



Danny Wayne Ballard

October 25, 1966 - September 19, 2023

Daniel "Danny" Wayne Ballard was born October 25, 1966 and died September 19, 2023. He was 56 years old.

Danny graduated High School in Noble, OK and attended OSU in Stillwater.

He is survived by his parents, Ray Ballard of Wagoner and Ruth Tate of Owasso.

He is also survived by a daughter, Ashleigh Brood and her husband Rick, along with their infant daughter, Lillian of Broken Arrow and a son, Chance Ballard of Coweta and their mother, Renee Ballard of Broken Arrow.

Danny is also survived by a brother and two sisters: Mitch Ballard of Tulsa and his wife Cara; Michelle Pendleton of Claremore, and Angela Hopkins and her husband Robert, of Little Rock, AR.

Danny also is survived by numerous nephews and nieces.

He loved dogs and had several during his lifetime. He leaves his beloved chocolate Lab, Daisy, to Chance; who actually bought her for him. And, Chance has a grown puppy out of Daisy. So, Gunner and Daisy can romp together, and probably are, right now!

Danny was the youngest of Ray and Ruth's four children and earned the nickname "MudBug" early on when the Fred Arbogast fishing lure company released their deep diving crankbait in the 1970s.

He loved hunting and fishing and was an avid collector of guns and old fishing lures. We could spend hours talking about that.

A proud father and new grandfather, Danny got a kick out of watching Chance play little league baseball and soccer. Loved watching Ashleigh playing little league softball and right up until the end, he enjoyed Lilly's company since they were living with him.

Danny was a John Wayne fanatic. He could quote every line from almost every movie before the Duke could say it himself on screen.

As everybody here knows, Danny loved Mountain Dew.

Danny also liked playing poker and was known to gamble a little bit every now and then. Wink, wink, nod, nod. He also liked to turn baseball cards and Beanie Babies for fun and profit.

He became the manager of a pawn shop, and even though he was an uncertified gemologist, he could look at a precious stone and tell you its value. That skill led him to eventually become a salesman at Moody's Jewelry. He really liked wheeling and dealing with customers.

When he worked at the pawn shop Danny bought an antique pocket watch with an inscription from Wyatt Earp to Doc Holiday and the piece was interesting enough for a television show to fly him to Tombstone, AZ for an on-camera interview and subsequent forensic investigation to determine if it was

real or fake. The experts couldn't determine without documentation but acknowledged it was period correct and that people have been counterfeiting objects since the dawn of time.

Danny was once the butt of a prank phone call from the famous Roy D. Mercer of KMOD radio. He was a good sport and took it in stride. It was re-played several times and always got a lot of laughs.

He always bragged about being an excellent marksman. His truck's vanity plate was "GR8SHOT" and one of the first times he ever went duck hunting, Danny bagged two mallard drakes with one blast. Of course, we never heard the end of it!

Among his many physical ailments, Danny held the unofficial world record for documented kidney stones, with two trips to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **25**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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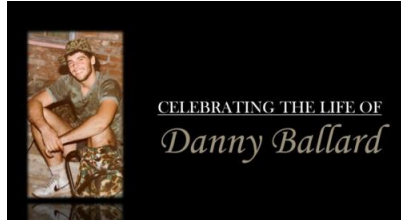
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Tribute Wall



“ Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of Danny Wayne Ballard



Hayhurst Funeral Home - September 29, 2023 at 10:09 AM

KC

I just found out about you passing, and I'm so heart broken and sad. You were one of my best friends for years almost 10 years. So many good memories, so many smiles and laughs! All our crazy adventures we went on! You were always ready to go and there for each other even through the bad times. I loved you so much! From going to the casino to just sitting around for hours just talking and visiting. Laughing and enjoying each others company, enjoying a Mountain Dew or good food! All your college stories, and hunting and fishing stories. You could always make me smile and laugh. I know you have went through so many hard ships but you were so tough and you were a fighter! I just want you to know the difference you made in my life and how loved you were. I know you're at peace and smiling down. You will be greatly missed. Your family was my family I love you all, Chance and Ashleigh and Renee. Don't worry I'll be checking in on them and I know you'll be smiling down. I know you're so proud of Chance and Ashleigh! You loved your kids like no other! You had such a big heart and would help anyone or be there if needed. I will be forever grateful for God bringing you into my life and having to have been your friend. I know your in Heaven and until we meet again. I love you and rest in paradise! You'll be greatly missed! I'll be watching out for red cardinals! May God guide you where you need to be and I'll see you again one day! I love you.



Kristyonna Cooper - October 14, 2023 at 09:30 PM

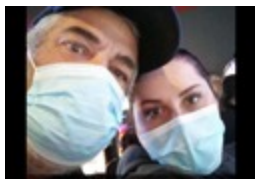
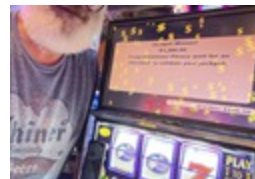


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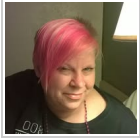
October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM

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Kristyonna Cooper - October 14, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ You were the very best friend anyone could hope for. You were love to me. You supported me, would do anything for me and loved me unconditionally. You never judged me when I made mistakes and you were there to catch me when I fell. We weren't just best friends, we were family. You were one of the few people I could always count on to never hurt me. Before you're coma, you would talk about how lonely you felt and you thought very few people loved you. I believe one of the reasons God gave you that extra time with us, was so you could see just how loved you really were and so you would know just how many lives you had touched. But for the pain you had to endure most of your short life, I will remember most of all the joy I saw and felt in you since you woke from the coma. You found your purpose and meaning in living your life finally and walking with God. And, God blessed us with a few more months with you. I will cherish that time with you, baby. I will also remember how you saw the purple light in your coma and the love that you felt from it. Now, I will look for that light and be comforted by it cuz I'll know that's you. I know you'll be checking in on us and I'll be talking to ya quite a bit, I'm sure. Also, I'll help ya look after Renee and the kids. Thank you for bringing us all together. You were the best friend to us all, but at least now we can be that for each other now. Thank you, Danny. You'll always be in my heart. I love you... Muah💕💕



Stacey Bauer - September 27, 2023 at 02:01 AM

MB

“ Farewell Mud Bug.
I'll see you in the Happy Hunting Grounds.

Mitch



Mitchell Ballard - September 25, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Pictorial Video Tribute



Hayhurst Funeral Home - September 25, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Danny Wayne Ballard.



September 25, 2023 at 10:50 AM

TP

“ Danny, you are definitely missed. Fly high brother and friend. Until
we meet again...
Glenn and Terri Patrick

Terri Patrick - September 23, 2023 at 11:56 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Danny Wayne Ballard.*



September 23, 2023 at 09:31 AM



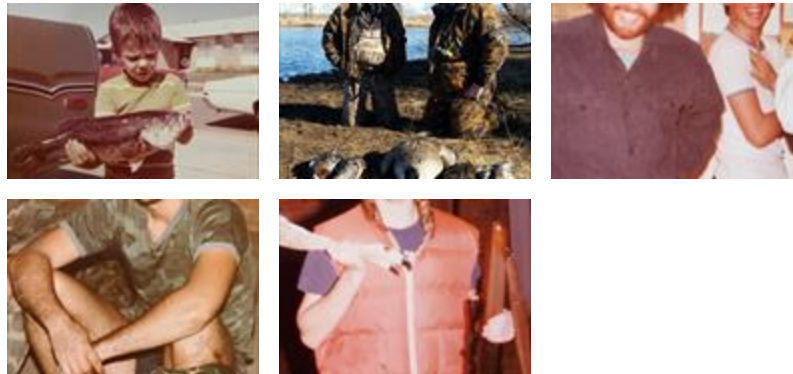
“ *Mitch, Cara and Mom purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Danny Wayne Ballard.*



Mitch, Cara and Mom - September 22, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ *21 files added to the album Memories Album*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - September 22, 2023 at 12:20 PM

PD

“ *Danny touched so many lives and he will stay in our hearts forever. He was so loved and will be greatly missed. We will see you again Danny. Love always...Patti Dailey*

Patti Dailey - September 21, 2023 at 10:34 AM

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“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve Danny's family and to provide this permanent tribute website in his memory.*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - September 20, 2023 at 04:14 PM