



David Joseph Ballas

April 7, 1945 - February 22, 2024

David Joseph Ballas born April 7, 1945 and died February 22, 2024 at the age of 78 from a brief bout with cancer. David was born in New Orleans to the late Marion Warren Ballas and Maxine Heider Ballas. He is survived by his loving wife Karen Becker Ballas of 56 years and his children Alicia Ballas Allelo (Frank) and Gerald David Ballas (Nicole) and by his grandchildren who were the light of his life, Ashley Elizabeth Ballas, Cory Gerald Ballas, and Jake David Allelo and two step grandchildren, Sophia and Max Morris.

He is survived by his siblings Marion Warren Ballas (Barbara), Maxine Ballas Thiel (Andy) and sister and brother in law Connie and Harry Forester . David is preceded in death by his brother, Richard Francis Ballas.

David graduated from St Aloysius High School and Southeastern University. He is survived by a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and fellow coaches. David's pride and joy were his children and grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Service at L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Thursday, February 29, 2024. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with the Funeral Mass to immediately follow at 1:00 p.m.

To share memories or condolences, please visit www.muhleisen.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **29**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Blvd
Kenner, LA 70062
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info@muhleisen.com

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

LW

“ I remember a kind man in the 70s that looked after a child whose father had abandoned her. Family was MY memories with all of yall. Thank you, David and Miss Karen, Jerry, and my best friend back then Alicia.

Thank you all for the memories. I will never forget growing up in the 70s in New Orleans. OX
Laura Eve

Laura Weber - April 05, 2024 at 01:04 AM

MB

“ I will remember you forever Dave. Your memory lives inside me and will never be forgotten. I love you, brother! I know you are gone, but I still want you to know that I think of you every day and miss you in my life. I will cherish the memories we shared, and I am comforted knowing that your spirit and values will continue to live on through your family.

Karen, Alecia, and Jerry please accept our heartfelt sympathy.
Marion, Barbara and Keith

Marion, Barbara, Keith Ballas - March 01, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Joseph Ballas.



February 28, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Joseph Ballas.



February 27, 2024 at 08:15 PM



“ Anthony R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Joseph Ballas.

Anthony R. - February 27, 2024 at 08:15 PM



“ The Rahall's purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David Joseph Ballas.



The Rahall's - February 27, 2024 at 02:56 PM



“ Estelle Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Joseph Ballas.

Estelle Family - February 27, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of David Joseph Ballas.*



February 27, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ *Danielle, Lynell, Toni, and Lillie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Joseph Ballas.*



Danielle, Lynell, Toni, and Lillie - February 27, 2024 at 11:42 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of David Joseph Ballas.*



February 27, 2024 at 10:28 AM



“ *Mary Danna lit a candle in memory of David Joseph Ballas*



Mary Danna - February 26, 2024 at 09:00 PM

MD

“ My heart goes out to the family. Dave was a great coach and fellow educator. I know his wife, Karen, will miss him and his children as well. As a fellow JPPSS educator we shared many laughs and concerns over the years. I hope that his gift of humor and good will will carry his family over the hard parts of missing him. God bless and keep you.

Mary and John D'Anna

Mary Danna - February 26, 2024 at 08:59 PM

RO

“ I am so sorry. Dave and I were teammates at St. Aloysius and shared many good laughs over the years. I'll miss his enthusiasm and great times. God is with us.

Randy Oddo - February 26, 2024 at 06:34 PM

LA

“ Love, Erik and Angele purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Joseph Ballas.



Love, Erik and Angele - February 26, 2024 at 06:32 PM

ND

“ Karen,
Our trips to Bay St.Louis just won't be the same without somebody (Dave) to stir up laughs and a ton of B.S.
He will be truly missed but never forgotten. He will be in every laugh and definitely in every round.

Nino

Nino Dalfonso - February 26, 2024 at 04:36 PM

CF

“ Carbo Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Joseph Ballas.

Carbo Family - February 26, 2024 at 03:29 PM

CF

“ Carbo Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Joseph Ballas.



Carbo Family - February 26, 2024 at 03:29 PM

WW

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WACKO WADE - February 26, 2024 at 02:56 PM

ES

“ Karen, I am so sorry to hear that David died. He always had a smile and laughs for everyone. Ernie Schell

Ernestine Schell - February 26, 2024 at 01:02 PM

TW

“ Thomas W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Joseph Ballas.

Thomas W. - February 26, 2024 at 10:37 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Joseph Ballas.



February 26, 2024 at 09:46 AM

KS

“ On behalf of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Alumni Association and Brother Martin High School, I offer our prayers and condolences. We will say a Mass in his memory.

On a personal note, it was a privilege to be friends with the Coach. He will be missed.

*Kenny Spellman '84
Brother Martin High School*

Kenny Spellman - February 26, 2024 at 09:14 AM

SN

“ Shell Norco planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Joseph Ballas.

Shell Norco - February 26, 2024 at 09:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Joseph Ballas.*



February 26, 2024 at 09:09 AM



“ *Lynn Breaux lit a candle in memory of David Joseph Ballas*



Lynn Breaux - February 26, 2024 at 07:24 AM



Gerry, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers!!

Lynn Breaux - February 26, 2024 at 07:26 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Joseph Ballas.*



February 26, 2024 at 07:15 AM

BR

“ Bridgedale planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Joseph Ballas.

Bridgedale - February 25, 2024 at 09:09 PM

BR

“ Bridgedale purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of David Joseph Ballas.



Bridgedale - February 25, 2024 at 09:09 PM

DF

“ Alicia, I didn't know your dad, but I know he must have been amazing, by how much you loved him. Praying for your whole family.
Prayers,
Denise Faust

Denise Faust - February 25, 2024 at 01:33 PM

CF

“ Craig & Kate Ferguson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Joseph Ballas.



Craig & Kate Ferguson - February 25, 2024 at 12:14 PM