



## Milas H. Ballard, Sr.

January 5, 1924 - November 5, 2007

Milas H. Ballard, Sr., 83, widower of Annie Mae Sullivan Ballard, departed from this world and entered into the glorious presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in heaven on Monday, November 05, 2007. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Milas was born in Darlington County, SC on January 5, 1924 to the late Gus and Jessie Howle Ballard. He was married to Annie Mae for sixty three years. He has missed her deeply over the past thirteen months and, at last, is now reunited with her in heaven. He retired from Sonoco Products with 45 years of service.

Milas was a gifted craftsman and brought joy to many families by making and giving away numerous jewelry boxes and cedar chests. He had a special love for children, especially his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. All children affectionately knew him as "PaPa". He would often sneak a little money into the hands of these children thinking that their parents were unaware. That would have been the case if it were not for the mischievous smile and twinkle in his eyes that he found so impossible to conceal.

He was an avid fisherman and loved to flounder fish in Murrells Inlet with his brother, Pete, and close friend, the late Sam Armstrong. While in good health, he loved spending time at his beach house where he found tremendous enjoyment in preparing a feast of fresh seafood for his family and friends.

Milas was a member of Kelleytown Baptist Church where he attended the

Friendship Sunday School Class. He was fond of his teacher, John Jackson, and cherished the many visits from Mr. John over the last several months.

Milas is survived by a son, Milas H. (Peggy) Ballard, Jr. of Bel Air, MD; daughter, Marilyn (Travis) Walters of Hartsville, SC; brother, Pete (Mary) Ballard of Hartsville, SC; grandchildren, Rev. Kevin (Donna) Walters of Hartsville, SC, Darryl (Kristie) Walters of Charleston, SC, Michael Ballard of Bel Air, MD, Pam Hayes of Mechanicsville, VA, and Jeff Hayes of Irvine, CA; great-grandchildren, Ashley, Audra and Emaleigh Walters; his special friend and caregiver, Tressie Allsbrook, and a wonderful encourager, Manly Kelley. He was predeceased by his brothers, Gus and Clarence Ballard.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 8, 2007 at Kelleytown Baptist Church. The Rev. Kevin Walters and the Rev. Lin Kirkman will officiate with burial at Westview Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Kelleytown Baptist Church Children's Playground Equipment Fund.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Kelleytown Baptist Church  
2609 Kelleytown Rd.  
Hartsville, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ Marilyn, Travis and Family:

*I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. My father also passed away on November 4 so I understand what you're going through. If there is anything I can do to help, please let me know. You are all in my prayers.*

*Sandra Flynn##imported-begin##Sandra Flynn##imported-end##*

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November 10, 2007 at 09:43 AM



“ Mr. Travis/Mrs Marilyn

*I remember how much you talked about your dad in our bible studies and I could just know how much he was truly loved. Please know that your family is in my prayers and that we love you very very much. May God Bless!##imported-begin##Allen, Tisha & Ethan Jones##imported-end##*

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November 09, 2007 at 04:55 PM



“ Marilyn:

*Ronnie and I were saddened to read of your father's passing. The obit was extremely nice and personal. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers. Tell Travis hello for us and email us when you can.*

*Laurie and Ronnie Gantt##imported-begin##Ronnie and Laurie Gantt##imported-end##*

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November 09, 2007 at 10:19 AM



“ Sorry about your loss, Marilyn. Milas was a good supervisor at Sonoco and well liked by all. It was a pleasure dealing with him.##imported-begin##John & Grace McMillan##imported-end##

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November 08, 2007 at 06:54 PM



“ Marilyn: So sorry to hear about your dad's passing. Sounds like he was a wonderful man. What a great obituary. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Love you! Bobbie##imported-begin##Bobbie Huggins##imported-end##

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November 08, 2007 at 12:39 PM



“ What a joy to know Milas for those years we were in Hartsville. Know of our prayers for you and cherished memories.##imported-begin##Gary and Nita Anderson##imported-end##

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November 08, 2007 at 11:07 AM



“ Marilyn,Pete and Entire Family,  
We were so sorry to hear of your loss. May God bring comfort to each of you in his own special way. May you rest knowing he is home with his Lord and Savior. And just think of the rejoicing with Ms Annie Mae what great joy.  
Love In Christ Jesus##imported-begin##Brenda and Skeeter Bailey##imported-end##

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November 08, 2007 at 09:09 AM



“ May God continue to keep you strong during the next few days. We will keep you all in our prayers. We know Mr.Milas is in a better place and you will see him again someday. We love you all very much.

