



## Marie Ballard

June 19, 1919 - November 4, 2016

Eva Marie Ballard was born June 19, 1919 to Tom and Panuca Spero. She attended Terrell schools, graduating with the class of 1937.

Marie attended St. Paul School of Nursing and upon graduating in 1941, joined the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps. During this time she married Ershall Ballard.

She returned to Terrell and worked at Alexander Hospital. She became a nurse at Terrell State Hospital in 1951.

In 1958 she went to San Antonio to attend Incarnate Word and received a bachelor of science in nursing. She later earned her masters degree with a specialty in psychiatric nursing and mental health from Texas Womens University. Marie became director of nursing at Terrell State Hospital and remained in that position until her retirement in 1983.

Marie was a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd where she served as Director of the Altar Guild, youth sponsor and a member of the vestry at various times.

Marie was well-known for her volunteerism. She worked with the American Red Cross, recognized in 1984 as one of Dallas County's top 10 volunteers, the Kaufman County Unit of the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, The Visiting Nurses Association and Charter member and past president of the Terrell Pilot Club. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels for over 30 years and often expressed her love for this organization. Marie also

played several lead roles while working with the Kaufman County Community Theatre and was a long-time member of Terrell State Hospital's Volunteer Council.

Marie was a past recipient of the Terrell Rotary Club's "Citizen of the Year Award". The Nell Isbell Memorial Student addition to Terrell State Hospital's All Faith Chapel was dedicated to Marie in 1981. The hospital also presents an annual award in her name to staff demonstrating outstanding nursing leadership. In 2000, Marie was selected as a recipient of the Outstanding Women in Texas Government Awards.

Marie is preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Tom Spero and niece Vanessa Spero.

She is survived by her nephew, Mike Spero and wife Karen; sister-in-law Juanita Spero; cousins: Norie Reagan Oakley and husband Keith and their sons, Garrett and Connor; Ron Reagan; Tona Cacas Moore and her daughters Candice Boswell and Loren Moore, Clay Cacas and his daughters Casi Windfred and Carli Cacas, Nick Georges and wife Betty Ann as well as her dear friends: Glen and Pat Hall, Catherine Paige, and Gloria Gray; Goddaughter, Marie Hagerstrand along with many other dear family members and a host of friends.

The family would like to extend their thanks for the loving care provided by Colonial Lodge, Always Accurate Nursing and Hospice, Golden Gate Nursing and to special caregivers: Vera Conner, Karen Edwards, Sheila Young, Dorothy Crow, Leona Harwell, Rosa Herrera and Merita Harper.

Visitation will be Sunday, November 6 from 4 - 6 p.m. at Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations. Funeral Service will be held Monday, November 7, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 200 College St., Terrell. In recognition of Marie's dedication to the church, she will be placed in

state in the church's sanctuary beginning at 2:00pm to service time. Interment will follow the funeral service at Oakland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Meals on Wheels or the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations  
642 N Rockwall Avenue  
Terrell, TX 75160  
(972) 524-0881  
<https://www.maxslaytonfunerals.com>

## Funeral Service

NOV 7. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church  
200 W. College St  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marie Ballard*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *We attended Good Shepherd Episcopal church with Marie for many years when we lived in Terrell. She is the godmother of our son, Alex. She was a very dear woman.*

Lilly Longshore - February 20, 2017 at 08:49 PM



“ *Lynn Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Marie Ballard*



Lynn Baker - November 15, 2016 at 01:03 PM



“ *She was a very sweet and humble lady*

Dawn Blanco - November 11, 2016 at 10:16 AM



“ *She was a very sweet humble lady.*

Dawn Blanco - November 11, 2016 at 10:13 AM

ER

“ *Everyone will miss Marie! They should rename Terrell to Marie Ballard because she embodied all of the greatness in Terrell. My sympathies to everyone.* ”



Edwina Rymer - November 08, 2016 at 12:20 PM

MH

“ *What a giving and loving person gone from our lives. I will think only happy memories about Marie knowing she had such a wonderful and productive life. Merita* ”

merita Harper - November 07, 2016 at 06:49 PM

DG

“ *Don & Susan Gilbert purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marie Ballard.* ”



Don & Susan Gilbert - November 07, 2016 at 11:22 AM



“ *I loved Marie we had lots of good times she was a sweet lady . RIP Marie* ”



Glyn Flowers - November 07, 2016 at 12:47 AM

BL

“ Bob and Yvonne Lovell purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Marie Ballard.

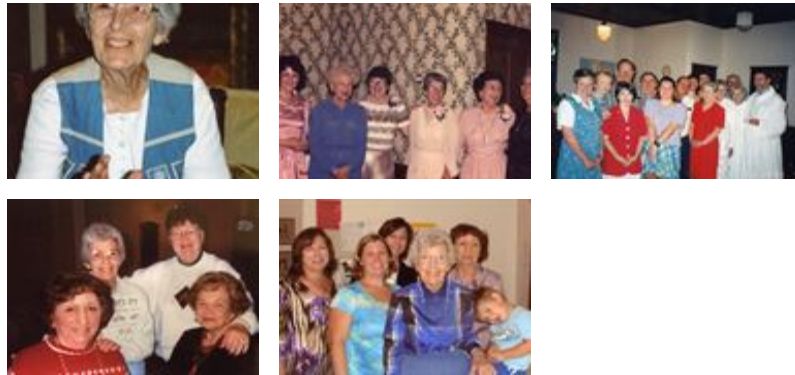


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**Bob and Yvonne Lovell** - November 06, 2016 at 02:13 PM



“ 66 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - November 05, 2016 at 05:41 PM

SK

“ Marie was a special lady to all of Terrell and especially to Terrell  
State Hospital. She was a mentor to me as I started my career and  
for all of her "sage" advice I am eternally grateful. I will remember  
you always!

*Sarah Kegerreis*

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**Sarah Kegerreis** - November 05, 2016 at 07:39 AM

KC

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about sweet Marie! She was always so good to me. My thoughts are with her family as they have lost an icon today. Love you Marie.*

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**Kelly Cacas** - November 04, 2016 at 08:54 PM

CH

“ *To the Spero, Reagan, Cacas, Moore & Oakley Family. The world has lost a wonderful and unique lady. She is and will be an inspiration to all for many years to come. She was one of the most giving and caring people that we will ever see in our lifetime. My heart goes out to all of you.*

*Cindy*

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**Cindy Hunter** - November 04, 2016 at 04:49 PM