



Ouida Merle Ballard

December 28, 1926 - February 9, 2013

OUIDA MERLE BALLARD

Ouida Merle Ballard, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother departed this earthly life to join her Heavenly Father on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Her strong love for family always drew her loved ones together for all occasions. The special effort they made to return her wonderful love for them was a blessing for all of her friends in Pauls Valley to witness; for example, the beautiful manner in which they decorated the Ballard house every Christmas.

The devoted hours she spent with husband Johnny (her sweet BB) at Ballard's Drive-In adding her special touch along with his to spoil all of their customers filled her days. They were a great team always there with hugs and concern for all the customers. The hours were long but joyous times for the Ballards. They were also a great dance team. They loved Big Band music.

The couple met on the dance floor in Ballinger, Texas at a USO dance in 1944 when Johnny was in flight training during World War II,

Ouida raised all her five children, their children and their children along side of raising Johnny. These tasks brought her the most pleasurable moments of her life. She considered it her job to make everyone's particular favorite dish. She had the ability to make each of her children feel as if they were "her favorite."

She was an avid sports fan in her recliner or in the stands. Her Pauls Valley Panthers, her Texas Longhorns, her Texas Rangers, the Dallas Cowboys and her OKC Thunder were cheered on when needed with her standing in front of

the TV helping coach her teams to victory.

The most important things she taught others about life was how to love others and to know that love goes beyond this life. Ouida was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pauls Valley where she sang in the choir. She looked forward to times when her Sunday School class met for dinner.

Ouida entered this life born to Kennett Irven and Myrtle (Bowden) Sharpes on December 28, 1926 in Norton, Texas. She graduated from Norton High School in 1945. She married Clements Taylor on April 7, 1946. They lived in Ballinger and Abilene, Texas where they raised their five children. Johnny and Ouida remet in 1969 and later married on June 20th, 1970 in Ballinger, Texas.

She was preceded in death by parents, Mr. and Mrs. K.I. Sharpes, her Cathy and grandson, Baby Garrett Taylor.

Survivors include husband, John B. Ballard; sons, Charlie Taylor and wife Kathy, Chris Taylor and Lou Ann Montgomery, and John B. Ballard II; daughters, Charlotte Taylor and Partner Barbara Curry, and Carolyn Taylor Maxwell; twelve grandchildren, Shannon Puckett, Tallion Taylor and wife Jennifer, Zachary Taylor, Bryson Maxwell and wife Dawn, Chaney Shores, Laci Sanders, Tiffany Taylor, Taylor Maxwell, Kristine Cooper, Stephanie Gourley and husband J.J., John B. Ballard III, and Natasha and Jordan Ballard; great-grandchildren, Dylan and Trent Taylor, Levin & Lucas Maxwell, Kurtis and Kelli Mayo, Josh, Ashton and Leigha Puckett, McKenna Cooper, John B. Ballard IV and Joe Gourley; brother, K.I. Sharpes Jr and her best friend Niobe Clinton.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Hwy 77
Pauls Valley, Ok

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)
1601 South Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, OK 73075
(405) 238-7574
woosterfuneralhome@sbcglobal.net

Visitation

FEB 12. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)
1601 South Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, OK 73075
(405) 238-7574
woosterfuneralhome@sbcglobal.net

Service

FEB 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church- Pauls Valley
213 N. Ash
Pauls Valley, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Ouida Merle Ballard*



Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ouida Merle Ballard*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *We all just visited with Ouida and Johnny and were all so saddened to hear of her unexpected passing.
Donnie Maxwell and all of the Maxwell family*



donnie Maxwell - February 15, 2013 at 10:37 AM



“ *Sandra Beyer lit a candle in memory of Ouida Merle Ballard*



Sandra Beyer - February 12, 2013 at 09:38 AM

TJ

“ Johnny and family,
It was with deep sorrow that we heard of Ouida's passing. Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Tom Jester & Family

Tom Jester - February 12, 2013 at 08:51 AM

HB

“ Johnny I was sadden today when I read of the passing of your love-one, Ouida. You have been blesses to have each other all these years. My sympathy, love and prayers are with you all. You will allhave many happymemories to share with each other in the future. God bless you all.

Too often we undesestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest acat of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally!

May the love of friends and family give you comfort in this difficult time.

*Harold Bradley
League City TX.*

Harold Bradley - February 11, 2013 at 05:42 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Ouida Merle Ballard.*



February 11, 2013 at 04:46 PM

AL

“ *Annette and Gary Lunnon purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ouida Merle Ballard.*



Annette and Gary Lunnon - February 11, 2013 at 12:15 PM

WA

“ *John and Family....I know you will miss "Miss Quida". She was always a delight. I loved singing next to her, in choir, and am so happy that I was able to speak with her right before your closed the drive-in. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*
Waymolene

Waymolene Abel - February 11, 2013 at 08:46 AM

JL

“ *Jim and Jody; Gary and Becky; Rob and Melody; Gary and Linda purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Ouida Merle Ballard.*



Jim and Jody; Gary and Becky; Rob and Melody; Gary and Linda - February 10, 2013 at 07:46 PM