



REV. BILLY THOMAS BALL

February 12, 1927 - December 6, 2015

OBITUARY FOR REV. BILLY THOMAS BALL

BALL, Rev. Billy Thomas, went to be with his Lord early Sunday morning, December 6, 2015 at his residence. He was born February 12, 1927 in Kenova, West Virginia. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during W.W. II. Rev. Ball started his ministry in 1954 as an evangelist and also served as pastor of several churches in Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio. He was pastor of the Grand Avenue/Towne Boulevard Church of God from 1970 to 1986, serving during the building of the new church on Towne Boulevard. Preceding him in death were his parents, Henry and Martha (nee Pelfrey) Ball; three sisters and one brother. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Joyce L. Ball; four sons, Thomas L. (Terry Lynn) Ball, Pastor Terry R. (Norma) Ball; Timothy L. (Pauletta) Ball and John T. (Katy) Ball; nine grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; one brother, Pastor Robert (Jan) Ball; many nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends. Visitation will be Thursday, December 10, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Towne Boulevard Church of God, 3722 Towne Blvd., Middletown, Ohio 45005, followed by services at 7:00 p.m. at the church with Dr. R. T. Kendall and Pastor Terry Ball officiating. Private entombment will be at the convenience of the family at Woodside Mausoleum, with Military Services by Middletown Combined Honor Guard. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice. Arrangements by Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown. Condolences may be

sent to the family at www.herr-riggs.com

Previous Events

**Viewing-Towne Boulevard Church of God, 3722 Towne Blvd.,
Middletown, Ohio 45005**

DEC **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Herr-Riggs Funeral Home
210 S Main St
Middletown, OH 45044
(513) 422-4545

Tribute Wall



“ *REV. BILLY THOMAS BALL*

September 13, 2022 at 09:07 PM



“ *My mother Erma Blevins Scudari is Joyce's first cousin. Her mom was Aunt Boo. I had the pleasure of meeting Rev. Billy on a few occasions. Once, we went traveling around visiting family burial plots. We ended up riding a ski lift somehow. For someone from the flatlands of New Orleans, it was quite memorable. I would love to hear how everyone is doing. My mom and I send our prayers. My email address is auntjills@aol.com.*

Jill And Erma Scudari, New Orleans, LA

jill Scudari - January 17, 2016 at 07:54 PM

PC

“ I was a young Christian when I first heard BrotherBall preach at my home church in Dunn Loring Va. He preached with sincerity simplicity and anointing. During that time my father who was an agnostic and had to be dragged to church her brother Ball preach it was on the edge of his seat the entire time while he did not give his heart to the Lord I have no doubt that seats her brother Ball preach it was on the edge of his seat the entire time while he did not give his heart to the Lord I have no doubt that a seed was sown in my father's heart .

*My father was amazed that a man so intelligent could believe the Bible., one of the great strengths that brother Ball possessed was the ability to reach people in spite of age , In spite of culture and in spite of intelligence , he could meet them on their level. One of my great treasures is that I have a whole box of cassette tape ministry and down through the years I have listen to that I felt like part of the church. I truly will miss him , his anointing and his passion. My love and prayers to his family and the church of God in Middletown .
Truly on of the great ones*

Pastor Peter Canciglia

Peter Canciglia - December 13, 2015 at 06:04 PM

GW

“ Gary and Collis Williams

Pastor Billy T. Ball has made an indelible mark on our lives. His annointed preaching, teaching of the scriptures and his humility as he did it. I remember in one of his messages, telling how Joyce, his wife, said when he gets into the pulpit he became another man. Thank God for that other man that God allowed to effect our lives.

Your family is in our prayers

Gary and Collis Williams

Gary and Collis Williams - December 10, 2015 at 08:58 PM

RC

“ *I have many fond memories of Bro. Ball but there is one that stands out the most for me. When I was about 13 years old, I was asked to sing a solo of Pass it On at the old Grand Avenue Church of God and I agreed. Well, my voice literally started changing that evening while I attempted to sing and it was a horrible screechy sound as I struggled to hit the high notes. I was so embarrassed and I scrambled off the stage and headed to a pew in the very rear of the church to hide. Bro. Ball came up to the podium after the awkward silence and instead of just continuing on with the service, he started to tell some stories about some of the things that I had done around the church and bragged on me in front of the congregation. He didn't have to do that but he did because that is the kind of pastor he was. He cared about the flock...even the awkward teenage sheep.*

Our condolences to the entire Ball family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you tonight.

Love, Rob, Trecia, Josh, Caleb, Bekah, and Sam Carpenter

Robert Carpenter - December 10, 2015 at 05:24 PM

RC

“ Rob, Trecia, Josh, Caleb, Bekah, and Sam Carpenter purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of REV. BILLY THOMAS BALL.



Rob, Trecia, Josh, Caleb, Bekah, and Sam Carpenter -
December 10, 2015 at 02:10 PM

VZ

“ Heaven has gained a Faithful Servant who will be greatly missed. Brother Ball has been a dear Friend to me and to our family many times...especially when my Dad (William Spears) was experiencing some critical things. His love and concern as well as advise proved helpful to my Dad and our family. His Godly messages and life remain in my heart and soul. Praise God for calling and sustaining this precious Saint. May God's amazing Grace and Strength bless his family.

Sister Vaughnie Spears Zopp

Vaughnie Spears Zopp - December 10, 2015 at 10:56 AM

JC

“ I was 15 the first time I encountered Billy Ball’s preaching. It was unlike anything I had ever heard. I had been around preaching my entire life, but this man was different—he preached as if what he was saying was the most important fact to have broken into the history of our world, and that our lives would be meaningless if we didn’t get ahold of it.

Teenagers don’t really want to be entertained—they have enough of that already. They want to be given something that is worth dying for. Brother Ball did that for me: he presented the Gospel in a way that was so urgent that I knew if I let it pass me by I would be lost forever.

Brother Ball was retired by the time I was first touched by his ministry, so my best friend and I would listen to the cassette tapes of his sermons that his grandmother had stocked up from his ministry at Towne Blvd. We would spend hours in his basement listening to sermons—eventually those ran out, and we would drive to go hear him when he preached revivals in the area. His messages were so saturated in the text of Scripture that it was obvious they could only come from a preacher who poured over every word of the Bible every day of his life. I’ve been privileged to sit under the ministry of a number of godly pastors, but there have been none quite like him. When I received a call to ministry at camp Lebanon a few years later, the only reason that I answered was because I hoped that someday I might be a pale shadow of the sort of preacher that Brother Ball was. The world was not worthy of him.

“But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.” (Heb. 11:16)

Joel Chopp - December 09, 2015 at 10:59 PM

LW

“ *Linda And Gary Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of REV. BILLY THOMAS BALL*



Linda and Gary Wells - December 09, 2015 at 03:30 PM

RB

“ *Brother Ball was dear to our hearts. I truly enjoyed our deeper conversations especially those regarding the Second Coming of our Lord. I shall forever be indebted for his gifted preaching and teaching. Our love and prayers go out to each of you!*
With Much Love,
Pastor Ed Beck

Rev. Dr. Edward N. Beck - December 09, 2015 at 01:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of REV. BILLY THOMAS BALL.*



December 09, 2015 at 01:30 PM

JW

“ How well do we remember Brother Ball preaching at Camp Burnside and Community Church of God, Dunn Loring, Va. where I was pastor. We had such wonderful fellowship. He was the main speaker at the dedication of our church in 1988. His sweet and gentle spirit, as well as his great knowledge was such a rich blessing. May God give the comfort and healing need to the family. Our prayers are with you. Pastor Jennings Byron and Gail Wood

Jennings Wood - December 09, 2015 at 12:02 PM

LR

“ We loved Brother Ball so much he came and held revivals for us many times in Fredericksburg, VA he and his dear wife were always such a great blessing to us. You will be missed here on the earth but I know you are rejoicing up in heaven with the Lord you loved so much down here. May God bless your family this is a home coming.

