



Timothy Lee Ballard

February 12, 1948 - June 8, 2009

Timothy Lee Ballard, age 61, of Allen, Texas, passed away on June 8, 2009, in Dallas, Texas. He was born on February 12, 1948 to Thomas Lansford and Velma Irene (DeWeese) Ballard in Independence, Missouri. Timothy became a professional musician at the age of 15. He attended Warrensburg College of Music in Kansas City in 1968. He received a four year contract with Capitol Records and became a world class song stylist, vocalist and instrumentalist. Tim appeared with many well known artists, Bobby Vinton, Tina Turner, Redd Foxx, Brothers Castro and Harmonocats, just to name a few. He also performed a National U.S. tour and was ranked as the number one male vocalist in Texas for three years by the readers of Texas Jazz magazine. He was recently inducted in the Kansas City Music Hall of Fame. In 1990, Tim moved to Las Vegas to fulfill his dream. As Associate Musical Director at the Desert Inn Hotel, Tim covered all the bases. Whether it was a lounge performance, a casino event, or an intimate last minute party in a high rollers suite, Tim was the hit of the soiree. He instinctively knew when to play those sexy, low notes or...just when to bite down and squeal over some funky R&B track and drive the crowd wild. On March 29, 2001, he married Patricia Kay Stampley in Maui, Hawaii. He was a member of the Fellowship Bible Church in Dallas, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Stampley Ballard of Allen, Texas; daughter, Kathryn Shut of Denver, Colorado; step-daughter, Jaci Stampley of Las Vegas, Nevada; granddaughter, Ashley Swelling and great grandson Caden Swelling, both of Las Vegas, Nevada; brothers Seldon Ballard of Ponca City, Oklahoma and Lance Ballard of Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Velma Ballard. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, June 11, 2009 in the Chapel at Fellowship Bible Church, 9330 N. Central Expy, Dallas, Texas, 75231 with Rev. Gary Brandenburg officiating. Interment will follow at 3:00 p.m. at White Rock Cemetery in West, Texas. The family will receive friends beginning at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home. To convey condolences or to sign an online registry, please visit www.tjmfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, Texas 77210-4486, (713) 792-3450, www3.mdanderson.org.

Memorials

Sorry to hear about your loss

FANK AND JOANN PURDOM, MARCH 14, 2016

I didn't know Tim was gone until now. I was over entertainment at Hotel San Remo when Tim first came to Vegas. It was an honor to work with him. He became a dear colleague and got me out of many crises. His memory and example will always reside in a corner of my soul.

ELIZABETH BAKER-NIELSEN, MARCH 13, 2016

I've known Tim for many years. He hired me as a keyboard player many times. I've always respected him as a musician, great singer and most of all a great and honest man. He fought very hard with his cancer. He never gave up and had a very positive attitude. I know for sure right now that he is playing somewhere up in heaven. I truly do miss him so much. Gary Stevens

GARY STEVENS, FEBRUARY 7, 2010

I'm very sorry to hear about Tim. He was proof that God loves jazz.

TERRA MORTON, AUGUST 3, 2009

TIM WAS MY DEAR FRIEND, AND FELLOW SAXOPHONE PLAYER. AFTER MY HEART ATTACK IN 1999 I COULDN'T PLAY MY CUSTOM MADE DAVE GUARDALA TENOR SAX MOUTHPIECE BECAUSE OF THE OPENING OF THE TIP . AFTER THE HEART ATTACK IT WAS HARD TO PLAY THE PIECE. SO TIM REALLY WANTED IT AND I SOLD HIM THE PIECE FOR WHAT I PAID FOR IT. HE WAS SO HAPPY WHEN I GAVE IT TO HIM DURING OUR LUNCH BEFORE HE LEFT LAS VEGAS , HE SURE LOVED IT. BOY I WISH I HAD IT NOW , BUT TIM REALLY LOVED IT . HE WAS A GREAT GUY , AND MARVELOUS MUSICIAN. HE WILL BE MISSED . "HEY TIM PLAY SOME GOOD CHORUS'S FOR ME " STEVE GOLDEN

STEVE GOLDEN, JUNE 16, 2009

I was saddened to learn of Tim's passing this week. Even though I never met him personally, I knew his passion from his music... his delivery so rich and expressive from the heart. With his talent Tim's music told the story. My condolences to the family and especially to Kathryn, who introduced me to

one of the greatest voices in Jazz. dr mike

MICHAEL DRMIKE OF RADIOIO MATHENY, JUNE 13, 2009

My heart is saddened for Tim's wife and family. He was a gift to the world and I'm sure he will make beautiful music in heaven! I stumbled across Tim at the old San Remo hotel and was mesmerized with his music about 15 years ago when I moved to Las Vegas. He played in my home on 3 occasions and my guests were amazed at his talent and very grateful for the opportunity to hear dear Tim. I saw Tim about 2 years ago when he was doing the real estate gig...and I wish I had spoken with him again since that time. May you make beautiful melodies to the Lord, Tim. You will be missed. In sympathy, Laurie Luongo

