



Terry L. Ballard

September 19, 1948 - April 21, 2019

On Sunday, April 21, 2019, Terry Ballard, loving husband, father, and Papa passed away at the age of 70. He was born September 19, 1948 to the late John and Thelma (Howell) Ballard. Terry was an All State Running Back in 1967 and graduated from Okmulgee High School in 1968. On June 19, 1970 he married the love of his life, Mary Mason. They raised a son, Marty, and a daughter Jayme. Terry began his career at the Okmulgee Fire Department in 1976. He was very proud of his career and had a true love for his fellow firefighters and citizens of Okmulgee. He retired as a Fire Chief in 1997. Terry had a passion for horses and enjoyed spending time at team ropings with his friends. He enjoyed every moment spent with his family and will be remembered for the love he had for them. For those of you who knew Terry, you knew, he never met a stranger.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Gary Ballard and Jim Ballard.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Mary Ballard, children, Marty Ballard and wife Gena of Okmulgee and Jayme Stevens and husband Jon of Bixby, grandchildren, Makelti Ballard, Kaden Ballard, Kaitlyn Stevens, Logan Stevens and Landry Stevens, mother-in-law Wanda Mason, a brother, John Ballard and wife Chris of Okmulgee and numerous family members.

The family will receive friends Thursday evening from 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel.

A funeral service will be held 10:00 A.M. Friday, April 26, 2019 at the First

Baptist Church with Dr. Dennis Taylor officiating. Interment will follow in the Okmulgee Cemetery. Casket bearers will be Charlie Dildine, Timmy Salyer, Jody Wadley, Bruce Swearingen, Mike Rice and Eric Wetzel. The Okmulgee Fire Department will serve as honorary casket bearers.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Terry's Tribute Page of our website at www.mcclendon-winters.com

Cemetery Details

Okmulgee Cemetery

2601 South Wood Drive
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-5109

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 25. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee
303 E. 7th Street
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-1677
info@mcclendon-winters.com
<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

Visitation

APR 25. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Okmulgee
311 W. 5th Street
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Terry L. Ballard*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - April 23, 2019 at 02:05 PM

LB

Beautiful tribute. ❤️

Linda Boyd - April 23, 2019 at 09:22 PM

JM

Wonderful walk with Terry as he introduced us to his beautiful family and shared wonderful memories.

Janna Manning - April 23, 2019 at 10:46 PM



A beautiful walk through Terry's life...you will be greatly missed...RIP

Linda Gray - April 24, 2019 at 12:04 PM

Jl

A true love story❤️ A beautiful tribute.

Jill - April 24, 2019 at 07:55 PM

KD

*Dear Mary -so sorry to hear of Terry's passing. He was so sweet and funny....he will be sorely missed by your sweet family. What a wonderful reunion we will have someday with our loved ones in Heaven and I pray God will comfort you today and the days ahead.
Kathy Roulston Day*

Kathy Roulston Day - April 26, 2019 at 11:27 AM



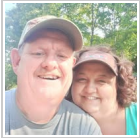
“ Terry L. Ballard

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM

KC

“ *He was sure a super awesome guy. I never saw him where he was smiling. I knew him from working EMS.. I'm so sorry for the family. I know he will be missed.*

karen creason - April 27, 2019 at 08:27 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. It's still hard not to look for him walking every morning. He will be greatly missed!!!*

Dana Lay - April 26, 2019 at 10:06 AM

JP

“ As a kid I grew up around many Okmulgee Firefighters! They were great friends to my parents and role models for me growing up. Terry was one of these men!! As I have risen through the ranks in my own Fire Career, Terry would always have words of encouragement for me. May your family find peace that Terry’s up in heaven watching over all of us, just like a fireman should be!!!



RIP Brother, we'll take it from here!!

*Capt. Jason Patrick
OKCFD*

Jason Patrick - April 25, 2019 at 10:38 PM

MK

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Mr. Ballard was such a great man & father.

Mark King - April 25, 2019 at 03:25 PM

HT

“ Harvey & Susie Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Terry L. Ballard



Harvey & Susie Thompson - April 24, 2019 at 01:57 PM



“ *Linda Gray lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard*



Linda Gray - April 24, 2019 at 11:48 AM



“ *Joanna Boatmun lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard*



Joanna Boatmun - April 24, 2019 at 11:35 AM



“ *Pam Bennight Elmore sent a virtual gift in memory of Terry L. Ballard*



Pam Bennight Elmore - April 24, 2019 at 11:34 AM



“ *We will miss talking with him and seeing him take his daily walk in the neighborhood. Prayers for the family.*

Denise McCrary - April 24, 2019 at 08:24 AM

RW

“ Rodney And Luana Weller lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard



Rodney and Luana Weller - April 23, 2019 at 11:56 PM

KR

“ If you look up the definition of "Fair" in the dictionary you'll find Terry's name and picture. Okmulgee is gonna miss ya.



Kevin Reed - April 23, 2019 at 11:34 PM

JM

“ God Bless you Mary. Prayers of comfort for you and your family at this very hard time.



