



## Donald W. Ballard

March 31, 1954 - July 26, 2020

Donald W. Ballard, 66, of Cohoes, passed July 26th, suddenly at home. He is survived by two children Greg W (Rhonda) Ballard, Kelly M Dawson and 6 grandchildren Jamie Rose, Kara, Tobias, Elias, Aurora, and Sylas. He is also survived by his sister Jane Laffer (Nelson), brother John Jr. (Florence), brother Robert (Ann Marie), brother Thomas (Lita), sister Debra Smith (Mike), brother William (Sherry), sister Darlene Ballard (Pamela); step-sister Amelia (Robert) Roy, step-sister Lucie (Dave) Smith, and step-brother Peter (Diana) Lefco as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents John H. Ballard Sr. and Madeline Ballard Godfrey.

Born in Cohoes and lifelong resident. Owned and operated the Central Avenue Barber shop. He also worked for Century House for many years taking on many roles. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, drawing, painting and being a handy man around his home. Spending time with his family was very important to him; but most of all being a proud grandpa playing games and making memories.

A public viewing is scheduled for Monday August 3rd 6-8pm at Marra Funeral Home in Cohoes and a private family service followed by a burial at Union Cemetery in Halfmoon, NY on Tuesday. Due to COVID restrictions the family kindly requests guests follow appropriate guidelines.

His family would like to extend their sincere thank you to Don's loyal customers for their continued patronage.

Those who wish to make a contribution in Don's memory may do so to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005 Boston, MA 02241-7005, or to The National Rifle Association, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Marra Funeral Home  
246 Remsen Street  
Cohoes, NY 12047  
(518) 237-0206

# Tribute Wall

GL

“ I worked with Don at the Century House almost 40 years ago. He was my first boss. He treated me well. I can still picture him in my mind. Sad to hear of his passing.

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**Gary Lagace** - August 07, 2020 at 09:31 PM

MD

“ RIP Don

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**Mary Claire Drescher** - August 03, 2020 at 09:09 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald W. Ballard.



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August 02, 2020 at 02:17 PM

LM

“ Don was my barber for years so sorry to see he had passed he was a good man and friend God be with you Don.  
Lou Myers

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**louis myers** - August 02, 2020 at 12:48 PM

BR

“ One of kind, He was not only my neighbor he was my friend, he would like to play small pranks on my daughter's an always had pops for them in the shop, I know they will miss helping him in his garden, Condolences and Prayers to his family, may he rest in peace 💔

Brian - August 01, 2020 at 05:19 AM

EG

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



ERIC GALARNEAU - July 31, 2020 at 03:03 PM

EG

“ So sorry about Don's passing. He was my barber for 10 years, but so much more than that. During that time, he met my family, my children and gave my boys their first haircut (and many others after that). He was more than a barber, he was a friend. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Eric and Mary Beth Galarneau, and kids

ERIC GALARNEAU - July 31, 2020 at 02:59 PM

LF

“ Love, Johnboy and Flo purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donald W. Ballard.



Love, Johnboy and Flo - July 31, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald W. Ballard.



July 31, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ I lived across the street and down the street from Don for 9 years... He kept on me about my grades and everything. he will truly be missed. Enjoy this cartoon i did of him



Emily - July 30, 2020 at 10:07 PM



“ So very Sad 😞  
He was a talkative man and friendly guy . Was a neighbor of ours for years when we moved into cohoes and lived few doors away Don Cut my husband Dave's hair he'd be over there for ever and I was like why you don't have that much hair haha lol cause Don loved to chat  
He was just that kind of a guy  
He was always on my daughter Emily with her grades and such they'd kid and joke and she'd get lollipops from he's shop from her visits over  
He'll be missed 😞❤️  
RIP Don the barber 🍷❤️🙏  
Dave , Kelly and Emily we'll miss you ❤️

kelly - July 30, 2020 at 10:02 PM

KS

“ *Condolences prayers*

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**Kim Smith** - July 30, 2020 at 04:33 PM

KS

“ *We are so deeply sorry for your loss! Uncle Don will be greatly missed . Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Kary, Bryan, Nickolas, Kevin Schrom*

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**kary schrom** - July 30, 2020 at 04:13 PM

CI

“ *To Don's family,  
Our deepest condolences  
Frank and Cindy*

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**cindy** - July 30, 2020 at 03:32 PM

PA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss and I'm praying for your family as you walk through this difficult time. I've known Don for a really long time and used to talk with them a lot The Stewarts shop when he would come in for coffee. He always had a great story to tell about his grandchildren. Rest in peace sweet friend* ❤️🙏🙏

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**Peg Ash** - July 30, 2020 at 11:20 AM

EG

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**ERIC GALARNEAU** - July 30, 2020 at 07:13 PM



*So sorry he was a gentle and kind*

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**Marie Bariteau** - August 02, 2020 at 12:37 PM