



Gary Paul Ballard

October 12, 1977 - August 17, 2023

Obituary

Gary Paul Ballard, affectionately known as (G.P.) was born on October 12, 1977 in Salisbury, Maryland to the late Gary E. and Faith Walston Ballard. He entered into his eternal rest peacefully on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at the age of 45.

Gary (G.P.) received his formal education in the Somerset and Worcester County Public School systems. After graduating from Pocomoke High School in the Class of 1995, he later attended the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Gary (G.P.) was a loving and devoted son, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He loved his family and always looked out for them. Gary was an avid Philadelphia Eagles fan. Go Eagles!

Gary (G.P.) was a hard worker and always dedicated to his positions. He worked for many years in the agricultural industry. His employers always praised his consistent work ethic and his ability to get the job done and work with a variety of people.

In 2022, Gary rededicated his life to Christ and understood the importance of

having God to lean on and trust in during good times and bad times.

He leaves to cherish everlasting memories with: his mother, Faith Walston Ballard; two sons, Darius and Geremiah Ballard; three sisters, Tracey (Bruce) Cottman, Kelli Cropper and Dr. Nakita Cropper; two grandsons, Kaiden and Kamari Ballard; nieces, Brittany (Marcus) Collins and Brooke Cottman; nephews, Jaden and Caleb Cropper; aunts, Deshirle (Randy) Rowel, Betty (Gerod) Sawyer, Tammy Poole Clark, Gennine Hagar and Rhonda Poole Thornton; uncles, Wilbert Walston, Jr., Jessie Walston, and Randall Poole, Jr.; best friends, Mark Randolph and Mitchell Dorsey; and a host of many cousins and friends.

Gary was predeceased in death by his father, Gary E. Ballard; paternal great grandparents, Paul and Freda Ballard; maternal great grandparents, Jessie and Helen Forbes; maternal grandparents, Wilbert Walston, Sr. and Catherine Walston Baine; paternal grandparents, Hilda Conner and Randall Poole, Sr., and loving aunt, Carolyn Whittington.

Submitted by the Family

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center
901 West Isabella Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Funeral Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - September 01, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ *Vanessa Jones lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Ballard*



Vanessa Jones - September 02, 2023 at 06:21 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Praying for Ms. Faith and the family*



RaLanda Thomas - September 01, 2023 at 10:17 PM

TO

“ Glad I got to hear from you the day you passed man! Through all junk talking we did day in and day out.. It was none of that that day! It was nothing but compliments on you being proud of me and you liking what you saw with the music and things I was doing in the city! And how you was coming to Jacksonville that day and was going to stop and see me.. Now, I don't even know if I was talking to you or your spirit honestly! Life is crazy man, but the few ppl you did deal with here in NC is going to miss you bro. Especially us younger dudes you use to pick with and try to give advice to. Prayers and condolences to the family. Wish I heard sooner so I could attend but I rather remember what I remember anyways. Long Live G!!! - Zaytona

Tone - September 01, 2023 at 03:38 PM

JM

“ Jeanie Mason lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Ballard



Jeanie Mason - September 01, 2023 at 03:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Paul Ballard.



September 01, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Paul Ballard.*



August 31, 2023 at 06:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Paul Ballard.

August 31, 2023 at 06:18 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Paul Ballard.*



August 26, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Paul Ballard.

August 26, 2023 at 12:53 PM

RW

“ *Rest in peace classmate*



Robert W - August 25, 2023 at 11:10 AM

DH

A wonderful young man. The Hickman's send their love

Denise Hickman - August 27, 2023 at 05:11 PM

BF

“ *I love and miss you..S.I.P. ❤️ Prayers to the family..*



Bianca Farrior - August 24, 2023 at 07:42 PM

SJ

“ *Selina Jasper lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Ballard*



Selina Jasper - August 24, 2023 at 04:56 PM

CB

“ *Cassandra Bailey lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Ballard*



Cassandra Bailey - August 24, 2023 at 02:14 PM

LG

“ *We're so sorry to hear of the passing of Gary. We send our deepest condolences to the family.*

Lee and Jeannette Gardner - August 24, 2023 at 08:14 AM

LR

“ *Dear family I was shocked to hear of GP passing. Faith, Tracy, Kelly and Nickie know I am praying for you and the entire family as well as all those he touched. Praying God strengthen each of you. To his sons, God will be a father to you lean on Him during this unbelievable difficult time and always. He will see you through. Love you family*

Loisisha Redding - August 23, 2023 at 06:18 PM