



## Floyd Collins Ballard, Sr.

April 9, 1929 - April 29, 2022

FLOYD COLLINS BALLARD, SR. was born Tuesday, April 9, 1929, in Baltimore, Maryland. He was the 9th of 11 children born to Charles Collins Ballard and Lettie Jane Richardson Ballard. His siblings were: Charlestau, Sanford, Ruth, Rebecca, Paul, Leona, Virginia, Scotia, Minnie, and Sylvia.

Education: His early public education began at Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School #110 - Fremont Avenue and Waesche Street. He enjoyed going to school and often shared memories with his family. Floyd would stop at a corner store and buy five cent chocolate candy bars that he hid in his desk. During the day, he would break pieces off and eat them, until he was caught by a crafty teacher who kept him in after school. She warned him to never bring in a candy bar again unless he brought her one too. After a period of time, he was kept after school again. This time, the teacher told him to stop bringing the candy because she was gaining weight. It is noted that Floyd was born in 1929, the year The Great Depression began. Some economists will say it lasted from 1929-1933. In certain communities, it lasted from 1929-1939, or more. Floyd stopped out of school to help support his family.

Once he was married with children, he went to night school to earn a GED. He stopped out again because other students insisted on popping gum so loudly making it difficult to concentrate. Floyd continued to learn through life-long experiences.

Employment: In the early 1940's, Floyd had odd jobs, ran errands, delivered coal/ice and traveled with arabbers to deliver fresh produce across Baltimore City. At 19, he began working at the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company (A&P) on Franklinton Road. He was a produce selector, working there for 43 years.

Marriage: In 1946, Floyd met Margaret Laurene Keene, who lived at 256 N. Arlington Avenue. Her family had migrated from Cambridge, Maryland on the Eastern Shore. He used to deliver ice in their community. One wonders how they could date for two years since she was too shy to even open the door when Floyd knocked to see if they needed ice. He proposed June 1, 1949. They were married on June 21, 1949.

It's a Family Affair: Floyd, Sr. and Margaret raised ten children: Margaret, Linda, Ruth, Floyd, Jr., Michelle, Michael, Sr., Lisa, David, Sr., Keith, and Kim. That's correct, twelve people in a row house with one bathroom at 327 N. Schroeder Street. Imagine that!

Skills: It didn't matter whether Floyd was on Schroeder Street or at The Wesley, he was a "fixer." This included fixing broken toys, appliances and hearts. If you went to him with a problem, by the time he finished sharing his "witticisms" or funny stories, you had either solved the problem, forgotten what it was or realized it was never a problem at all. He was always an active supporter of education. Floyd was physically fit, strong and active. He participated in many March of Dimes Walk-a-thons – walking and jogging for 25 miles, was a "pool shark" and gave tennis lessons at Easterwood Park on Bentalou Street to Margaret, his wife. He spent many hours with his family and community children engaged in sports: football, baseball, table tennis, badminton, jump rope and three-legged races at family reunions. Floyd rented horses from stables to take children on rides. He loved his family, life, literacy, and music - especially jazz. Floyd was a great photographer, had a soothing

singing voice, and he could dance!

Proud Legacy: Floyd is preceded in death by his wife - Margaret, two sons – Michael, Sr. and David, Sr., one daughter - Ruth and his ten siblings. He leaves to cherish his memory: five daughters - Margaret, Linda, Michelle, Lisa (Gerald) and Kim; two sons – Floyd, Jr. and Keith; 19 grandchildren - Bomani, Takasa, Lynnette, Cheryl, Juanika (Monica), Tynisha (Larry), Colleen (Antoine), Charles, Jr., El (Ashley), Michael, Jr., Breyona, Marquita (Christopher, Sr.), Portia (Darrius), Brittany (Dominique), David, Jr., Keyona, Shaniqua, Caleah, Monique (Lloyd, Jr.); 28 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law - Martha Squirewell and Ruth Faulcon; and a host of nieces, nephews, other extended family members and friends.

