



John Ballentine

July 29, 1928 - February 6, 2014

John D. Ballentine (Jul. 29, 1928 to Feb. 6, 2014)

John D. Ballentine, a longtime resident of Williamstown, Mass. (1955-87), passed away quietly at age 85 on February 6, 2014 in his home at Brightwater, a Senior Living Community, in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Born on July 29, 1928 in Schenectady, N.Y., Mr. Ballentine is the son of the late Edwin C. and Merle S. Ballentine of Mooretown, N.J. Mr. Ballentine and his wife of 63 years, Marjorie S. Ballentine, made their home in Surfside, S.C. commencing in 1988. A 1946 graduate of Moorestown High School, Mr. Ballentine attended Rutgers University and Northeastern University. An electrical engineer like his father, he was employed by Sprague Electric Company in North Adams, Mass. for more than thirty years. He worshiped, taught and served at First Baptist Church of North Adams during that same period of time and subsequently did the same at First Baptist Church of Myrtle Beach (1988-2003) and Surfside Baptist Church (2003-14). Mr. Ballentine was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who enjoyed spending quality time with his family, serving his church community, woodworking, playing golf, square dancing, and all things sports. A longtime high school football referee and church leader, Mr. Ballentine was a positive reinforcing influence on the young people with whom he worked. In addition to his wife, Marjorie, whom he married on June 10, 1950 in Moorestown, he is survived by his daughter, Carol B. Andrew and her husband Wallace Andrew of Canaan, N.H.; his son, Robert S. Ballentine and his wife Addie Ballentine of

Houston, Tex.; two brothers, William E. Ballentine and Robert J. Ballentine; six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, and multiple nieces and nephews. Funeral services are being conducted at Goldfinch Funeral Home in Murrells Inlet, S.C. on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 2:00 PM with Rev. Wayne Brown officiating, where friends and family may visit two hours prior to the service. Interment follows at Hillcrest Cemetery in Conway, S.C. To sign the online guestbook, or to send the Ballentine Family a personal message, please visit www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Center
11528 Hwy 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, SC 29588
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Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of John Ballentine



Goldfinch Funeral Home - February 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as God's word the bible. Why do people we love die? Romans 5:12 says: "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "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.”

A. Bell - February 11, 2014 at 03:08 PM

FC

“ From Richard, Wade and Alicia Church. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of John Ballentine.



From Richard, Wade and Alicia Church. - February 09, 2014 at 12:09 PM

JO

“ Marjorie

I was in a nearby office to John at Sprague Electric in the late 1960's. He was very knowledgeable, helpful and pleasant. I got to know him quite well.

I remember one day he asked me if I thought that the “tithe” (to his church) should be calculated before or after taxes. I replied, “John, it is not only “after taxes”, but after house payments, car payments, food, haircuts and pet food are deducted. John, I am a Catholic so I can be saved for a buck a week! What kind of an answer did you think you would get from me?” He never asked my advice again.

I left Sprague and the Berkshires in 1970 only to return after retirement in 2010. I looked in the phone book for John, but could not find him. I am so glad you put the notice in the local paper.

John made good business decisions. I also remember him as an Umpire at local games – so he got used to making good decisions very quickly. I can envision God assigning John to help St. Peter at the gate. It will help to keep the lines from getting too long.

Sincere condolences

*Jack O'Brien
Pittsfield, MA 01201*

Jack O'Brien - February 08, 2014 at 12:48 PM

MW

“ I want to take this opportunity to say I am so thankful that God gave me the chance to know such a wonderful person as Brother JD. He was surely my HERO in many ways. If I had of had a Grandfather, I would have liked for him to be just like JD. He was loving, kind, and so generous. You always knew where you stood. Thanks to the family for sharing him with me on this earth.

Mary Jayne Webster - February 08, 2014 at 08:01 AM

CD

“ Marjorie,
I am so very sorry to hear of JD's passing. He was the sweetest man and I am so blessed to have had the privilege of knowing him through the adoption of your wonderful girl, Brett. On behalf of the Grateful Goldens Rescue family, we send our deepest condolences and may his memories comfort you during this difficult time.
Chris Dumas, Grand Strand Area Coordinator, Grateful Goldens Rescue

Chris Dumas - February 08, 2014 at 05:48 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Ballentine.



February 07, 2014 at 05:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Ballentine.*



February 07, 2014 at 11:44 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of John Ballentine.*



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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Ballentine.*



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