



## Leslie Ballard,

July 11, 1923 - June 23, 2012

Leslie Arlington Ballard, Sr., age 88, of Richlands, Virginia, passed away Saturday, June 23, 2012 in a Bristol, Tennessee hospital surrounded by his family. He was born in Buena Vista, Virginia and was the son of the late Robert O. Ballard and Beatrice Rema Ballard Dudley. He had made his home in the Richlands area most of his life and was the owner and operator of Ballard Insurance Agency in Richlands, Virginia. He was a U.S. Army, World War II Veteran. He was a graduate of the National Business College in Roanoke, Virginia and was a former Tazewell County Board of Supervisor from the Western District for 12 years. He was a past master and fifty year honorary member of the Richlands Masonic Lodge #318 AF & AM. He was a former collegiate and amateur league baseball player and was an avid golfer from many years. He was a member of the Gethsemane Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Harry Ballard and Weldon Dudley. Survivors are: His Wife: Nell Lee Simmons Ballard One Son: Leslie Arlington "Dusty" Ballard, Jr. and Sheri Hale of Richlands, Virginia Two Grandchildren: Sidney Lee Ballard and Gabriel VanNoy with soon to arrive Great Granddaughter, Harper of Bristol, Tennessee Lesley Evan Ballard Beaty and husband, Ryan and Great Grandson, Gunner of Abingdon, Virginia Sister: Ruby Ramsey of Buena Vista, Virginia Brother: Louie Dudley of Buena Vista, Virginia Graveside services for Les Ballard will be conducted Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 12:00pm at the Clinch Valley Memorial Cemetery in Richlands,

Virginia. Interment will follow. Relatives and Friends will serve as pallbearers. Members of Casey-Shortt VFW Post #9640 will conduct military graveside rites. Friends may call after 6:00pm Tuesday evening at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia. Members of Richlands Masonic Lodge #318 AF & AM will conduct Masonic services Tuesday evening at 7:00pm. Those wishing to attend the graveside service are asked to meet at the funeral home by 11:30am Wednesday morning. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leslie Ballard,*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Leslie Ballard,*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *We have great memories of Les and his work at Gethsemane. As insurance clients, we appreciated his integrity and professionalism. Our prayers are with your family.*

**Anna & Garry Damron** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dusty,*

*We were so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. May God comfort and strengthen you all during this difficult time. Dusty please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. If you need ANYTHING please let us know. We love you.*

*Bill, Robin, Brennan  
Brandon and Violet*

**The Dyes** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences on your loss.*

**Debbie Snapp** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Nell and Dusty;  
Ruth Ann and I express our sympathy in the loss of your Husband  
and Father. Some of the most pleasurable moments of my life were  
spent in his company, whether it was on the golf course or sitting at  
Hardees attempting to solve the problems of the world.*

*I hope that when the pain of his loss subsides, you will be left only  
with fond memories of a person who was held in high esteem by  
all who knew him.*

*In the coming days and weeks Ruth Ann and I will have you in our  
thoughts and prayers.*

*Charlie Warner*

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**Charles Warner** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Dusty:*

*So sorry for your loss, our families go back a long way, May you  
have peace with the memories, know we are thinking of you and  
your family.*

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**Peggy & Ronnie Pinkerton** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

OF

“ *My prayers go out to the family. May God comfort you all.*

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**Omer Fannin** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I always admired Les, always a gentleman. Someone to look up to & try to mimic his style & character growing up around him. I've known him all my life, I'll miss him. Richlands has lost an icon.

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**Bobby Mullins** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Nell, Dusty and Family,  
So sorry to learn of the death of Les. I know he will be missed but what wonderful memories he has left behind. He was so well respected and vital asset to Richlands and Tazewell County and his country. He will always be as close as a memory. May the God of all comfort and guide each of you.  
"Rocky" and Pat send their sympathy also. We will have you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Love,  
Jane Ellen

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**Jane Ellen Horton** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I extend my sympathy to Dusty and his family in their loss.

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**Michael Spangler** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Nell and family,  
I am Donna's daughter, and Ruby's granddaughter. I am sorry to here about Leslie's passing. Please know that my prayers are with you, and I am thinking of you. God bless you all.

