



Wayne Ballard

April 19, 2013

Obituary of Wayne Ballard

Colonel Wayne A. Ballard, 71, died Friday morning, April 19, 2013 in Leesburg, Florida. Colonel Ballard was the 17th Commander of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol from 1991 to 1992 until retiring after 28 years of exemplary service to the citizens of North Carolina.

Ballard was a native of Lincoln County, North Carolina and a 1960 graduate of Rock Springs High School. He was a member of the United States Air Force, stationed at the Key West Naval Air Base where he was assigned to the 482nd Fighter-Interceptor Squadron. He was honorably discharged in the spring of 1965 after an exemplary service record. He was a graduate of Northwestern University, Traffic Institute, 1975.

On January 1, 1965, he was sworn in at the rank of Highway Patrolman and served in various duty stations and executive positions within the Highway Patrol across the state of North Carolina. On August 6, 1991, former Governor James G. Martin appointed Ballard to be the 17th Commander of the Highway Patrol. After proudly serving in that capacity, Colonel Wayne A. Ballard retired from the State Highway Patrol on May 31, 1992. He moved to Leesburg, FL in

1999 and enjoyed golf, fishing, and daily golf cart rides with his dogs, AJ and Shadow.

Wayne Ballard is survived by his wife, Linda, and daughter, Maria of Leesburg, Virginia.

The family plans a private memorial service at the Florida National Cemetery at a future date. Memorials in his honor may be sent to Max's Pet Connection, PO Box 2392, Umatilla, FL 32784, a (501 (3C) small dog rescue, rehabilitation, and adoption organization.

Tribute Wall

BG

“ He was my first cousin and I loved him. The last time I saw him was when he came to NC for my mom and dad’s 50th anniversary 1998.

Becky Ballard Gibson - January 20, 2023 at 05:10 AM

LB

“ Remembering you every day ..miss you beyond measure....###GESTURE###

Linda Ballard - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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YL

“ *It's been one year ago today and I still miss you so very much. My heart is breaking. I'll always love you. How I wish I could hold you close just a little while longer. I don't think the sadness and heartbreak will ever end. I went to see the movie, Heaven is for Real, just to see if I could visualize how it might be...the story was sad in places, like the morning you left this earth, but happy in others, like the moments when I was comforted that I know in my heart that heaven is real; that you are there; and that one day, I will join you there and there will be no more grieving. Perhaps this is foolish to write to you this way, but I needed to see your face, to talk to you...to let the sound of our daughter's name in the music just flow through my mind to bring us together again this morning....how I still love you so.....*

your wife, Linda - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ *Linda and family, We send our love and condolences. May the God of peace bring comfort to you at this time.*

George & Grace Wolf - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ My Dear Sweet Sister Linda, Zeb and I are heartbroken that Wayne had been ill and want you to know that you have been and still are in our thoughts and prayers. I cried because I was not there with you, my heart aches for the good old days. Wayne was a quiet and wonderful father and husband. Zeb spoke of him frequently, remembering how dedicated he was to the NCSHP. You were most certainly blessed to have him in your life. I know you will miss him. I work at the Chick Fil A in Cameron Village and so many Highway Parolmen have spoken so highly of Wayne. I count it a pleasure for the Lord to have made our paths to cross. Someday, we will all get to be together again in Heaven. May the Lord continue to Bless and Keep you and Maria and your grandchildren in His care. I LOVE YOU and MISS YOU. Patsy, Zeb, Brian, Jessica, Brevon, Haley, Alyssa, Vance and Kealey.

Patsy & Zeb Barrow - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

Linda, I've read your comments and it breaks my heart for you. I'll feel the same if my husband goes before me. He was my first cousin. The last time I saw him was when he came to the 50Th anniversary of my parents. He drove all the way here with his sweet dog. We let him stay in our office during the party. I'm thankful I got to see him and some more cousins for the last time. I'm the only one out of 14 grandchildren that's left. I have many, many pictures of Wayne as a child and and young man and a few taken at the party. If you have an email I'd be glad to send them to you.
Becky

Becky Gibson - March 01 at 03:22 PM

MN

“ I first came to know Col. Ballard when I was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to Morehead City, A8, and he was the Troop A Commander. Col. Ballard was a no nonsense leader who expected 110 percent from the personnel who worked under his command. He would often participate in trooper work assignments, working as a Trooper would (with the rank of Captain). Colonel Ballard was instrumental in my career by insisting that I compete to attend Northwestern University to prepare myself for future leadership positions. Upon my graduation from Northwestern I was promoted to First Sergeant and assigned to Highway Patrol Headquarters where I was afforded the opportunity to assist in the management of the NCSHP. He was rigid in his demands for loyalty to the State of North Carolina and the NCSHP. He will be remembered for his loyalty and integrity. Linda, I am sincerely sorry for your lost. I know how much he loved his family. We lost a true patriot. Matthew 5:9 states "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Colonel Ballard is home with his father.

Major Terry Stroud, Ret. NCSHP - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Aunt Linda and Maria - so sorry to learn of Uncle Wayne's passing. Although we haven't seen or talked to him in awhile, I will always remember how brave and strong I thought he was and how cool it was that he was a Trooper. He held a strong work ethic and was a great father to Maria. I'm sure he will be greatly missed. We hope too, that you find the peace and strenght to endure during such difficult times. God Bless, Lee, Kristen, Marideth, Nichole, Brandon, Matt & Acelynn.

Lee & Kristen Butler - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Linda, We are so sorry to hear of Wayne's passing . Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Richard and Beverly Tall - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Dear Linda & Family, Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Carol Mosher

Carol Mosher - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ I am Steve Raines and I live in Beaufort, North Carolina. I am sorry to learn of the passing of Colonel Wayne Ballard. I had the privilege to work with him in the North Carolina State Highway Patrol. I first met him when he became a Captain and was assigned to Greenville, North Carolina as Troop (A) Commander. He earned my respect immediately. He was a Trooper at heart even as a Commander, I remember him asking the Sergeant to assign him a traffic post at special events. He worked many hours, there were times at 3am he would drive up behind a Trooper with a stopped vehicle and check to see if the Trooper was safe. After Captain Ballard was promoted to the rank of Colonel, I was promoted to Sergeant and I have always been appreciative of his involvement in my promotion. I will always have the utmost respect for him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Steve Raines - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I WORKED UNDER MAJOR BALLARD AND WITH HIM, WHEN HE MOVED DOWN THE HALL AND UP IN RANK. HE WAS A MAN OF FEW WORDS, BUT I ALWAYS KNWE WHERE HE STOOD. I ENJOYED MY TOUR WITH HIM AND HE EARNED MY RESPECT. HE WAS TRULY FROM THE OLD SCHOOL, ENCOMPASSING HARD WORK, DEDICATION AND LOYALTY. MRS. BALLARD, I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR FAMILY'S LOSS.

BOB COBLE - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *Linda: We offer our sincere condolence to you during this sad time in your life. Life can be difficult at times, but only time and the prayers of your friends will enable you to deal with Wayne's death. If you need to talk or have any need, please let us know.*

Kirk & Bernadine Kirkpatrick - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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