Jack and Leita Reedy

Leita Reedy - December 09, 2015 at 12:01 PM

JC

“ Bro. Ball came to my home church in Dunn Loring, VA. many times in the 80's for Revival. His messages still resonate in my soul. The conference in 1985 on Revival has been a milepost for me in My journey with God. Thank you to the Ball family and the Ohio churches for sharing this dear Brother with the rest of us. Our lives have not been the same.

Pastor John Cain

John Cain - December 09, 2015 at 11:59 AM

JC

“ Please accept our families' deepest sympathy in the loss of your father. Pastor Billy Ball was instrumental in us keeping the Burnside Church of God Camp Meeting going when it was threatened to close years ago. He was our evangelist there for many years. He was one of the finest, Holy Spirit inspired preachers I've ever heard. The Angels are rejoicing, I am sure.
Janis Rupert Cicero, daughter of Bill and Ceclia Rupert, of Knox, PA

Janis Cicero - December 09, 2015 at 11:51 AM

SB

“ Susan Burrows lit a candle in memory of REV. BILLY THOMAS BALL



Susan Burrows - December 09, 2015 at 11:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of REV. BILLY THOMAS BALL.



December 08, 2015 at 10:08 PM

BR

“ We will be praying for all of you. We have shared so many experiences together with Bill & Joyce, we feel your grief. Our hearts and prayers go out to each of you. We think 2 Samuel 3:38 sums up Bro. Ball's life: "Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen in Israel?"
Pastor Bill & Donna Ryan & family

Bill Ryan - December 08, 2015 at 09:18 PM

LW

There's a revival going on in heaven! Bro. Ball and Cliff Hutchinson along with Randy Wallace have made the journey Home. We send comfort to all the family and grateful for sharing your dad, husband, grandfather with us. Love, Linda and Gary Wells

Linda and Gary Wells - December 09, 2015 at 03:36 PM

MB

“ Our family sends many heart felt thoughts and prayers during this forlorn time. May God bless your family now and always.
The Brooker family & Ruth Willoughby

Michelle Brooker - December 08, 2015 at 08:57 PM

EB

“ Esther (Cox) Brady lit a candle in memory of
REV. BILLY THOMAS BALL



Esther (Cox) Brady - December 08, 2015 at 08:46 PM

BB

“ *Billy was instrumental in my growth and understanding of my christian faith. I am forever grateful to him and his family for their nurturing and guidance. There is no question in my mind that our Lord's first words to him upon his entrance into heaven's gates were, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."*

Billy Byrd - December 08, 2015 at 05:12 PM

MM

“ *Norma and Terry ...*

Someone as "SPECIAL" as Brother Ball will never be forgotten.

His life was well lived!

Remember that when you lose someone you love, you gain an angel you know (author unknown).

Thinking of you and your entire family.

May he who knows your sorrow bring you peace, comfort and healing.

Much love,

"Mog"



Mary M. "Mog" Morris - December 08, 2015 at 01:52 PM

AS

“ Amy L. Spicer lit a candle in memory of REV.
BILLY THOMAS BALL



Amy L. Spicer - December 08, 2015 at 01:13 PM

AS

I recall meeting Bro Ball at Grand Ave Church of God as a child being with my grandparents Eston & Ruth Cox. He could always give a powerful sermon. When my cousin Katy married John Ball many years later I again understood Bro Ball's faith to be strong & steadfast in service of the Lord. Bless this family with peace & comfort during this difficult time. Much love to Katy, John, Andrea, Jesse, & Julia <3

Amy L. Spicer - December 08, 2015 at 01:19 PM

EB

Praying for all the family. He was a wonderful man. Special love to John, Katy, Andrea Jesse & Julia.