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**Jenny Cabbage** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *That pleasant smile and pleasing personality will long be remembered by all--  
Please accept our heartfelt condolences for a life well lived--  
J. W. and Billie Sue*

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**John McClintock and Billie Sue** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ *Nell,Dusty and girls,  
We are so sad to hear about Les. Growing up, he was like an uncle to me. I have such fond memories of your family and the Simmons family. Les was a great role model and I know you will miss him.  
You all are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Phyllis Sneed Osborne** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Sorry to learn about Les..he was a number 1 kind of guy..He will be missed..*

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**Don & Shirley Dye** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *dusty,i'm so sorry for the loss of your father.he and your mom gave me my first job mowing for them.Les was a good friend and neighbor.my thoughts and prayers go out to your family and mother.*

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**butch street** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Nell, Dusty and family,  
So sorry to hear of the loss of LES.  
Scotty and I enjoyed our friendship over the years with the two of  
you.  
My best to all of you.  
Dana

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**Dana Scott and family** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Mrs. Jim (Helen) Shinall & Chris** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Dusty and family,  
You shall all be in my prayers as you walk through one of the most  
difficult times in your life. Les was a wonderful man and indeed an  
icon in Richlands. Never saw him without his contagious smile.  
Please know that my prayer is for God to place His loving arms  
around you and safely carry you over this rocky road. My prayers  
are with you and may God be with you. Love, Sharon and family

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**Sharon Powers Lowe** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Nell, Dusty and Family, We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Les  
was a positive contributor to our church family, the Richlands area,  
and Tazewell County. Have faith in the everlasting, have hope in  
tomorrow and take comfort in the love of friends and family. May  
you feel peace and love as you travel through the days ahead.

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**Lynda Bevins** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ *Dusty and family,*

*Your father served his church faithfully. We sought his advice on many matters. He would come in on a Wednesday night or Sunday night when he was able. I remember what friends Pastor Herrin and he were. I would like to think of them both having a conversation again together. I admired him and think of what an asset and resource he was to us. It is hard to find men of character sometimes these days. You have a father to be proud of in his service to others and his faithfulness.*

*We will miss him. May God bless you and your family during this time.*

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**Elaine Holmes** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PV

“ *Dusty and family,*

*We are sorry for your loss. We appreciate and honor your dad's service to our country. We will also remember him as a well respected businessman and appreciate his contribution to the Richlands area.*

*God Bless you and your family.*

*Pete & Frances Vance*

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**Pete Vance and Frances Foy Vance** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Dearest Nell , Dusty & Family ,

*I met Les , his lovely wife Nell & baby son , when I was very young . Les & Nell always had a smile & kind word for me & everyone else. Les had a Heart of Gold . He introduced four Governors & Danny Bird to Richlands & area workers. He worked very hard for our area. Les did much for the less fortunate & wanted no glory or thanks. He is what I call an UNSUNG HERO . I ask him once, who's the most important person you know ? He responded " My Lord & Savior Jesus Christ " I was so BLESSED to be considered as his friend . He will be greatly missed by many. MY LOVE & DEEPEST SYMPATHY to each one of you . May GOD wrap his arms around you in comfort. LOVE YOU ALL , YOUR FRIEND  
PAT*

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**Patricia j lyons** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Dusty,

*I send to you my deepest heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your dad. Mr. Ballard will always be someone I will remember as a caring person from the Lake Park community. He would always have a smile, hand wave and a kind hello to share with his neighbors. Its the kindness of someone that people tend to remember most about a person instead of all the accomplishments their life contained. One such act I will always remember is the time he gave his dog to the Diepholz family after their daughter had grown very attached to it.*

*May God grant you peace and comfort during this most difficult time.*

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**Bobbie (Davis) Ray** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ Tazewell County Country Club would like to express their deepest sympathy to Nell and family in their loss of Les. Les was a member at TCCC for over 35 years and will be missed.

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**Tazewell County Country Club , Inc.** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Dear Mrs. Ballard, Dusty and Family,

We are so truly sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Ballard. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. He was a very kind gentleman and will be greatly missed by our community. May God Bless each of you with comfort in your time of sorrow and keep your hearts open with the many wonderful memories you shared together.

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**Anita Short** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Dusty, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Brenda Killen** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Nell and Dusty and Family,  
Kirk and I convey out deepest sympathy to all at this sad time. Mr. Ballard was always such a gentleman and showed great kindness to everyone. Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Anita and Kirk Gibson

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**Anita McGlothlin Gibson** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Dusty,*

*Sorry to hear that Les passed on. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Brian Webb** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM