



Roger Keith Ballard

January 13, 1946 - June 11, 2025

Roger Keith Ballard, 79, of Kent Island, MD, passed away peacefully at home on June 11, 2025.

Born on January 13, 1946, in Washington, D.C., Roger was the fourth of five children born to the late Lester and Helen Ballard. He was a 1964 graduate of Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, MD.

Roger spent his career at the United States Postal Service in the D.C. metro area of Maryland, retiring after 35 years. He started his career as a letter carrier and retired as a Branch Manager. Following retirement, he was a bus driver in Anne Arundel and Queen Anne's Counties for 17 years, a job he enjoyed each day.

In November 1985, Roger married Mary Margaret Harty, the love of his life. They built a home on Kent Island where they raised their three children, and he fastidiously cared for the house and yard. He was a beloved father who never missed a sports game, participated in countless school activities, and was always present to his kids. He loved his family, and they loved him.

Roger was a devoted D.C. sports fan and a long time season ticket holder for the Washington Redskins. He loved vacationing in Ocean City, MD, where he could be found dozing on the beach, eating Thrasher's French Fries, and

walking slowly on the boardwalk.

In addition to his loving wife, Roger is survived by their three children: Brian, Brent (Carly), and Brittany (Brad), five grandchildren: Brooks, Milo, Florence, Simon, and Beau; sister Beverly Cooper, sister-in-law Barbara Ballard, sister Lesley Todd (Mark); brother-in-law Joe Horty (Cheryl), brother-in-law Tony, brother-in-law Pat Horty (Linda); and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He is preceded in death by brother Lester Ballard, brother Gary Ballard, brother-in-law Gary Cooper, nephew Matthew Cooper, father and mother-in-law Thomas and Margaret Horty, and sister-in-law Susan Horty.

A celebration of Roger's life will be held on Thursday, June 19, at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home, Chester, 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, MD 21619. A time for visiting with the family will begin at 10 am, followed by a funeral service at 11 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Care for ALS Inc., 11073 Central Avenue, Ridgely, MD 21660, or to the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department, 1610 Main Street, Chester, MD 21619.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619

Funeral Service

JUN **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KD

“ *Kathy And Rich Dautel lit a candle in memory of Roger Keith Ballard*



kathy and Rich Dautel - June 19, 2025 at 09:37 AM

KD

Deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers to Mary and family.

kathy and Rich Dautel - June 19, 2025 at 09:39 AM

TA

“ *Mary so sorry for your loss , I will keep you and your family in my prayers 🙏*



Tammy Alderson - June 18, 2025 at 09:21 PM

DP

“ *I had the opportunity to meet Roger on a few occasions when he visited Mary working at MES. Their love and devotion to each other was apparent and beautiful to see. I know he was her rock and so much more. My thoughts and prayers are with Mary and family.*



Desiree Peck - June 18, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Roger Keith Ballard.*



June 16, 2025 at 09:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roger Keith Ballard.

June 16, 2025 at 09:26 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Roger Keith Ballard.*



June 16, 2025 at 06:00 PM



“ *Mary, Brittany, Brent, and Brian - we are so very sad to hear about the passing of Roger. He was a wonderful man who loved his family over anything else. We were very lucky to call him our friend. Our hearts and prayers go out to all of you during this time. Roger will be missed dearly. Your Friends - The Meiklejohn Family (Phillip, Denise, Sarah, Rachel and Megan)*



Denise Meiklejohn - June 16, 2025 at 12:25 PM

LL

“ Lynn Ludwig lit a candle in memory of Roger Keith Ballard



Lynn Ludwig - June 13, 2025 at 07:46 PM

MW

“ Mitzie Walker purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Roger Keith Ballard.



Mitzie Walker - June 13, 2025 at 03:31 PM

PH

“ Mary, Brian, Brent, Brittany and families, we are so sorry for your loss. Roger was indeed a wonderful husband and father and we know you will miss him terribly. We are hugging all of you and wrapping you in prayer. We love you all very much. With deepest sympathy, Pat and Linda

Pat and Linda Horty - June 13, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Keith Ballard.



June 13, 2025 at 11:02 AM

KB

“ Mrs. Mary and family,
I'm so heartbroken to hear of Mr. Roger's
passing. His kind, upbeat demeanor and
gentle spirit made a lasting impression on me,
and I'm sure countless others. My heart goes
out to all of you in your loss. Sending prayers of comfort and peace.



Kristin Bennett - June 13, 2025 at 07:33 AM

AH

“ Angel Huffman lit a candle in memory of
Roger Keith Ballard



Angel Huffman - June 13, 2025 at 07:26 AM

SB

“ Sharon Burak lit a candle in memory of Roger
Keith Ballard



Sharon Burak - June 12, 2025 at 05:58 PM

GB

“ Gary Buete purchased the Strength & Solace Spr
ay for the family of Roger Keith Ballard.



Gary Buete - June 12, 2025 at 05:31 PM

GB

“ Gary Buete planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Keith Ballard.

Gary Buete - June 12, 2025 at 05:31 PM

ML

“ Dear Mary and Family,

I am so incredibly sorry for your loss. I pray your sweet memories bring you some peace.
Hugs, Michelle Leatherman



Michelle Leatherman - June 12, 2025 at 03:59 PM

SR

“ Susan Kinamon Ruff lit a candle in memory of Roger Keith Ballard



Susan Kinamon Ruff - June 12, 2025 at 09:35 AM

EC

“ Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of Roger Keith Ballard



Eastern Shore Dental Care - June 12, 2025 at 09:31 AM

CK

“ *Claire Kelley lit a candle in memory of Roger Keith Ballard*



Claire Kelley - June 11, 2025 at 10:02 PM

LD

“ *Lawrence Dunn lit a candle in memory of Roger Keith Ballard*



Lawrence Dunn - June 11, 2025 at 09:05 PM