



## Lawrence Ray Ball Sr.

April 22, 1930 - December 22, 2022

Lawrence Ray Ball, Sr, a loving father, husband, caretaker, teacher, and faithful follower of Christ, was a soft spoken yet passionate and joyful worshiper of God.

"Dad" or "Dad Ball" as he was affectionately called, passed away from this life and entered his heavenly home on December 22, 2022

at the age of 92.

Lawrence was born in Moody, Texas to Attlee and Lucy (nee-Jackson) Ball on April 22, 1930.

He was a member of Hungry For God Church Pastor Larry (Son) and the Bridge Community Church in Hutto Pastor David McLain ( formerly, Central Assembly of God) where he served as a Board Member, Deacon, Elder, Usher, and participated in various ministries including MAPS, a group with whom he volunteered to build and repair churches and schools in Mexico, El Salvador, and Honduras. Over the course of three decades, Dad Ball helped house and disciple over 700 young fatherless men in his home. He also enjoyed Gospel singing gatherings at High Calling Church with Pastor Gary Langley. One of his favorite songs was "Blessed Assurance." He was a member of the San Marcos Lions Club. Dad's favorite Bible verse was

Ephesians 3:20: "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

Dad received his Bachelor of Theology degree from Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, TX ( Renamed Southwestern Assembly of God University SAGU ),

He received his BA and MEd from Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas

( Renamed Texas State University).

While attending Southwest Texas State University, he married Tommy Ruth Zarnow, his pastor,

and they had one son, Lawrence Ray Ball, Jr.( Larry).

He served in the U.S. army after the Korean War at Fort Blier in El Paso, Texas and at Fort Stewart in Georgia from 1954 to 1956.

He retired as a school teacher from Schertz -Cibolo University City Independent School District.

After retirement, he volunteered teaching computer skills for two years at Central Christian School in Austin, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents; Burrell Ball (brother); Daisy Pack (sister); Pastor Tommy Ruth (wife died in 1980), Mary Elizabeth Bayless (wife died 1992), and close friend Geneva Proske.

He is survived by Pastor Larry Ball (son); Elden Ball (brother); step son Jackson Bayless (Anna Carol);

Melanie Bayless (the late Dan Bayless); stepson Nathan Bayless (Alice); and many beloved step grandchildren, step great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made To "Hungry For God Church" (home for young men),

3504 Victorine Lane, Del Valle, Texas 78617,

or the charity of your choice.

Visitation Funeral Service

Time: 1PM

Date: 1/7/23 Saturday

Location: Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church 2700 Northland Dr. Austin.  
Texas 78756

Burial TBA will be at Forest Park Lawndale Houston Texas

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

Glad Tidings  
2700 Northland Dr,  
Austin, TX 78758

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence Ray Ball Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Lawrence Ray Ball Sr.*

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *Lawrence Ray Ball Sr.*

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM