



## Earl Ballard

June 14, 1931 - May 29, 2026

Earl Ballard, previously of Shelby, NC and presently of Myrtle Beach, SC went home to be with the Lord on May 29, 2026.

Earl was born on June 14, 1931, and lived a life marked by faith, service, hard work, and love for his family. A devoted Christian, he faithfully walked with the Lord throughout his life and served as an example of integrity, kindness, and steadfast belief.

He proudly served his country in the United States Navy. Following his military service, he built a successful career with Overnite Transportation Company, where he worked for many years. After retiring, he enjoyed 14 years of working at Prestwick Country Club where he combined his shared love of golf and connecting with people.

While he valued his career and service to his country, his greatest joy was his family. He was a loving husband of nearly 70 years, a father, a grandfather, a great-grandfather, and a friend whose wisdom and humor touched many lives. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann Ballard, his daughter, Angie Ballard, his parents Earl Ballard, Sr and Eurtle Ballard, sisters, Evelyn Criminger, Betty Rollins, and Mildred Hedrick.

He is survived by his daughter, Margie Ballard, his son, Fred Ballard and wife Ellen Ballard, grandchildren, Trent Ballard, Caroline Ballard, Kristen (Nikki) Hardin and great grandchildren, Jacob Ballard Hardin and Emma Grace Ballard Hardin.

Though our hearts grieve his absence, we rejoice in the promise of Christ and

take comfort in knowing that Earl has heard the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." His legacy of faith, service, and love will continue to inspire all who knew him.

A celebration of life will be held on June 13, 2026, at 2pm at the Recreation Center at Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach, SC.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to St. Jude's or Samaritan's Purse.

"Therefore we do not lose heart... For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May 'the God of all comfort' be with your family at this difficult time. Isaiah 41:13

Kathryn - June 22 at 04:11 PM

BS

“ Brenda Lee Smith lit a candle in memory of Earl Ballard



Brenda Lee Smith - June 05 at 02:40 PM

BS

“ To the family and friends of my "dear Friend Earl" I just want you to know how much I valued Earl's friendship and love after the passing of my husband Capt. Nicky Smith who was a great friend to same. He was a great humorous man that I could talk to and trust. I so enjoyed our meeting for lunch @ Wendy's once a month his favorite place and talking and laughing about his and Nicky's golf game and their fishing trips in the jon boat for flounder which was more than fishing. They so enjoyed each other's company whatever they might be doing. I will so miss him as I never got to give him a proper goodbye but I know he is in a heavenly place and I feel sure the Captain was waiting on him saying "dang Earl what took you so long"? May he R.I.P. FLY HIGH MY FRIEND you sure will be missed. love ya Brenda Lee

Brenda Lee Smith - June 05 at 02:39 PM

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“ *Michelle Hedrick lit a candle in memory of Earl Ballard*



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**Michelle Hedrick** - June 04 at 06:12 PM

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*My Prayers to all Uncle Earl was a great man*

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**Lori Rollins** - June 05 at 12:42 PM

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