



Ronald Keith Ball

April 25, 1936 - December 3, 2019

Ronald Keith Ball, 83, of Ashland, passed away Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at Hospice Care Center. He was born April 25, 1936 in Ashland the son of the late Edward and Anna Belle Rogers Ball.

He was a self-employed musician, past president of Ashland Musicians Union, served as band director at various high schools across Kentucky and Ohio, was Commander of the National Guard Army Band, member of right to life committee in Ashland, Kentucky Colonel and was a member of various other civic organizations.

In Addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by four sisters, Mary Heading, Veronica Tostlebe, Jean Carter and Joyce LeBrun; and three brothers, Roger Ball, Lawrence Ball and Raymond Ball.

He is survived by two daughters, Leslie Handshoe (Christopher) of Ashland and Kendra Hutchinson (Charles) of Ashland; four grandchildren, Beth Mekus (Matt), Jenna Tackett (David), Zachary Hutchinson (Lindsey) and Mack Hutchinson; and four great grandchildren, Hailey Mekus, Evie Mekus, Carson Tackett and Chloe Tackett.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 AM Saturday December 7, 2019 at Miller Funeral Home with Pastor Tom Stephens officiating. Inurnment will follow in Ashland Cemetery Mausoleum. The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM until service time Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Community Hospice at 1480 Carter Ave. Ashland, KY 41101.

Cemetery Details

Ashland Cemetery

1518 Belmont St
Ashland, KY 41101
(606) 324-7010

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home
1941 Carter Ave
Ashland, KY 41101
millerfuneralhome@windstream.net

Service

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Tribute Wall

AM

“ Just wanted to let you know your presence in my life was pivotal during a tyme of transition and change. You made a difference. I will always remember.

Ammi - January 13, 2024 at 02:19 AM



“ RONALD WAS MY UNCLE...FOR THOSE WHO KNOW ME MUSIC WAS AND IS THE DRIVING FORCE IN MY LIFE...ALTHOUGH WE WORKED IN DIFFERENT GENRES HE WAS A GOOD MAN AND A GOOD UNLE THE WORLD WILL BE A DARKER PLACE WITHOUT HIM MAY HE CROSSOVER WHOLE AND IN HONOR---AARON LEBRUN

Aaron LeBrun - December 05, 2019 at 02:46 PM

DJ

“ Donovan and I knew Ronnie as a close friend and as young couples spent many good times together in Kentucky and Ohio. Donovan and Ronnie respected each other's musicianship and had fun on the many jobs they played together. I'm sure Donovan was there to welcome Ronnie as he entered for his next "gig. ". Sending love to all the family. Debby Johnson.

Debby Johnson - December 05, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ I met Ronnie in 1989 when I started to work with him at Sears. He was a brash, sarcastic, honest, loving, intelligent, dedicated and fun loving man. He kept me sane with his absolute views when I was chaotic. He was the first to cheer me on when I was right. Also, he put me in check when he thought I was getting off track. We would talk for hours on subjects foreign to me. He taught me much about parenting with stories of his own girls. He was a father proud of his girls and their successes. We have kept in touch over the years and he recently scolded me for my political view that he was opposed to. I will miss him, he was one of the best men I have ever had the pleasure to know.



Bonnie Edwards - December 05, 2019 at 09:00 AM

PR

“ Many of us from Mr. Ball's Greenup High School days remember him fondly. He taught us all that we were willing to learn. Many of us followed him into music as a career. He made all kinds of music important to us and made a group of teenagers feel important. His memory will live on through his students.

Pamela Rice - December 04, 2019 at 11:20 AM

DB

“ This wonderfully talented man helped shape my teenage years. I think I can speak for many, many students from Arcanum High School when I say we admired him. We will never forget our marching days and our jazz band concerts. He instilled hard work and thus pride with the outcome. Prayers to his family. Heaven is gaining a great guy!

Donna Schaar Borton - December 03, 2019 at 11:19 PM



Jim
Piel

“ *The Piel family remembers Ronnie as a kind and talented director, and a fine neighbor.*

Jim Piel - December 03, 2019 at 10:25 PM



LH

“ *Ronnie was a driving force in my life. His encouragement and caring has lasted long into my adult life. I am still loving life as a musician because of him. I am saddened that I cannot attend the funeral, but that's only because I'm performing. I will lift him up as I play this weekend. Heaven is surely enjoying his music. Sending love and sympathy to your family. Linda Mills Holt, Arcanum Class of 1973*

Linda Mills Holt - December 03, 2019 at 08:02 PM



CB

“ *Glad I knew him. He was one of the best and encouraged many talented musicians.*

Carolyn Smith Burdette - December 03, 2019 at 02:14 PM