



BG Terry O. Ballard

October 1, 1936 - June 22, 2016

BG Terry O. Ballard, FLARNG (retired), 79, of Plant City, Florida, and born in Tampa on October 1, 1936, entered into eternal rest on June 22, 2016. He was a graduate of Plant City High School and the University of Tampa. He was a retired Brigadier General with the Florida Army National Guard, a retired banker with Hillsboro, SunTrust, and Wells Fargo banks, as well as an entrepreneur. Upon his death, he was owner of Cross Pest Control of Plant City, Clearwater and Bradenton, and current Florida Strawberry Festival Board member. His work career started with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, as Locomotive Engineer for nearly a decade. Over his lifetime, he served as Mayor of Plant City, Plant City Commissioner, Chairman of the Council of Governments, Past President of the Florida Strawberry Festival, Plant City Rotary Club, and Polk Chapter of American Institute of Banking. He was a member of the Hillsborough County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, Tourist Development Council of Hillsborough County, Double Taxation Committee of Hillsborough County, Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization, Plant City Traffic Study Advisory Committee, I-75 Task Force, DACCO Board of Directors, Florida League of Cities, Hillsborough County Charter Review Board, and Plant City "101" Technical Advisory Committee. Terry was awarded the Plant City Jaycees Good Government Award, Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow, and past recipient of Plant City Family of the Year. He was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Plant City. Terry will be forever remembered as a kind-hearted, practical man with a servant's soul

always encouraging the best from all of us. Everyday was made better by his quick wit and sense of humor. Devoted to faith, family, friends, and goals, his quiet strength and words of wisdom will never be forgotten by those whose lives he touched. He was highly respected for his vast knowledge of Plant City history and community involvement. He is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 58 years, Daphne C. Ballard; daughters, Teresa Salo (Mike) and Renita Boles (Mitch) of Plant City; grandchildren, Cody Otis Boles, Claire Marie Salo, and Cali Jean Boles of Plant City; brothers, Ray Ballard (Sandra) of Murphy, North Carolina and Jerry Ballard (Patsy) of Plant City; aunt, Cora Herndon of Jacksonville, Alabama; and numerous other nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Nina Marie Ballard; and siblings, Nina Mae Ballard and Wayne Ballard. A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, June 28 at 3:00 P.M. at the First Baptist Church of Plant City, 503 N. Palmer Street, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. A committal with military honors will follow at Memorial Park, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Plant City Noon Rotary Club Foundation/Scholarship Fund or United Food Bank of Plant City are requested. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park

Plant City, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Plant City
3309 James L Redman Pkwy
Plant City, FL 33566
<http://fbcpc.com>

Celebration of Life

JUN 28. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of BG Terry O. Ballard



Hopewell Funeral Home - June 27, 2016 at 05:23 PM



“ He was a great man! His family is in my thoughts and prayers. I have known the family for a about 20 years and he was always kind and gentle. He would go out of his way to help others. May he rest in peace.

Suzanne Smith - July 11, 2016 at 03:31 PM

LO

“ Teresa Ballard Salo and I have been friends for almost 40 years. Through the years I have had the pleasure of a blended friendship with her family and mine. I recall a particular time while helping Teresa move into her Condo many years ago. Teresa’s father Terry was walking the outside of the Condo making sure the check off list had been resolved. There was a pause in the work at the condo and I had a conversation with Terry regarding a statistics class I was taking at USF; Terry was also taking a Statistics class at the time. I conveyed to Terry I was struggling with the class. Break time was over and we began moving boxes and continuing with the move-in process. Terry had gone outside and when he came back in he had his Statistics book in hand. Terry didn't hesitate to offer his help; asking what area are you having difficulty with. My response was the entire course; we both had a hardy laugh. Terry opened the book and began giving me some key breakdowns on an assignment I had due. The tutoring process was more difficult than the moving process; for sure; but Terry was a patient man. Terry will be sorrowfully missed but with the many memories we have to share, he will live on forever.

