



## Steven Wayne Ballard

February 9, 1969 - October 26, 2022

Steven Wayne Ballard left this life on earth for a better one on 10-26-22 in Spring, Texas. Steven was born on 2-9-1969 at Jane Phillips Hospital, Bartlesville, OK, to proud parents Darrell Wayne and Mary Roberts Ballard. Steve and his family had a very close bond and a love for sports. Darrell coached his first-grade basketball team at the Boys Club (fun), his first little League baseball team (never a dull moment), and a great basketball team at the “Y”. Darrell was always involved in some manner in all of Steve’s sports outside of school activities.

Steve was a product of the Bartlesville school system, attending McKinley Elementary, Central, and Mid-High where he played basketball for the latter two schools. Entering B.H.S. he exchanged the big round ball for a smaller golf ball. He was a member of the varsity golf team, a game he enjoyed for many years after graduating in 1987. He attended Oklahoma University where he was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity. He was a Sooner through and through. We enjoyed many wonderful weekends with family at the “Red River Shootout”. After graduating from OU in 1991, he met Brenda Kay Burns from Oklahoma City. They were married on June 20, 1992, in the First Christian Church of Oklahoma City. A few months later he began his studies at the Oklahoma City University School of Law where he served on the Law Review, was a merit scholar, member of Phi Delta Pi honorary Legal Fraternity, listed in Who’s Who among American Law students and graduated magna cum laude in 1995. He was a recipient of the American Jurisprudence

award for excellent achievement in the study of criminal law. After graduating from Law School, he joined the law firm of Crow & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City. After three years here he had an opportunity to join Williams Co. in Tulsa, OK as an Energy Contracts attorney. This became his field of choice, taking him to Florida and then to Houston, Texas where he ended his 27-year law career. His greatest accomplishment, however, occurred on January 30, 2001, at Saint John Hospital in Tulsa, OK.... the birth of his beautiful daughter Mary-Elizabeth Katherine (Emmy) Ballard, making him a proud daddy! He was an avid reader and enjoyed golf, watching his Sooners, Kansas City Royals baseball, and the Dallas Cowboys games. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. George Ballard of Chelsea, OK, and MR. and Mrs. Ovie Roberts of Stigler, OK. He is survived by his parents Darrell and Mary Ballard of Bartlesville, OK, and daughter Emmy, a Sr. at Texas State University of San Marcos, Texas, and Brenda of Spring, Texas. And precious aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. A celebration of life will be held on February 16, 2023, at 2:00pm at Bartlesville First Church, 4715 Price Rd. Officiated by Dr. Greg Tener.

Psalm 118:24

This is the day which the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bartlesville First Church  
4715 Price Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
<http://www.bartlesvillefirstchurch.com>

# Tribute Wall



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October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



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October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM