purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gary Ballard.*



PAUL B LEACH - August 27, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Ballard.*



August 27, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ *Gary was a very knowledgeable and skilled Manufacturing Engineer. My first assignment working with Gary was at NASA New Orleans restarting their machine shop. We served a range of tenants on the large campus. Gary designed and built a gun mount for small Coast Guard vessels, improving the original mount. Gary also built some heavy movement devices used for special effects in the movie G.I. Joe Retaliation, filmed on site at NASA New Orleans. Just a sample of some of things Gary did in his career.*

Paul Leach

Paul Leach - August 27, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary Ballard.*



August 27, 2020 at 11:10 AM

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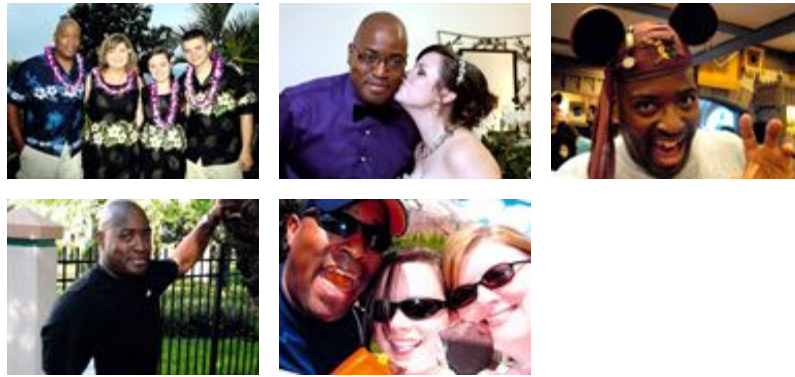
“ *Kayla Robbins purchased the Lovely One Spathi phyllum Plant for the family of Gary Ballard.*



Kayla Robbins - August 26, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ *50 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Kyker Funeral Home - August 26, 2020 at 12:08 PM

FQ

“ *From Fresenius Engineering, Production, Quality purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Gary Ballard.*



From Fresenius Engineering, Production, Quality - August 26, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Ballard.



August 25, 2020 at 09:43 AM



“ Production Engineering Group Friends at JTEKT purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary Ballard.



Production Engineering Group Friends at JTEKT - August 25, 2020 at 07:53 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Ballard.



August 24, 2020 at 01:43 PM