



# Mr. Earnest Ball

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On February 28, 1954, the late Joe and Irene Ball gave birth to their 15th child, a baby boy, and named him Earnest. He was the youngest son of nine boys. Earnest was born in Meridian, Mississippi, where he received his education through Meridian public schools. He attended Mount Barton Elementary, Magnolia and Carver Junior High Schools. It was in Meridian where he met and married the love of his life, Ann Gordon, on September 1, 1971. To this union five sons were born. Their marriage fulfilled God's Word "What therefore God hath joined together let no man put asunder." (Matt. 19:6) Their marriage withstood each test and each storm for 53 years. It was till death do us part. Earnest was employed by Structural Steel for 30 years as a Blaster Operator. He was described as a hard and dedicated employee. Earnest was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church as a child and young adult. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior at the age of eight. Later he joined Bethel Baptist Church with his wife, where he served until, he received his wings. Earnest was an excellent provider, protector, loving husband, caring Grand and Great-Grandfather. He was a loving brother with a heartfelt smile. He enjoyed family gatherings and fellowshiping with close friends. He also loved fashion and looked like a GQ model when he stepped out in his suits, hats, and shoes! Earnest fought a good fight and kept the faith. After a short term of illness, on January 17, 2024, he departed this life while surrounded by his wife and family. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Ann Gordon, Sons: Sedrick (Las Vegas) Shawn, Earnest, Antonio, and Danny Lee (Meridian.) Daughter: Tilo Washington (Ala.). Eight Grandchildren and five Great-grands. Five Sisters: Irene (Frank) Louise, Viola, Rosie (Dave) CA., Bettye (Ottis) LA., Mary (Meridian). Four brothers: Joe, Luke (Meridian), Jerome (CA.), Jack (Sandra) (III.); three sisters-in-law and three brothers-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends; one nephew, Bobby Lang, was dedicated and supportive to Earnest until the end.



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He was preceded in death by his mother, father, four brothers: Johnny, James, John, and Will; and one sister, Lillie.






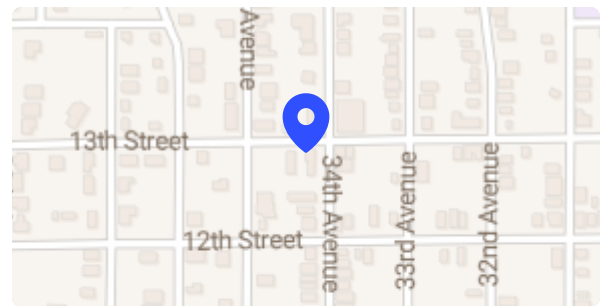
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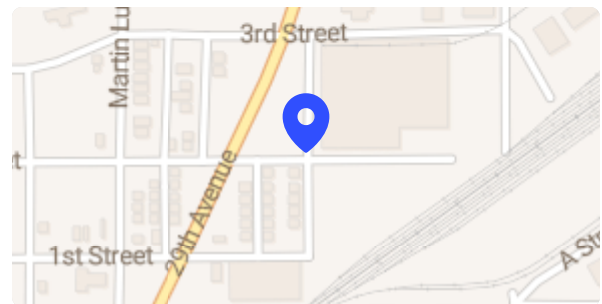
## Visitation

-  **Friday**, February 2, 2024
-  5:00 PM - 6:00 PM CT
-  **Berry and Gardner Funeral Home - OP Chapel**  
1221 34th Avenue, Meridian MS 39301




## Funeral Service

-  **Saturday**, February 3, 2024
-  11:00 AM CT
-  **Bethel MB Church**  
300 2nd Street, Meridian MS 39301



## Cemetery Details

-  **None**  
MS



# Tribute Wall

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MH

**Mrs. Eloise L Hearn** posted:

Good Morning to the Ball Family 🙏 My Condolences and Prayers to you All. Ernest , the Ball Family and my family grew up as really close in our neighborhood. We go way back, hadn't seen him in years, but the Family Love still exist. 🙏🙏

February 28 at 3:28 AM

MH

**Mrs. Eloise L Hearn** lit a candle in honor of Earnest.

Mrs. L Hearn lit a candle in memory of Earnest Ball

February 28 at 3:20 AM



DN

**Donald Naylor** lit a candle in honor of Earnest.

Donald Naylor lit a candle in memory of Earnest Ball

February 2 at 1:48 PM



LP

**Lynn And Beverly Phillips** posted:

Sending out condolence to the Ball family. From Lynn and Beverly Phillips also sending prayers. A long time friend. 🙏🙏🙏

January 27 at 6:14 AM

SG

**Shirley Bolden Goodwin** January 31 at 2:40 PM

Praying for the Ball family, from the Bolden family

BB

**Billie Barfield** posted:

Mr ball was a wonderful friend to me. We worked together for over 20 years, at SSS and he always was the same, every day I saw him. He will be truly missed. To the family trust God... Billie c Barfield'

January 26 at 9:53 AM



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**KB**

**Kelita Ball** posted:

Uncle I Love you Soooo much I'm Gonna miss you So much 😭 You was always there for me My heart is so Broken Keep Resting Uncle until We meet again..Prayers for my Auntie Ann and the Family

January 26 at 3:03 AM

**JG**

**James Griffin** posted:

You'll always be my hero. Going to miss you. Love, Grip

January 25 at 3:22 PM

**DW**

**Debbie Williams** lit a candle in honor of Earnest.

My Deepest Condolences to The Family Members of Ernest Ball. Whom I've know since early First Grade we were like Family. A loving and caring family Ernest came from. To Ann,My heart goes out to you and your kids. May the Lord fills each of your hearts with Love,Peace, Strength and Comfort as you all are going through this difficult process. RIP Dear Childhood Friend 🙏🙏🙏



January 24 at 1:49 PM

**JB**

**Johnny Ball** posted:

I will never forget all the great times growing up in Meridian around my uncle he will be missed dearly

January 22 at 5:10 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Earnest by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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