



## Herbert Tyrone Ballard

September 12, 1948 - June 10, 2023

Herbert Tyrone Ballard, 74, died unexpectedly of natural causes at Lake Norman Medical Center Saturday evening, June 10, 2023. He was surrounded by family and friends who expected him to sit up and tell a funny story, but, for once, he stayed quiet.

Herb, a man who was always comfortable in his skin, was born on September 12, 1948, to Corporal James Miles and Edith Schmidt Miles in Aabenraa, Denmark. Within three months of his birth, Herb and his parents sailed to the United States, where the family made their home in Fort Benning, Georgia, while Corporal Miles was called to serve in Korea.

After the death of his father when Herb was a baby, Herb and his mother moved to Kannapolis, North Carolina, to live with his American grandparents until Mrs. Miles met and married Howard C. Ballard, who adopted Herb. The Ballard family lived in Charlotte, North Carolina, and welcomed two more children, Heidi and Kim, before returning to Kannapolis, where Herb attended Aycock Elementary School and J.W. Cannon Jr. High and graduated in 1966 from A. L. Brown High School. Growing up, Herb delivered The Daily Independent newspaper, mowed lawns, and created, with his best friend Gary Frye, an illicit zip line in neighborhood woods that local children used for years, managing only minor scrapes and cuts. A kind and loving big brother and devoted son, Herb continued to bring joy to those who knew him. He

enrolled in Central Piedmont Community College, started work for the United Parcel Service, and married Cynthia Brewer, with whom he had his first son, Robert Tyrone Ballard. Herb advanced at UPS, becoming one of the youngest center managers for the company, and continued to earn promotions until he retired, at age 38. Herb then married Patricia King, and the two of them had sons, Zack and Jeremy. During the next decades, Herb and his family enjoyed life on Lake Norman in Mooresville, and Herb owned and operated several businesses, including American Messenger Service and RMX Trucking. When the latter company was purchased by UPS, Herb returned to work for his former company, joking that he was either living a dream or a nightmare. Meanwhile, Herb became a grandfather when Shelby and Caitlyn Ballard were born within a year of each other. Two decades later, Herb became a great-grandfather with the birth of Lexi, Lucas, and Jack.

Herb Ballard was a remarkable family man; his wife, children, grandchildren, parents, in-laws, sisters, and friends were the center of his world. Extremely funny and smart, Herb never met a stranger and extended his sense of responsibility to the many people he encountered at work and in his neighborhood. He was loved in Denmark as well as the United States, as Danish relatives visited throughout the years, and he visited there.

Herb leaves behind his wife of 37 years, Patricia King Ballard; three sons, Rob (Shasta), Zack (Dr. Sebastian Ibarra), and Jeremy (Olivia Felo); granddaughters, Shelby Ballard McClain (Christopher Vaughn) and Caitie Ballard (Joshua Ruby), great-grandchildren, Lexi, Lucas, and Jack; sisters, Heidi Green and Kim Ballard; nieces, Emily Green (Dr. James Allen) and Melissa Green (Jeff Jackson); and great-niece, Sydney Dawue. Many people had a special role in Herb's life, including his good friends John and Terri Andersen and their daughter Jessica (Marshall Dean). Herb's parents preceded him in death.

On Friday, June 16, 2023, a celebration of Herb Ballard's life will be held at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., with the service starting at 2:00 p.m. and a reception to be held at the family's home following the service.

The family requests donations to honor Herb be made to the Human Rights Campaign or the Epilepsy Foundation.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Ballard family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

JUN 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

## Memorial Service

JUN 16. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

## Graveside Service

JUN 17. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

West Lawn Memorial Park  
1350 South Main Street  
China Grove, NC 28023



# Tribute Wall

JC

“ Pat, I just realized that Herb had passed. This is John Ciardelli my number is 614-309-8807. I don't know if you remember me. Herb and I worked together at RMX and UPS. I've reached out for Herb many times and finally when his number wasn't good any longer, I was worried that something had happened. You have my condolences and I hope you are doing okay! If you feel up to it please give me a call.

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**John Ciardelli** - November 30, 2024 at 09:42 AM

PG

“ On behalf of the Epilepsy Alliance NC (previously the Epilepsy Foundation), we extended our deepest condolences to the family of this remarkable man. We are deeply grateful to be chosen for memorial gifts. Please know that 100% of the donations, unless otherwise designated, go to our Epilepsy Medication Fund. It is one of our top goals to assure that no one in our state goes without medication due to lack of funds. Our prayers go out to the family. May the angels comfort you during this sad time. Patricia Gibson, Executive Director

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**Patricia Gibson** - June 28, 2023 at 04:47 PM

JD

“ So sorry for your loss. I knew Herb and Edith from American Messenger Service.