Auntie Esther (Cox) Brady

Esther (Cox) Brady - December 08, 2015 at 08:52 PM

SD

“ God bless and comfort his family. Loved this sweet man dearly. His ministry and faithfulness meant so much to our family
Thoughts and prayers Bobby and Sherry Downs



Sherry Downs - December 08, 2015 at 08:23 AM

KL

“ No single individual has had as much impact our lives as Billy Ball. His preaching of God's Word was inspired and anointed, through which our eyes were opened to the truth in Christ. And, we both continue to live on the meat of many of his messages even to this very day. We are certain that the Lord received Billy with the words of, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" and that he is now rejoicing in the presence of our Savior and Lord.

May God continue to richly bless the Ball family for their kindness extended to us down through the years, and for adopting both of us as a part of their family!

Ken & Terry Lee

Ken & Terry Lee - December 07, 2015 at 09:44 PM

RO

“ *It was an honor to have known him.*
Robert R. Osborne

Robert Osborne - December 07, 2015 at 08:28 PM

ZS

“ *Joyce and Family Sympathy Love and Prayers!!!!*
Zylpha Sprinkles.

Zylpha Sprinkles - December 07, 2015 at 07:13 PM

MC

“ To Joyce, the children, grand children and the rest of Rev. Billy Ball's family. Ray & I were so sorry to hear of your loss. We were so priviledged to have Rev Ball as our pastor for 16 years at Towne Blvd Church of God. What a great servant of God. Thousands of lives have been changed due to his ministry. He was a great inspiration to all who knew & loved him. Please know our love, thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this difficult time. What a legacy he has left behind. One things for sure he is rejoicing in Heaven with all those who have gone on before. The precious memories we can all hold near & dear to our hearts until the day we too will join him in Heaven. Until that day The Lord bless you & keep you' The Lord make His face shine upon you & be gracious to you; The Lord turn His face toward you & give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26. God bless. Love & prayers, Marty & Ray Cooley...



Marty Cooley - December 07, 2015 at 05:59 PM

MD

“ What great and wonderful memories I have of Billy and Joyce Ball. Don and I worked with him in West Liberty, Ky. in the 1960's. He loved our baby daughter, Temple. God Bless each one of you boys and family. God Bless Joyce and be real to her. Don went home to be with the Lord in 2009. What a glad reunion.

Love and Prayers,
Mildred Drake
WDFB Christian Radio
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Mildred Drake - December 07, 2015 at 04:58 PM

GT

One of the best pastors I have ever know praying for the family

Gary And Annetta Taylor - December 08, 2015 at 06:43 AM

RU

I am sorry for the Ball family loss but excited for Bro. Ball to be reunited with people and being with his Lord & Savior. Terry introduced me to the book "Heaven" by Randy Alcorn and I can just see Bro. ball active again doing the work the Lord has for him. I learned great life lessons from sitting under the teaching of him. My one thought that has stayed with me over the years was "the only thing that counts in life and that you can take with you out of this life is what you do for Jesus" I am thankful to have known him and his teaching of Jesus. My prayers for family.

Ruth - December 08, 2015 at 07:31 AM

JB

"Not only have we had the privilege of sitting under the preaching and teaching of Billy T. Ball, but we have had the great privilege of his friendship. We fondly remember when both Billy Ball and J.B. Walters jointly officiated at our wedding. Today both of us clearly recall specific truths we learned from Bro. Ball that guide us in our spiritual walk today. He was a mentor in the truest sense. Personally, I recall a few times when I caught Bro. Ball in the parking lot of Grand avenue Church after an evening service and we chatted about astronomy and our mutual love of physics. He was, is, and forever will be our friend. While we grieve because we lack his presence here, we rejoice in the reward about which he long preached, and has now claimed."

John and Debbie Birch

John Birch - December 08, 2015 at 09:51 AM

JB

I cannot forget all our good and bad times from the time we were boys, you couldn't have been a better brother and protector. Seeing you through facetime 2 weeks ago meant the world to me, so thank you Tom, John and Mikah for that opportunity. We love and miss you so very much.

Joyce we are thinking and praying for you and the family, we wish we could be there with you all. We love you and may God continue to bless you all.

Love Bob and Jan Ball and family

Janice Ball - December 09, 2015 at 02:43 PM