



Gary Dean Ballard

June 21, 2008

Gary Dean Ballard Jr., surrounded by his family, passed away peacefully at Norfolk General Hospital on 21 June 2008 after complications from pulmonary disease. He was born 21 October 1966 in Portsmouth, Virginia. He lived a full life and was known for his humor, kindness and love of animals. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends. Gary is survived by his mother, Joanne Griffin of Smithfield, Virginia, his maternal grandmother, Lucille Griffin of Portsmouth, Virginia, his father, Gary Ballard of Suffolk, Virginia, his paternal grandparents, James and Maxine Ballard of Gates, North Carolina and his long time devoted canine companion, Lady.

Arrangements are by Loving Funeral Home and condolences may be posted on their website. Please email to www.lovingfuneralhome.com. A memorial service will be held at 10am on Saturday, 28 June at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens Chapel. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church Soup Kitchen Ministry, Norfolk, Virginia.

Tribute Wall



“ *Today is your birthday. I know it is the best day you have ever known in Heaven with all your family beside you. Meme and I are with you in our hearts. The angels will help you blow out all your 42 candles. I miss you. Love you.##imported-begin##Mom##imported-end##*

October 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

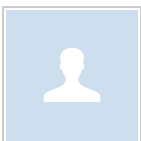


“ *My Son,*

God saw that you were getting tired and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around you and whispered, 'Come home with me.'

With eyes filled with tears I watched you slip away from this world into the arms of Our Father in Heaven. Although I loved you deeply I could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating. God broke my heart to prove to me that your mission in this world was complete and He only takes the best. I miss you!##imported-begin##Mom##imported-end##

July 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joanne,*

Richard and I are so very sorry about your loss. We know how hard it is to loose your only child. If I can help in anyway, plase let me know. Please try to remember that Gary is in a much better place and has a NEW BODY, free of pain, as is our Brian.##imported-begin##Susan Vincent##imported-end##

July 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Joanne & Gary,

We send our deepest sympathy and condolences; please know that you will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers; may the Light of Christ be with you & give you strength always.

*Sincerely,
Rita & Fred##imported-begin##The Thomas Family##imported-end##*

July 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our Prayers are with you and your family Gary, we are sorry for you loss. Me and Ambra are here at any time whenever you need us.##imported-begin##Michael Cizek##imported-end##

June 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Gary, We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your son. Take care of yourself during this very difficult time. Jim, Suzan, & Chloe Bright.##imported-begin##Jim Bright##imported-end##

June 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Gary,
Sorry to hear about your loss. My condolences##imported-begin##Walt Amory##imported-end##

June 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Big Gary & Joanne,

The service today was so beautiful and my heart goes out to both of you.

We all know little Gary lived life and was happy, even up till the very end with both of you by his side.

He loved you both and knew how much you both loved him because he told me last Wednesday when I was with him. We had so much fun that day together. I have already told you about much of it.

Today was a beautiful day, just like little Gary would have wanted it. I know you will miss him greatly but always remember -- he is in a better place and is really OK now!

Love you both!##imported-begin##Maggie Magruder##imported-end##

June 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Gary,

I am so sorry too hear about your son. Our Prayers and thought will be with you and your family through these hours. I wish we could have been there this weekend to be with you . But again Our Prayers are with you.

God Bless##imported-begin##Stephen Jones##imported-end##

June 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Joanne,

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Diane and James Gray##imported-begin##Diane E. Gray##imported-end##

June 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Ours hearts & prayers are with you and your family at this time of grief. It is not the number of years that you live that count but the how you have lived those years.##imported-begin##Sherry & Jim Layton##imported-end##

June 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We were so sorry to here of your loss, we do miss you and think of you often, hang in there we hope to come down and see you soon
Your friends forever
Love
Melissa and Douglas##imported-begin##Melissa & Douglas##imported-end##

June 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Gary and Joann, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Gary. My heart goes out to you. I think of you and am sorry to reach you under these circumstances. God will see you through, just have faith.##imported-begin##jimi miltier##imported-end##

June 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Even though I hadn't seen Gary since our days growing up, I still have fond memories of our days playing baseball for Westhaven and Wilson Little League. My prayers are with the family during this time of sadness and loss.##imported-begin##Richard Brown##imported-end##

June 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Gary & Joanne,
Please know that Jon and I share in your heartache today, and are keeping you both in our thoughts and prayers. Gary's journey through this life was difficult at times, but I know he has found relief at the end of his suffering. I feel blessed that he called me...##imported-begin##Aunt Susie##imported-end##

June 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart goes out to the Ballard family in there time of need and I am truly sorry for your loss of Gary, Jr. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers and I wish all of you the best and let God grant you all the comfort you deserve.

Jason##imported-begin##Jason Theriot##imported-end##

June 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Praying that the peace of God which surpasses our understanding will be granted to you and your family.

Debbie##imported-begin##Debbie Wynn##imported-end##

June 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Gary - Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless.

Dave & Robin##imported-begin##*Dave & Robin Whitehurst*##imported-end##

June 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Joanne and Lucille,

We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Keep the good memories close to your heart.

Love,

Julia and Ann##imported-begin##*Julia Sparks*##imported-end##

June 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Gary,

Children are a gift from the Lord. Psalms 127:3

Remember the joy with which you first received your son and you will surely find peace even at this time of sorrow.

Sincerely,

Miranda##imported-begin##*Miranda Cross*##imported-end##

June 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Gary

I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Douglas Sprouse##imported-end##

June 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Gary,

Chad and I have known you for a long time. We will MISS you and LOVE you forever. We both know you are in a better place now. We know you will be there with open arms to welcome us into God's Palace when it is our time. LOVE FOREVER, Chad and Jennifer Gould. To Gary's parents, we are so very sorry for your loss, we have nothing but LOVE and RESPECT for you all!##imported-begin##Jennifer and Chad Gould##imported-end##

June 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *i am so sorry to hear of your loss. nothing but good memories remain forever.##imported-begin##norman&nancy cote##imported-end##*

June 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Gary,
We know it's hard to lose a child and our deepest sympathy's are with you. You're in our prayer's.
Sincerly,
Lisa & Rufus Harrell##imported-begin##Lisa & Rufus Harrell##imported-end##

June 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Gary and Joann,
We are deeply sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Bill & Mary Ellen Bond##imported-end##

June 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My dearest cousin, what can I say now? Kind of too late to let you know how much you meant to me. I have a pic of us here at my house, the one Sharon took of you and I sitting on top of an old pickup truck. We were best buddies then. I will miss you, I already miss you. Life is so short, I just wanted so much more for your life! I know in my heart you are living the most incredible life now without pain, without sadness, without addiction. I cry for you, but I celebrate you! I Love You "Little Garry". I will see you again soon! Garry and JoAnne, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers! I love you guys and I miss you.##imported-begin##Kim Goxho##imported-end##

June 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Gary and Joann, We were so sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. We will pray for strength, courage and peace for you as you go through this difficult time. Love you so much,

Aunt Tody & Uncle Jerry##imported-begin##Viola
Bradbury##imported-end##

June 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM