



## Lester Everett Ballew, Jr.

*March 23, 1924 - May 24, 2015*

Lester Everett Ballew, Jr., age 91 of McKinney, Texas passed away May 24, 2015 in Allen, Texas. He was born March 23, 1924 in Allen, Texas to Lester Everett Ballew, Sr. and Ollie (Brooks) Ballew. Lester grew up in Allen, Texas where he attended Allen Schools. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps., during World War II. Lester married Johnnie Bell Pope July 24, 1946 in Van Alstyne, Texas. He was a devoted husband for sixty-five years. Lester retired from the VA Hospital in 1977 where he was an X-Ray Technician for over thirty years. He was a Mason at the St. Johns Masonic Lodge number 51 for 60 years; he was also a member of Community North Baptist Church in McKinney, Texas where he served as a Deacon. After retirement Lester worked for two orthopedic surgeons in McKinney. Lester's generosity and love for Christ was evident for all to see.

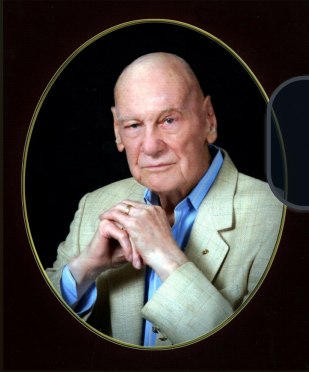
He is survived by his sister, Bettye Finigan of Fordyce, Arkansas; along with numerous nieces, great-nieces, nephews, and great-nephews, as well as a Host of other loving family and friends.

Lester was preceded in death by his wife, Johnnie Bell Ballew; parents, Lester and Ollie Ballew, Sr.; sisters, Hazel Long and Azza Lee Sullivan.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel in Allen, Texas. Interment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park in Allen, Texas. The family will receive friends during a visitation Tuesday evening from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Allen, Texas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Community Baptist Church Building Fund, 2500 Community Ave., McKinney, Texas 75071.

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*In Loving Memory*  
**Lester Everett Ballew, Jr.**  
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## Memorials

*I had the pleasure of working with Lester many years. So sorry to hear of his passing. He was always making me laugh and always had a smile on his face. what a wonderful man. Talked very lovingly about his wife. Sweet sweet man.*

**DORIS GOULET, JUNE 25, 2015**

*Uncle Junior, as we know him, was a great man! Frankie, his nephew, and I named our oldest son after him in recognition of his influence, example, and our affection for him. I just heard of his home-going today and will miss him.*

**DENISE ENLOE, MAY 27, 2015**

*It saddens me to hear of Mr. Ballew's death. I worked with Mr. Ballew for several years. He was a close and dear friend and favorite to all who ever met him. I will never forget how he would keep a roll of Quarters in his pocket to hand out one quarter to each child, he did an x-ray on. He was a very devoted Husband and held a close relationship with God. I know he will be missed. God Bless his family in this time of sadness. But know he is in good hands and with the love of his life Johnnie. My prayers are with you all. I feel grateful to have met such a wonderful person. God Bless!*

**KAREN REED, MAY 26, 2015**

*Mr. Ballew was such a sweet kind man. Growing up on the same street, I have sweet memories of Mr. Ballew whistling as he was working around his home. I*

*am praying for his family.*

**ELOISE BRUNTON LONG, MAY 26, 2015**

*Lester lived his life loving, serving, and praising the Lord. He had the gift of hospitality. Loving his neighbor was an inherent part of his kind and generous nature. He will be truly missed by everyone who knew him. But praise the Lord, Lester is home with our Lord in heaven and reunited with his wife, Johnnie. One day we will enjoy fellowship with Lester again, because of our Savior, Jesus Christ's, sacrifice on our behalf. friends in Christ forever, Tom & Betty Palmer*

**TOM & BETTY PALMER, MAY 26, 2015**

*I love Lester. I worked with him when he worked for Dr. Alread in Mckinney. He was funny, caring, would give you his last. I am praying for the family. He was turely a gift to the ones that knew him,*

**ANGELIA LEE, MAY 26, 2015**

*Lester was a good man and he will be missed at church I always looked forward to talking with him*

**RANDALL & MAXINE WILDER, MAY 25, 2015**

*I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Ballew. I have many fond memories of us being neighbors when I was younger. I used to love to hear his beautiful whistling when he worked in his yard. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

**JACQUE POSTON WADDELL, MAY 25, 2015**

*Lester was such a sweet man. Praying for all his family.*

**DENICE BURNSIDE WEBB, MAY 24, 2015**

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