Janna Manning - April 23, 2019 at 10:51 PM

TM

“ Tommy And Debbie Micheau lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard



Tommy and Debbie Micheau - April 23, 2019 at 06:42 PM

TM

Mary I've known you guys all my life and am so sorry for your loss. Terry was a great guy and will be deeply missed. Prayers for you and your family. RIP

Tommy and Debbie Micheau - April 23, 2019 at 06:43 PM

SW

“ *Samantha Woodman lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard*



Samantha Woodman - April 23, 2019 at 03:52 PM

MJ

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with the family at this time. I remember Fireman Ballard coming to Banneker with the firetruck. He was always so good with the kids and no matter where you saw him he always has the biggest smile and hand shake. He will be missed and awesome guy.*

Marilyn Jackson - April 23, 2019 at 03:38 PM

PG

“ *May God's love and comfort surround Mary and family now and in the days to come. I knew Terry since I was a young girl. The Goodwin Family all enjoyed visiting with him and he was always friendly. Glad to have known him. Will see him in Heaven one day* †

Phyllis Goodwin - April 23, 2019 at 02:10 PM



“ 95 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - April 23, 2019 at 01:04 PM

TD

“ *Tonya Day lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard*



Tonya Day - April 23, 2019 at 12:43 PM

MG

“ *Mary Grice lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard*



Mary Grice - April 23, 2019 at 12:23 PM

PM

“ Pat Morrison lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard



Pat Morrison - April 23, 2019 at 12:22 PM

AB

“ Amy Bailey lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard



Amy Bailey - April 23, 2019 at 10:56 AM

SW

“ Suzanne Wise lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard



Suzanne Wise - April 23, 2019 at 10:54 AM

ML

“ Mark Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard



Mark Ledbetter - April 23, 2019 at 09:46 AM

KA

“ *Kim Angle lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard*



Kim Angle - April 23, 2019 at 09:45 AM

LF

“ *Linda Freed lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard*

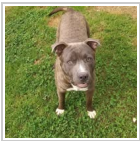


Linda Freed - April 23, 2019 at 08:15 AM

LF

Such a nice and good guy...

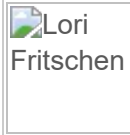
Linda Freed - April 23, 2019 at 08:18 AM



“ *Marie Sargent Fleming lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard*



Marie Sargent Fleming - April 23, 2019 at 12:12 AM



“ *Lori Fritschen lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard*



Lori Fritschen - April 22, 2019 at 11:55 PM



“ *Steven Sanders lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard*



Steven Sanders - April 22, 2019 at 11:54 PM



“ *Gail Kelly Allred lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard*



Gail Kelly Allred - April 22, 2019 at 11:15 PM



“ *Mary, our hearts are so sad; God be with you and the family.*

Glenn and Shirley Scott

Shirley Scott - April 22, 2019 at 11:03 PM

DL

“ *When I was a Game Warden in Okmulgee County, I always enjoyed coming to the Okmulgee Fire Department just to visit with Terry. Terry was a great guy and a friend, He will be missed.*

Dwight Luther - April 22, 2019 at 09:19 PM

MO

“ *Mike And Lisa (Grice) Osborn lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard*



Mike and Lisa (Grice) Osborn - April 22, 2019 at 09:04 PM

CB

“ *There are no words to express my heartache for you all in this time of sadness. Terry was truly one in a million.*



Carrol Brewer - April 22, 2019 at 07:31 PM

LP

“ *The Patrick Families are sending our thoughts and prayers. Terry was a great friend and man.*

Larry Patrick - April 22, 2019 at 06:47 PM

DM

“ *David Miller lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard*



david miller - April 22, 2019 at 06:46 PM

JW

“ *Mary sorry to hear passing of Terry in this time of grief and losing a love one in my prayers Mary, may the Lord Jesus be with each day god bless you Mary.*



Jerry W.Marshall - April 22, 2019 at 06:19 PM

AC

“ *Amy (Grice) Cagle lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard*



Amy (Grice) Cagle - April 22, 2019 at 05:59 PM

LJ

“ *A wonderful man, will truly be missed by man.*



Lexi Jones - April 22, 2019 at 05:44 PM

CT

“ Clarence Tuttle lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard



Clarence Tuttle - April 22, 2019 at 05:29 PM

CI

“ Mary, so sorry to hear of Terry's sudden passing. I always enjoyed visiting with him at the bank Christmas party (mostly to talk about OU football). A great person and a great athlete. I will miss him.
Carlisle

Carlisle Mabrey III - April 22, 2019 at 03:22 PM

RK

“ My father cut Terrys hair when he was a young boy until my father retired. My brother and I remember the great Okmulgee Bulldog years in the late 60s early 70s when we were always playing for state championships, and Terry was always one of the star athletes on those teams. When Terry would come in the shop over the last few years, he would always talk about his grandson Cadens baseball games. He was so proud of him. He was just in for a haircut Saturday and stayed for about an hour talking about the good old days. We feel like we lost a member of our family. Our prayers are with Terrys family.
---Ralph & Roger

Roger Kovarik - April 22, 2019 at 01:41 PM

EL

“ Ernest Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard



Ernest Ledbetter - April 22, 2019 at 01:38 PM

CW

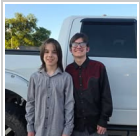
“ So sorry to hear of terrys passing prayers for the family

Cathy wright - April 22, 2019 at 01:30 PM

CS

“ Mary and family, my heart is breaking for all of you, I'm so very sorry. Your all in my thoughts and prayers.
Charlotte and Larry Simpson

charlotte simpson - April 22, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ Michelle Langley lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Ballard



Michelle Langley - April 22, 2019 at 12:20 PM