LAURIE LUONGO, JUNE 12, 2009

It is with great sadness that I read about Tim's passing. I have so many fond memories of Tim and his music. For many years Tim was the in-house musician at the Hotel San Remo during the day, and his wonderful music always created such a tremendous feel-good atmosphere throughout the casino. His wonderful personality and music touched many of us and will stay with us forever. My sincere condolences to Patricia and the family. Louise Faure, Las Vegas

LOUISE FAURE, JUNE 12, 2009

I am an entertainer and talent agent in Las Vegas and have known Tim for many years. As a musician/singer, I respected him so much. He was tremendously talented, with a great voice and a true gift for playing music. As an act that I booked, I respected him so much. He took every job, never complained, was a total professional, and was asked backed every place he performed. Everyone loved his performance. As a person, I respected him so much. He was so easy going, so sweet and just a good person. I'm glad that I had a chance to know him, and he will be missed, especially here in Vegas.

GREG CLARK SMITH, JUNE 12, 2009

Our family sends our condolences and our prayers for the Ballard family in this time of grief. We knew Tim from Lance's stories about his great musical talent

*and the gifts that God gave to him for musical expression. We send our sympathy to all of the Ballard family, an exceptionally fine one. Ed Bideau III
Chanute, Kansas*

ED BIDEAU, JUNE 11, 2009

Your kind personality and friendliness at the Breakfast Club will always be remembered. You will truly be missed by your neighborhood friends. Our prayers of comfort and support go with Patricia and the family.

TERRY AND BECKY V BELL, JUNE 11, 2009

Tim was a great guy and a very talented musician. We worked opposite each other a few times at the old San Remo, and he was always a true professional, and a great entertainer. Very sorry for your loss. We Believers know there's a party in heaven, and we'll all meet again, with Tim on the Sax.

HEIDI HARRIS, JUNE 11, 2009

*Tim and i go back a few years he used me on a couple of gigs and we became very good friends,he was a great musician,saxplayer,and a great Singer,He gave me his computer with all his tracks,and gave me many accounts,i will miss Tim very much,I found out a week to late,so to his family,God Bless,im so sorry i didn't find out sooner,Tim God be with,and rest in piece,i love you.
Glenn Rich*

GLENN RICH, JUNE 11, 2009

Tim was a kind, gentle soul. He will be missed. Blessings to all of his family and loved ones.

SEAN BARNEY, JUNE 11, 2009

At first, shock and sadness. After you catch your breath and have time to reflect, you realize how fortunate you are to have shared time with that person. I had the privilege of knowing Tim when he moved here to Las Vegas years back. I worked with Tim many times at the Desert Inn, Ceasars Palace and countless VIP parties and more. I've been a professional drummer my whole career which spans almost 40 years. I've worked with some very talented musicians over that time but Tim had rare gift. What I remember the most about him is how genuine and personable he was on stage. He made everyone

feel special. As if he was performing only for them. In addition to his gifted voice and beautiful tenor was the most important trait he possessed. He was a true gentleman. A class act. I consider myself very lucky to have known him and called him my friend. Though you are no longer with us, I will cherish all the great times you brought along with you wherever it was. Your family and friends are so very lucky to have had you in their lives. May God bless them and you. Mark Dalzell

MARK DALZELL, JUNE 11, 2009

I remember Tim when he was a patient with Dr. Michael in Las Vegas. He was always such a charming man and such a joy to talk with. He was blessed in this life and he blessed those he met. I will miss him and his smile and outlook on life. He'll definitely be singing in the angel choir, probably leading it!

NANCY L HERBST, JUNE 11, 2009

Tim and I hit it off right after he moved into Somerset. We started going to breakfast weekly and rode our Harleys much of the time. In Jan., 2008 we invited more neighbors to join us and established the Friday Breakfast Club going EVERY Friday morning to one of 7 rotating restaurants and usually with 4 to 5 Harleys leading the "parade." Norma and I will never forget Thanksgiving Dinner when Tim, accompanied by his daughter on piano, entertained us with his beautiful (better than Sinatra) voice and his excellent Saxophone intermezzos. Tim fought hard and long trying to lick the cancer and we prayed for him daily. Now we pray he will be accepted into Heaven with full privileges of the devoted Christian that he was. We will definitely miss Tim in this earthly existence.

KENDALL HUTTON, JUNE 10, 2009

Tim, you put up a great fight and now you are with the Lord. I am thankful for your friendship and the discussions we had on the many worldly and spiritual issues faced today.

JIM / KAYE GEISER, JUNE 10, 2009

What a great guy. Soft spoken, caring and courageous. We had some good times at our breakfast outings.

GARY R DENLINGER, JUNE 10, 2009

My condolences. May you find hope in the words at Acts 24:15, "and I have hope toward God, which hope these men themselves also entertain, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous." Resurrection is a standing up again. Take comfort in each other. Let others help.

A. COLE, JUNE 10, 2009

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