



Ogden Lionel "Buddy" Ballentine

March 8, 1949 - January 7, 2025

Ogden Lionel "Buddy" Ballentine, Jr., age 75 of Dayton, passed away at his home on Tuesday, January 7, 2025. He was born in West Palm Beach, Florida, on March 8, 1949, the son of the late Ogden Lionel Ballentine, Sr., and Ronelle (Brock) Ballentine.

Buddy earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Education from Florida Atlantic University and a Master's degree in Psychology from Lone Mountain University in California. Buddy moved to Dayton in 1975 and was a teacher and guidance counselor at Rhea County High School for over 20 years. He was also employed for ten years as a security guard at TVA. He was a member of the Dayton Optimist Club, enjoyed square dancing, and was a mentor at Walker State Prison in Georgia. He was an active member of Grace Bible Church in Dayton where he held various leadership offices.

Buddy is survived by his wife of 56 years, Susan (Hearin) Ballentine of Dayton; his daughter, Karie (Jim) Canestrari of Greeneville, Tennessee; his sister, Sandi (Charlie) Baughman of Dayton; his brother, Rodney Ballentine of Miami, Florida; his many cousins; and his nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Service will be at Grace Bible Church on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Jim Woychuk officiating. The family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. until the time of the service.

The service will be livestreamed from the home page of Grace Bible Church w
www.gbcd Dayton.org for those unable to attend.

Memorial contributions in Buddy's name may be made to Our Father's House
www.fathershousetn.org, and Metanoia Prison Ministries – Account 1796, PO
Box 890233, Charlotte, NC 28289. These ministries were very dear to Buddy's
heart.

Please share your memories and photos of Buddy on his online guest register
at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton,
Tennessee.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **12**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Grace Bible Church
2809 Old Washington Hwy.
Dayton, TN

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ 36 files added to the album Memories Album



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - January 13, 2025 at 11:34 AM

 Donald
Hogue

“ I remember Buddy when he and I were riding together to Men's Ministry meetings in Chattanooga. Those were special times when he would share memories of growing up in Florida and later in Dayton. Regina and I remember times at Walter and Carol's house for Bible study. Mostly we remember Buddy as a dear friend for his friendship and his caring heart. We will be prying for you, Susan and family. Love, Don & Regina

Donald Hogue - January 12, 2025 at 04:59 PM

SN

“ Susan and Karie, my prayers are with you both at this time of loss. I worked with Susan for about 5 years and got to know Buddy during that time. He was such a super nice man and a good Christian man. His love for others glowed wherever he was. His laughter was contagious. Susan, please know my heart hurts for you. You are my friend and your pain is my pain. Love you, Sarah Norris



Sarah Norris - January 12, 2025 at 04:04 PM

AH

“ Karie & Susan,
We have been friends since 4th grade, been through Girl Scouts and still remain good friends today. I am sorry for your loss. Mr. Ballentine will be missed. He was a great man and a great father. If you need anything please let me know.
Love ya'll, Angie Headlee



Angie Headlee - January 11, 2025 at 08:39 AM



“ I remember him as being a great dual enrollment teacher. If it wasn't for him I wouldn't have don't so well on the act.

Marina Brock - January 09, 2025 at 06:56 PM

TC

“ *The Two Corners purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Ogden Lionel "Buddy" Ballentine.*



The Two Corners - January 09, 2025 at 05:35 PM

LT

“ *Loraine, Angela and Terrie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ogden Lionel "Buddy" Ballentine.*



Loraine, Angela and Terrie - January 09, 2025 at 12:17 PM

BM

“ *Bimbo McCawley*



Bimbo McCawley - January 09, 2025 at 08:16 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ogden Lionel "Buddy" Ballentine.*



January 09, 2025 at 04:29 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ogden Lionel "Buddy" Ballentine.

January 09, 2025 at 04:29 AM



“ Mr. Ballantine was a great teacher and a very good person. Reba (Jordan) Creesman.



Reba Creesman - January 08, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ He mentored me at a critical point in life...I am forever grateful...he really did influence my life for the better.

Deborah Walker - January 08, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ I'll always be grateful to Mr. Ballentine for his efforts in helping me reach my goals, no matter how far fetched sometimes it seemed! He was the best student advocate and I'm thankful for our time together. He sure will be missed. Sending my love and prayers!

Rebecca Heath - January 08, 2025 at 12:43 PM

JA

“Buddy was instrumental in training and helping secure employment for our Mike at Pizza Hut. Mike continued there for 17 years thanks to Buddy’s mentorship. We will be forever thankful that Buddy’s vision gave meaning and purpose to Mike’s life as a Down’s Syndrome person.
May God comfort you, Susan and Karie. You were always a blessing to Buddy.
Jane Austin

jane Austin - January 08, 2025 at 07:11 AM

KH

“Mr. Ballantine sincerely helped many students reach their goals and higher potential. He was creative and resourceful in his tireless efforts to help others. He was very selfless and giving. We remember him fondly and will always be appreciative of his guidance at RCHS.

khhilleary - January 07, 2025 at 07:27 PM



“Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ogden Lionel "Buddy" Ballentine.



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