



Margaret L. Ballard

October 31, 1932 - February 18, 2017

Margaret L. Ballard was born on October 31, 1932 in Golden Hill, on Maryland's eastern shore. She was the second of three daughters born to Edgar and Martina Waters Keene. The family migrated to West Baltimore.

Education: Her early schooling was at Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School #110, studying general subjects, but with an apparent for literacy. Her recall of poems with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. All were amazed at her recall of the poem "How the Leaves Came Down", even thought her teacher never gave students a printed copy. She attended P.S. #110 until she was 10 years old, leaving to fulfill family needs after her mother's death. As an adult, while raising a family, Margaret pursued studies to complete high school and earned a General Education Degree.

Marriage: Arabbers and other street vendors visited her west Baltimore community. One such "entrepreneur" was a lanky, very handsome youth named Floyd C. Ballard. As he helped the vendors, he just happened to notice a beautiful girl living at 256 N. Arlington Avenue. Too shy to answer the door for him when he knocked to see if her family needed ice, she would run up the second floor of the row home, open the window and shout down to him, "Not none today!" Then she slammed the window. They dated for about two years (walking to neighborhood parks); he proposed the second week in June, 1948 and they married on June 21st.

It's a Family Affair: Floyd, Sr. and Margaret raised ten children: Margaret, Linda, Ruth, Floyd Jr., Michelle, Michael, Lisa, David, Keith and Kim. That's correct, 12 people in a row house with one bathroom. Imagine that!

Community: Margaret didn't just talk about community involvement, she personified it. She was a Den Mother, volunteered at the Community Action Agency Center in the 900 block of west Fayette Street; served as a conscientious election poll judge; was a member of Parent Teacher Associations at more schools than most parents, supported Afro Clean Block campaigns and was a "Neighborhood Mom" to every child/adult who knew her.

Arts, Crafts and Other Skills: Margaret had so many talents! She had a beautiful voice and sang like an angel. Margaret was a seamstress (making her children's clothes and teaching them to sew; she also made chair covers and draperies), took cooking classes to enhance her craft; however, she was always the gourmet chef of the Ballard family-her baked sheet cakes were always the highlight of family gatherings. Even if others' cakes tasted good, she took the credit because it was her recipe. Margaret created excellent crafts by crocheting, an artist through coloring and painting by number. Her children recall her practicing penmanship by repeatedly writing "Sure I would like to improve my handwriting" and encouraging them to do the same.

Proud Legacy: Margaret was preceded in death by two sons, Michael Sr. and David Sr., and one daughter, Ruth. She leaves to cherish her memory: her loving husband of 67 years- Floyd Collins Ballard, Sr., two sisters-Martha Squirewell and Ruth Faulcon; five daughters-Margaret, Linda, Michelle, Lisa (Gerald) and Kim; two sons-Floyd Jr., and Keith; 19 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; one cousin; and a host of nieces, nephews, other extended family members and friends.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 24. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
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Family Hour

FEB 24. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

FEB 25. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Service

FEB 25. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret L. Ballard*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Margaret W. Turner purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Margaret L. Ballard.*



Margaret W. Turner - February 24, 2017 at 09:16 PM



“ *WE IN NORTH CAROLINA ARE VERY SAD TO HEAR OF THE LOSS OF YOUR MOTHER. WE HAVE BEEN AND ARE CLOSE AND JUST LIKE FAMILY. WE SHARE IN YOUR GRIEF AS GERALD AND LISA ARE LOVED BY US ALL. GOD IS OUR STRENGHT AND A PRESENT HELP IN TIMES LIKE THIS. JUST KNOW THAT WE ARE HERE FOR YOU . LOVE TO YOU ALL BRITTANY, MARQUITA AND PORTIA AND THEIR HUSBANDS.*

AUNT DORIS

DORIS HAMM MCALLISTER - February 24, 2017 at 02:05 PM

TF

“ *THE HAMM FAMILY, AND MCCORMICK, VINCENT, MCALLISTER FAMILIES purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Margaret L. Ballard.*



THE HAMM FAMILY, AND MCCORMICK, VINCENT, MCALLISTER FAMILIES - February 24, 2017 at 01:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret L. Ballard.*



February 24, 2017 at 01:47 PM



“ *Hello I want to give the family my deepest condolences and to also let you know that the last enemy death will be no more as found in God's word the Bible in Rev 21:4 And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”
I hope that this gives you comfort*

Takiea Lake - February 24, 2017 at 11:00 AM

MF

“ *Mack Family lit a candle in memory of Margaret L. Ballard*



Mack Family - February 24, 2017 at 10:45 AM

MF

“ *Ms Mack & Family lit a candle in memory of Margaret L. Ballard*



Ms Mack & Family - February 24, 2017 at 10:44 AM

ES

“ *Just saw you at the hospital. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that my prayers and thoughts are with you.*
Esperance Sutton

Esperance Sutton - February 24, 2017 at 07:31 AM

LM

“ *Margaret, just saw that your mother passed. Sorry as mothers are always and we miss them when they have passed on. God bless and take care of yourself. With sincere sympathy,*

Larry Martin

larry L. Martin - February 23, 2017 at 07:57 PM

MP

Thank you Dr. Martin for your kind words!

Margaret Powell - February 23, 2017 at 08:09 PM

LD

“ *Please know that my prayers are with you and your family. God bless.*



Linda Davenport - February 23, 2017 at 04:58 PM

GR

“ *G. L. Robbins lit a candle in memory of Margaret L. Ballard*



G. L. Robbins - February 23, 2017 at 03:36 PM

GR

May the love of our heavenly father comfort you and the closeness of friends always be there.

G. L. Robbins - February 23, 2017 at 03:38 PM

DR

“ *Please allow me to express my condolences to the Family. Although I never met Mrs. Ballard, I am grateful for the time I spent with Ms. Powell, and the stories she shared about her parents.*

Drew - February 23, 2017 at 03:27 PM

JS

“ *Janet D. Spry lit a candle in memory of Margaret L. Ballard*



Janet D. Spry - February 23, 2017 at 03:24 PM

VM

“ *Veronica Mack lit a candle in memory of Margaret L. Ballard*



Veronica Mack - February 23, 2017 at 03:19 PM

SA

“ *To the family you all have our condolences praying for strength & comfort. Love the Brown Family From Schroeder Street*



Sandra - February 23, 2017 at 07:34 AM

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Youaint

“ *Mreverywhere Youaint lit a candle in memory of Margaret L. Ballard*



Mreverywhere Youaint - February 23, 2017 at 02:42 AM

WM

“ *Wanda McCoy lit a candle in memory of Margaret L. Ballard*



Wanda McCoy - February 22, 2017 at 10:24 AM

BB

“ *Brenda Barland lit a candle in memory of Margaret L. Ballard*



Brenda Barland - February 21, 2017 at 08:09 PM

BB

Mrs Margaret Ballard represented a wonderful woman who love her family and accepted others in her family. My husband and I were so honored to be a part of her Blessed Family! 🙏🙏🙏❤️

Brenda Barland - February 21, 2017 at 08:13 PM

WM

I met Mrs.Ballard on a number of occasions. Each time her gentle smile spoke volumes are her. She is the epitome of what a mother is. She raised her family in love and her love shines through them.

Wanda McCoy - February 22, 2017 at 10:25 AM



“ *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.*

March Funeral Homes - February 21, 2017 at 02:40 PM