



Melvin Malone Ballard

November 8, 1937 - February 4, 2026

Melvin Ballard died peacefully in his home on February 4th 2026 surrounded by his family, pastor, and caregiver. He was born on November 8, 1937 in Texarkana, Texas to Tolbert Searcy Ballard and Dorothy Hill Ballard.

He attended Mabelvale High School in the Little Rock, Arkansas area where he began excelling in piano and organ studies. He received his Bachelor's degree in organ performance from Henderson State College in Arkadelphia, Arkansas and his Master's degree in organ performance from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

He served as organist for several churches in Little Rock and Pine Bluff, Arkansas. While serving as organist/director at First United Methodist Church in El Dorado, Arkansas, he met and married Sara Stewart. They moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana where he served 18 years as organist for First United Methodist Church. After moving to Houston, he became organist/director for 23 years at St. Paul Presbyterian Church. His last work was organist/director at Zion Lutheran Church in Tomball, Texas until his retirement.

Along with his musical talents, Melvin was accomplished with sewing and working with sewing machines. He was an excellent machine repairman and for many years owned a Bernina dealership in the Spring, Texas area.

He was preceded in death by his parents: T. S. and Dorothy Ballard; brothers Ted and Bill Ballard; and his sister Fredonna Ballard.

Melvin is survived by his wife of 58 years, Sara Ballard, and his three children and their spouses: Thomas Ballard and wife Denisa; Fredonna Gautier and

husband Eduardo; Margaret Shaffer and husband Robbie; and eight grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Jerry Ballard. The family extends thanks to Caring Senior Services and Enhabit Hospice for their care and kindness during his illness.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
5201 Spring Cypress Rd
Spring, TX 77379

Celebration Of Life

MAR 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JY

“ Jerry Ballard, Toni, Butch & John Herring, Lisa Stewart & Geri Ballard, Terri Yun purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Melvin Malone Ballard.



Jerry Ballard, Toni, Butch & John Herring, Lisa Stewart & Geri Ballard, Terri Yun - February 27 at 03:17 PM

JY

“ Jerry Ballard, Toni, Butch & John Herring, Lisa Stewart & Geri Ballard, Terri Yun purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Melvin Malone Ballard.



Jerry Ballard, Toni, Butch & John Herring, Lisa Stewart & Geri Ballard, Terri Yun - February 27 at 03:08 PM

SS

“ Sue Stewart purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Melvin Malone Ballard.



Sue Stewart - February 21 at 11:47 AM

LS

“ *Lori and Tom Stewart purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Melvin Malone Ballard.*



Lori and Tom Stewart - February 18 at 04:43 PM

TB

“ *Teresa A. Bell lit a candle in memory of Melvin Malone Ballard*



Teresa A. Bell - February 17 at 06:43 PM