



Wilburn Ball

August 13, 1935 - April 25, 2021

Wilburn Ray Ball, 85 of Bolivar, Missouri passed away Sunday, April 25th at his home after a short illness. Wilburn was born in Dunnegan, Missouri on August 13th, 1935 to Verner and Orba Ball.

Wilburn was a member of the Highway 13 Church of Christ. Wilburn worked for Owens Corning Fiberglass in Kansas City, Missouri. City of Bolivar for the Special Road District, MoDot, and Ball Trucking. His most memorable job was owning and operating the Bolivar Bowl and the Bowl-a-rama restaurant. He was city Alderman for the city of Bolivar. He was the owner of 4B's properties. He also helped with Ball Fireworks where he supervised making sure the fireworks were placed correctly.

He enjoyed traveling with his wife of almost 66 years on May 4th, 2021. Wilburn made many friends along the way. He enjoyed going to the horse races and casinos with his sons. He also enjoyed breakfast at Brenda's every morning with his friends. Wilburn was also known to "stop" working wherever he was at 3:00pm sharp to have coffee with his longtime friend James Houk. He liked family gatherings and spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Wilburn was preceded in death by his parents Verner and Orba Ball, sisters Laverna Ashlock, Marjorie Fullerton, twin sister Wilma Stark, Janice Ball,

sister in law Louetta Ball, Sharon Coffey, Pat Steely, Elizabeth Coffey, Brother in law Allen Sullivan, Herman Coffey, Jim Coffey, John Brown and nephew Todd Coffey.

Wilburn leaves behind his wife, Winnie Lee Ball of 65 years, 2 sons Rick Ball and Sherry Basinger, Jeff Ball and wife Laurie, grandson Bryan Overall and wife Joni, granddaughter Cacey Ball, grandson Brandon Ball and wife Colleen, 4 great grandchildren, Jayden and Kaden Overall, Colter and Haven Ball.

Survived by his brother Robert Ball of Bolivar, brother in law Richard Coffey, Danny and Beverly Coffey, Kenny and Sharon Coffey, Paul and Ruth Coffey, Frank Steely, Sister in law Teresa and Al Cornell, Connie Brown, Lois Coffey, Donna and Wink Ahart, and Judy Carmen, along with a host of nieces and nephews and many friends.

A huge thank you to everyone who has come to visit, spend time with Wilburn and countless phone calls to check on him. Most of all the caretakers that were with Wilburn, Dorothy Peck, Debbie Vessey, Laura Strokamp, Kim Ingersoll, Rosaine Martin, Tammy Lippencott. You were all so kind to him and for that we thank you.

Funeral services for Wilburn will be at 11:00 AM Thursday, April 29, 2021 at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, with a visitation from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Burial will take place following the service at Enon Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children or the Polk County Humane Society.

Cemetery Details

Enon Cemetery

Enon Cemetery, E 506th Rd, Morrisville, MO
65710

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wilburn Ball*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Wilburn Ball*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Rick Hale lit a candle in memory of Wilburn Ball*



rick hale - May 03, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ *Very sorry to hear of your loss. He was always so kind when I would see him. Loving thoughts and prayers for your family.*
Jaquetta Murray Tidwell

Jaquetta Tidwell - April 29, 2021 at 01:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wilburn Ball.*



April 28, 2021 at 01:36 PM

SP

“ So sorry for the family's loss. We always enjoyed visiting with Wilburn and hearing his stories. He was always good for a laugh or two. He touched many lives and left a lasting legacy. Many prayers for all of his family.

Mike and Sharon Payne

Sharon Payne - April 27, 2021 at 09:01 PM

SO

“ I am so sorry to hear about Wilburn. He was a wonderful man. Prayers for the family.

Sandy (Timmerman) Ortner

Sandra Ortner - April 27, 2021 at 07:58 PM

DB

“ I will miss him dearly. He has been a huge part of my family's lives for over 40 years. Hugs, prayers and love to Winnie and the rest of the family at this time. He touched so many lives and brought a lot of joy to anyone that loved the sport of bowling.

Donna Binns - April 26, 2021 at 11:22 PM

DB

“ Donna Binns lit a candle in memory of Wilburn Ball



Donna Binns - April 26, 2021 at 11:18 PM

LC

“ *Thinking you during this time of loss. Lois,
Mork and Mindy*



Lois Cornelison - April 26, 2021 at 12:49 PM