



## Melvin E Ballard

June 10, 1922 - July 23, 2018

Melvin E. (Buck) Ballard, 1922 to Milo and Minnie Ballard at his family home in Middleton (now Sherwood), Oregon. We said goodbye and thank you to him on July 23, 2018 at the age of 96 in Tualatin, Oregon.

Buck was a hero to many and friend to many more. Those who knew him were blessed with his wit, humor and support.

He grew up in the Sherwood area and graduated from Sherwood High School. He served in WWII on board a Navy destroyer in the south Pacific. When they released him from active duty he returned to Sherwood.

His careers included long haul trucking hauling high explosives over Cabbage Patch Hill; clearing loose rock while hanging from the side of cliffs in the Columbia Gorge train tracks where he met some friendly rattlesnakes; auto mechanic; owner/operator of Ballard's Flying A service station and Valley Auto Parts in Tigard; small engine repair technician; and Mr. Fixit for his kids. If we could break it, he could fix it...

He loved fishing, hunting, and BASEBALL, Baseball and Baseball!

He was active in many organizations including: Volunteer fireman in Tigard prior to it becoming part of TVFR, a Grand Master in the Masons, and a Port Commander at the Tigard American Legion.

He was interred at the Middleton Pioneer Cemetery alongside his wife Joyce who predeceased him. He was also predeceased by his eldest son, Michael. He is survived by his brother Elmer; daughter Diane (Bob); sons Richard (Pam) and Robert (Paula); and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was loved in life and is sorely missed. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 18, 2018 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Tigard, OR, 8635 SW Scoffins St.

# Cemetery Details

## Middleton Pioneer Cemetery

23971 SW Old Highway 99  
Sherwood, OR 97140

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 18. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Tigard American Legion Post 158  
8635 SW Scoffins Street  
Tigard, OR 97223

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Rena L Robbins lit a candle in memory of  
Melvin E Ballard* ”



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**Rena L Robbins** - August 17, 2018 at 06:44 PM

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“ Grandpa Buck.... Treasured in my heart, missed in my thoughts and honored in my memories.

*There are so many memories. Selling Little League candy at the parts house, learning from him how to skin a deer and loudest of them all having to listen to him and Uncle Elmer snore on fishing trips.*

*Grandpa taught us that the words "Old battle axe" was actually a term of loving endearment.*

*His orchard tractor suffered at my hands and my fingers bear scars from his technique of fishhook removal.*

*I watched with awe while young as he stood in a circle with friends passing the bottle. My unspoken transition to manhood came the day he passed the botte to me.*

*Of all the memories I have with Grandpa, the one I hold deepest in my heart is the day I left to enter the service. He and I had a private talk over at the barn. It was that day I listened and watched his tears as he told me how proud he was of me, and if he could have his way he would leave that day and serve again, alongside me.*

*James McGuire*

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**James McGuire** - August 03, 2018 at 09:47 AM

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*Beautiful, Son.*

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**Diane Martinenko-Gifford** - August 03, 2018 at 03:52 PM