Joy Dry

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**Joy Dry** - June 20, 2023 at 02:24 PM

MR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michael Roberts - June 16, 2023 at 03:37 PM

MR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michael Roberts - June 16, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Herbert Tyrone Ballard.



June 15, 2023 at 05:29 PM

LC

“ Laura C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Herbert Tyrone Ballard.

Laura C. - June 15, 2023 at 03:41 PM

WW

“ *Herb was one of my all time favorite managers at UPS. He was funny, kind and always understanding. His witty personality was the best around. One of my favorite memories was when he married one of my best friends and neighbors Pat. I remember as if it were yesterday when they called me, told me they were married and I could tell the entire customer service department. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Hugs and peace to you all.*  
*Wanda Mauch Williams*

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**Wanda Mauch Williams** - June 15, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Herbert Tyrone Ballard.*



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June 15, 2023 at 11:04 AM

RR

“ Words can't even describe how heartbroken I am, that I have lost my buddy and one of my very best friends!! I have known Herb for 34 years and 6 of those years I was lucky enough to work with him at American Messenger. He was always so much fun to be around and always had great stories to tell. I could be having the worst day ever but he had that special quality that he could always make me laugh and feel better. He was always willing to listen and let me vent as well as give me his opinion or advice. We had a lot in common from both of us growing up in Kannapolis, to going to the same high school to liking the same movies, TV shows, books and music. I am going to miss our calls and texts when we would catch up and see how everyone was doing and talk about the events of the day or that new movie that was coming out. In those 34 years I was lucky enough to get to know and spend time with his amazing family! To Pat, Zack, Jeremy, Heidi, Kim and Edith (when she was alive) .....thank you for allowing me to spend time with you guys over the years. You always made me feel like family and I love you all! Thank you Herb for all the laughs and good times we had and for being such a good friend!!

*I will miss you dearly!!!*

*Robin*

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**Robin Rainbolt** - June 15, 2023 at 10:46 AM

RP

“ Robin/Ricky Rainbolt & Les/Gail Puntch purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Herbert Tyrone Ballard.



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**Robin/Ricky Rainbolt & Les/Gail Puntch** - June 15, 2023 at 09:57 AM

RP

“ Robin/Ricky Rainbolt & Les/Gail Puntch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Herbert Tyrone Ballard.

Robin/Ricky Rainbolt & Les/Gail Puntch - June 15, 2023 at 09:57 AM

TA

“ No words can express the loss of such a good friend and family protector as Herb. I am so grateful that Zack, Jeremy, Pat, Kim, Heidi, Conie, and dear Edith had such a wonderful loving person in their lives. Herb was always fun to be around whether it was snow skiing, canoeing or get-togethers at his home. From giving good advice as well as helping with problem-solving, Herb was always there for you. Our friend was many things to many people but to me, Herb was king at telling awesome stories. Thank you Herb for leaving us with endless treasured memories.

*Missing your smile and laughter,  
Jessica, Terri & John*

TA - June 14, 2023 at 06:46 PM

JC

*Words can't describe what a good, funny and just all around loving man Herb was!!! How blessed we were to have him as our neighbor for so many years!!! He loved our girls and we loved him, Pat and the boys! We will miss seeing him in the yard blowing leaves or on the lawn mower picking them up!!! But I know God has prepared a place for him in Heaven and he is doing far more important things now than before! Until we see you again Herb!!!  
We love you!!!  
Mike and Jodie Conway  
Carolyn, Hannah and Ella*

Jodie Conway - June 15, 2023 at 10:29 AM

RS

“ I used to love it when Herb would come to the bank at Morrison Plantation. I was the manager there for seven years and never tired of Herb coming in and giving me the dickens about one thing or another, after which I would give him the dickens right back. I used to always ask him how the saint was (Pat, his sweet wife). He was one of my very favorite customers along with Pat and Edith. God bless your family. I know you are going to miss him terribly. He had a gift of making everyone relax and laugh. I'm glad I got to know him. Ramona Whatley Smith

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**RAMONA W SMITH** - June 14, 2023 at 06:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Herbert Tyrone Ballard.



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June 14, 2023 at 03:50 PM

BR

“ I have known Ty (family pet name) since he was a little boy. He grew into a man who loved his family and worked all his life. He will be missed by us who loved him. Aunt Betty

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**betty ritchie** - June 13, 2023 at 01:21 PM