# Previous Events

## Wake

MAY 6. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Floyd Collins Ballard Sr., Please Click the Link below.*



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**March Funeral Homes** - May 06, 2022 at 10:44 AM

MA

*To Sista Margaret & Family  
My deepest condolences on loss of your father/family member. I had the honor of meeting him via Zoom at your family tribute event last year. His words of wisdom and seeds planted within each of you will live on forever 😊... Job well done💜.  
Peace & Blessings,  
Ayesha & Family*

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**Ms Ayesha** - May 07, 2022 at 02:35 PM

MP

*Hello Queen Ayesha -  
On behalf of my family, thank you for your kind words. This means so much. We celebrated Dad's 93rd birthday last month. We were on zoom again. Please call me at 443.452.8657 so I may send you the obituary booklet.  
Peace, blessings and LOVE.  
Margaret & Family*

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**Margaret Powell** - May 20, 2022 at 09:26 PM



“ *Floyd Collins Ballard, Sr.*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

LA

“ Love, your Black Mental Health Alliance purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Floyd Collins Ballard, Sr..



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**Love, your Black Mental Health Alliance** - May 10, 2022 at 01:08 PM

MO

“ To the Ballard family, please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of Mr. Floyd Collins Ballard, Sr. I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Ballard but his daughter, Margaret, is a friend and former colleague. My prayer is that you will celebrate a life long lived and that his legacy will be an inspiration to all. May you be strengen by God's grace and blessings during this difficult time.

*Mary Owens-Southall*

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**Mary E. Owens-Southall** - May 06, 2022 at 03:30 PM

MP

*Greetings Dr. Owens -  
Thank you so much for taking the time to write. We have known each other so many years and I cherish them all. You may not have met Dad in person, but now you know of him. Your paths almost crossed many years ago when you carried your niece to the science fair at Morgan to present and my Father provided transportation for me to take my daughter to share her project. He always supported education. Thank you for supporting us during this time. I will send you an obituary booklet.  
Peace and blessings...  
Margaret Powell*

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**Margaret Powell** - May 20, 2022 at 09:50 PM

KJ

“ *Condolences to the family. Sorry for your loss. Thank you for allowing me to care for your father.*

Keaira Jackson - May 06, 2022 at 12:31 PM

ES

“ *Deepest sympathy to my dear friend Margaret and family. Love you! Eunice Spencer (TN) - CSU '76*



Eunice Spencer - May 06, 2022 at 11:33 AM

MP

*Dear Eunice!  
Thank you so much for your expressions of concern. Our friendship since the 1970s continues to flourish. I am grateful for your support.  
Margaret Powell CSC '73*

Margaret Powell - May 20, 2022 at 10:03 PM

JD

“ *Condolences to the Ballard family. You were blessed to have such a good, strong man as a father for all these years. May the Lord bless and keep you all in this hour. Cherish the beautiful memories you shared with your father over the years. The Dixon family*

Janice and Maria Dixon - May 06, 2022 at 10:48 AM

MP

*Thank you Janice and Maria for inviting my family into your family and facilitating the transition of your family becoming a part of mine. We are all blessed. Thank you for your kindness!*

Margaret Powell - May 20, 2022 at 10:19 PM

FM

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family of Floyd Ballard. My devotion and friendship with Margaret Powell your daughter tells me you were an awesome Dad. Rest In Peace. To be absent from the body this to be present in the Lord*



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**Frances Muldrow** - May 06, 2022 at 10:29 AM

MP

*Sister Frances you are so correct our Dad was awesome. You and are always hustling and bustling to do for others. Let's take some time to talk about families. Dad is resting now and it is well-deserved. Peace and blessings.*

*Margaret Powell*

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**Margaret Powell** - May 20, 2022 at 10:29 PM

TG

“ *Condolences to the family of Floyd Collins Ballard Sr. 93, the last surviving son of the late Charles and Lettie Ballard members of Leadenhall Baptist Church of South Baltimore. Where our families once worship together. Many fond memories.*

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**Thomas D. Gillard** - May 04, 2022 at 08:12 PM

MP

*Hello Mr. Gillard. Thank you for your expression of concern. I appreciate hearing from someone who worshipped with my grandparents. "Peace be still."*

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**Margaret Powell** - May 20, 2022 at 10:34 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - May 03, 2022 at 01:41 PM

SM

*My condolences to the Ballard family. Your Dad treated me as another daughter and we had many loving memories and I loved his stories of old and his wisdom. Dad truly loved all his children and he missed his wife very much. May Allah be pleased with him.  
I ❤️ You all Sis Yvette Muhammad*

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**Sis. Yvette Muhammad** - May 06, 2022 at 10:42 AM

AM

*My sincere condolences to Lisa and the entire Ballard family. My thoughts and prayers are with you today and all the days to come. May you find strength in knowing that your loved one is in a better place and will be watching over you all.*

*Love,*

*Arlene Moore*

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**Arlene Moore** - May 06, 2022 at 12:37 PM