Love

Jamie, Crystal and GracieLynne Logan###imported-begin##crystal logan###imported-end##

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November 07, 2007 at 10:59 PM



“ Milas Jr. and Marilyn, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I am sorry that I spelled your dad's name wrong on the other message and I couldn't figure out how to change it when I realized it was wrong. Love you all.###imported-begin##Martha Mize.###imported-end##

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November 07, 2007 at 10:45 PM



“ Your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We pray tha God will give you peace and comfort your heart. What a wonderful Thanksgiving Kilas will have with the Heavenly Father.Love Martha and Charlie###imported-begin##Martha (Ballard) and Charlie Mize###imported-end##

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November 07, 2007 at 10:32 PM



“ Dear Milas!  
Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Stephan  
Heike  
Lena, Svea and Maya##imported-begin##Stephan##imported-end##

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November 07, 2007 at 03:14 PM



“ Marilyn/Travis and Family,  
May God Bless and keep you thru these difficult times. A true comfort and blessing at this time is found in 1 Cor. 2:9 I will be praying for you all. Toby Phil. 4:19##imported-begin##Toby Gainey##imported-end##

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November 07, 2007 at 12:29 PM



“ Marilyn & Travis and Family,  
Your Dad was such a special man - and I have seen that twinkle in his eye so many times over the years - even recently at the grocery store. I have many wonderful memories growing up with your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Johnny & Susan Goode##imported-end##

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November 07, 2007 at 10:21 AM



“ Ballard Family, our prayers are with you during this time of your loss. Milas was a special person. All that knew him loved him.##imported-begin##Wayne & Edna Sims##imported-end##

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November 06, 2007 at 03:07 PM



“ Dear Marilyn and family, I am so sorry for your loss and you have my deepest sympathy. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God Bless you and give you comfort. Love, Shirley Sullivan###imported-begin##Shirley Sullilvan###imported-end##

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November 06, 2007 at 02:37 PM



“ Marilyn and Travis, We are sorry to hear about your father. We will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Barbara and Hyman Lee###imported-begin##Barbara King Lee (###imported-end##

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November 06, 2007 at 11:11 AM



“ Marilyn, We are so sorry about your Dad. Remember that God is always there for you and your family. He will see you through the difficult times ahead. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. In Christ Love, Janice and Mike...Deut.31:6###imported-begin##Mike & Janice (Brigman) Smith###imported-end##

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November 06, 2007 at 10:58 AM



“ Marilyn and family:

I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Ballard's passing. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. A friend, Jo Frieda###imported-begin##Jo Frieda Kelley###imported-end##

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November 06, 2007 at 09:35 AM



“ *Marilyn and Family,  
We are keeping you and your family in our prayers at this sad and difficult time. Our hearts go out to you. May God hold you and keep his hand upon you.  
We love you all very much. Lee, Gina & William##imported-begin##Lee, Gina & William Sansbury##imported-end##*

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November 06, 2007 at 09:25 AM



“ *To the Ballard Family,  
  
Please accept our deepest condolences at this time of your loss. Our prayers are with the Ballard family.  
  
The Verreault family##imported-begin##Ron Verreault##imported-end##*

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November 06, 2007 at 09:25 AM



“ *Marilyn and family: Walter and I send our deepest sympathy over the loss of your father, father-in-law and grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. May God's richest blessings be upon you. Love in Christ Walter and Janelle##imported-begin##Janelle Britt##imported-end##*

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November 06, 2007 at 07:46 AM



“ *Marilyn and family, My prayers are with you. May God wrap His loving arms around you and carry you through the days ahead. Hold tight to God and to your loving memories. God bless you, Edna Faye Warr##imported-begin##Edna Faye Warr##imported-end##*

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November 05, 2007 at 09:07 PM



“ I worked for Milas at Sonoco and looked up to him the entire time. He was a leader to be proud of. He was a positive influence on my life. To the family I pray Gods grace on you all at this time. May you feel Gods warmth thru this difficult time. May the Lord bless thee, and keep thee; make his face to shine upon thee and give thee rest.##imported-begin##Gene Huckabee##imported-end##

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November 05, 2007 at 08:19 PM



“ Kevin & Family, our prayers are with you all. We pray God's blessings upon you. Hold on to the memories. We love you all. In Christ, Lori Atkinson, Tracie Brown, Scott Brown & Mark Bowers.##imported-begin##West Hartsville Baptist Church##imported-end##

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November 05, 2007 at 06:59 PM