Our heartfelt condolences to Teresa and the Ballard Family.

From Lenora and Michael O'Berry and Family.

Lenora O'Berry - June 29, 2016 at 06:30 PM

DD

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family. He will be missed.*
Ronald DeShong and family

Diane DeShong - June 28, 2016 at 02:19 PM

AC

“ It is with deep sadness that the Carpenter family sends their sympathy and condolences to Ms. Daphne, Teresa, Renita and your entire family. Mr. Ballard was a true gentleman. He was such a positive influence on so many in the Plant City community. He gave his life to our town and for that we are all grateful. We have many wonderful memories of shared time at Lake Nellie and many other occasions. He will be deeply missed. You will be in our thoughts and prayers as you go through today and the days ahead. Praying for strength, courage, peace and love to you all. Love, Amy, Chip, Marilyn, Carl and family.

Amy Carpenter - June 28, 2016 at 10:22 AM

SM

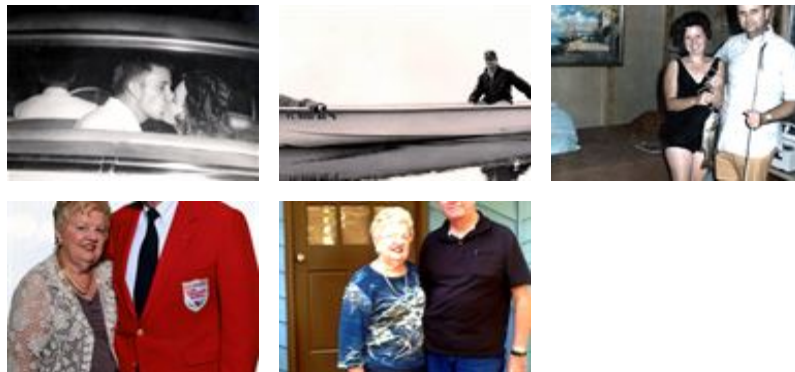
“ I met Terry after being in the Florida Guard for about a year when I was reassigned as his Assistant S-4 in the 53rd Infantry Brigade. He mentored me by just expecting me to do my job. He would gently ask questions to make me think and help me do a better job. Without his guidance I am sure my Guard career would not have been as successful. In 1988 we were fortunate to go to Balekesir, Turkey on a Guard assignment. One of my fondest memories was going to a leather shop on multiple occasions to purchase gifts for our loved ones. One of my favorite stories is about Terry's efforts to buy Daphne a full length mink coat, which he did on that trip. I hope she still has it, because it was an act of love by a husband for his wife. Although I have not talked to Terry in a number of years, I considered him a true friend and will miss him. I got a text last night from Bill Staley, another Guard friend who also worked for Terry.

*Steve Mason, Colonel, Retired, Florida Army National Guard
38 Pleasant Mountain Drive, Sky Valley, GA 30537*

Steve Mason - June 28, 2016 at 08:04 AM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - June 27, 2016 at 05:21 PM



“ The everige family jackie, buddy, sharon, chuck and the ballards go back three generations with lots of memories. Childhood birthday parties, beach, mtns., festival day, Or just a visit and cubans. Terry and sharon cut up alot. Terry was a great husband , father , businessman and we are honored to have had our memories with him. He has two wonderful strong girls and dedicated wife to take care of each other.

Sharon mclin - June 27, 2016 at 01:43 PM



“ Ballard Brothers purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of BG Terry O. Ballard.



Ballard Brothers - June 27, 2016 at 09:17 AM

TF

“ *The Hancock, Cantero, and Gaschler Families purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of BG Terry O. Ballard.*



The Hancock, Cantero, and Gaschler Families - June 26, 2016 at 07:56 PM

BR

“ *Terry, thank you for your friendship. You made a great impact on our lives and we will never forget you. Our prayers and thoughts for your family. We will see you again someday. Bobby and Sally Raburn*

Bobby and Sally Raburn - June 26, 2016 at 06:00 PM

KB

“ *I never had the pleasure to meet Mr. Ballard, but I know he must be an amazing man to raise such a strong and independent daughter as Teresa. Please accept our deepest sympathies. We pray that happy memories bring his family some comfort.*

Peace and Light,

Kara and Bill Busler

Kara Busler - June 26, 2016 at 10:21 AM

RG

Ron and I are so grateful we had the opportunity to hVe Terry in our lives. He will be missed terribly by this community family and friends. Terry influenced our lives in so many positive ways. May he rest in Peace . Prayers and Comfort to Daphne and family and his dear friends.

Ron/Vonda Gainey - June 27, 2016 at 07:59 AM

BB

I am so sorry for your loss. Kara and I will be praying for your family.

Bill Busler - June 28, 2016 at 08:13 AM

AG

“ *Terry was always a pleasure to be around he was a friend when you needed him concerned about others plant City Has lost a cornerstone*

alice Griffin - June 25, 2016 at 08:11 PM

PS

“ *It was always a pleasure to run into Mr. Ballard as he always had a positive attitude. A true statesman of Plant City and as a Brigadier General for the Florida National Guard he served his country with honor. My condolences to all of the Ballard family.*

Paul Sanchez - June 25, 2016 at 08:47 AM

SS

“ *I met Terry in 1982 when I first came to Plant City. We use to share National Guard stories over lunch at Sun Bank . He was A Colonel then and I had served in an Army Ranger Co. In Viet Nam with the Indiana National Guard. Later when I became a City Commisioner and Mayor he was my go to man for advice. I'll always remember the General as a wise, honest and giving man. Miss you sir.*

Steven O Smith - June 25, 2016 at 08:40 AM

RM

“ I met Mr. Ballard about 20 years ago and I'm proud to say he was a dear friend of mine. Mr. Ballard was a special type of individual that only comes along once upon a lifetime. I don't think I ever seen him without a smile and that handshake. If more people could be like him the world would be a much better place. I met him as a child and I never could bring myself to call him Terry he's always going to be Mr. Ballard to me. My thoughts prayers and love are with his family. Mr. Ballard will be very much missed.

Rob "Bobby" Murray - June 24, 2016 at 08:01 PM

TK

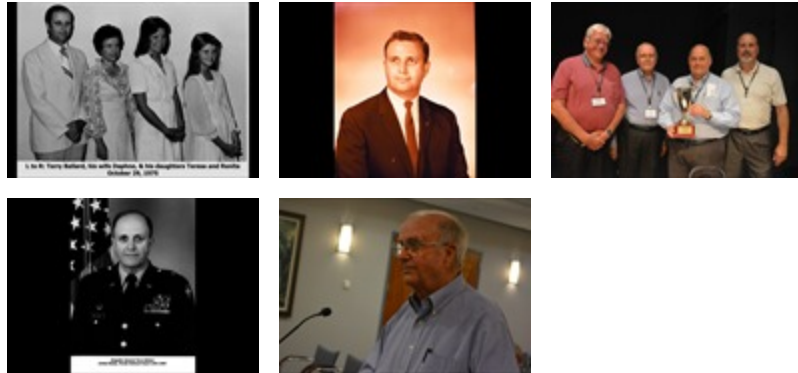
“ Terry Allen and Kathy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of BG Terry O. Ballard.



Terry Allen and Kathy - June 24, 2016 at 07:36 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Hopewell Funeral Home - June 24, 2016 at 01:51 PM

RH

Dear Ballard family both Karen and I were so taken back to hear about Terry. Terry and I work together for many years in the banking business. Terry was not only a great friend but a true gentleman, father and husband. I will always remember Terry with great admiration. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family may God continue to bless you and be with you now and for always.

With Love and Prayers,

Randy and Karen Hyman

Randy Hyman - June 25, 2016 at 08:39 AM