



## Don A. Ballard

May 26, 1927 - April 6, 2016

NORFOLK — Memorial service for Don A. Ballard, 88, of Norfolk, will be at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with Rev. Lee Weander officiating. A visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. prior to the service on Wednesday. Private burial will be at a later date. Don passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at Heritage of Bel Air Nursing Home in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Don was born May 26, 1927 to John and Inez (Atwood) Ballard in Sioux City, IA. He graduated from Norfolk High School in 1945. He then attended and graduated from University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1951, later earning his Master's Degree in 1964 from the Colorado State College. Don was the former Circus River Campground owner. He was active in theater, circus, writing, and raising rare chickens and geese. He taught at many Nebraska schools throughout his life and 16 years in Denver, CO. He wrote for 3 magazines and was a graduate of Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Clown College. Don was a member of the Circus Historical Society. Don served in the United States Army from October 22, 1945 - December 2, 1946. He is survived by his sister Bonny and husband Bill Korth of Osmond, niece Ann and husband Chris Goodwater of Norfolk, and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death are his parents, sisters Orlene Sevensing and Betty Amen. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).



# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Don A. Ballard*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Don was my English teacher in 1963-64 at Thomas Jefferson Junior-Senior HS in Denver CO. I still have my English notebook he made us keep. He was one of two or three teachers in my entire life who had an extraordinary impact (and I am sure that was true for many other students fortunate enough to have him). I exchanged emails with him in 2011 and was delighted to hear that he was thriving in retirement. I wanted to see if he was still OK and was sorry to hear of his passing a few years ago. I hope his many nieces and nephews know how admired he was to thousands of students.*

*Glenn S. Gerstell - Washington DC*

Glenn Gerstell - April 27, 2019 at 06:01 PM



“ *I was sorry to discover today that Don had passed away in April last year. He was my teacher in English and Spanish at Wahoo High School back in the mid 1950's. I learned a lot from Don, as he really kept things moving in class, and we had to pay attention. Outside of class I remember him as having a good sense of humor and was much more relaxed. My sympathies to his family and close friends.*

Bob McMaster - February 13, 2017 at 09:57 PM


MR

“ Our sympathy to Don's loved ones. Don taught at our rural grade school south of Tilden. Our son was just starting school so he did not have Don for a teacher. When our son was in high school and had hip surgery, Don was working at the hospital taking patients to surgery and returning them to their room. It was comforting to our son to have Don there-someone he knew. Our thoughts are with all of you.

*Aldon and Mary Roberg*

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**Mary Roberg** - April 09, 2016 at 03:46 PM

 Brenda Gobel

“ A great teacher who had a love for teaching and truly cared although at times it didn't seem like it. He was a strict teacher but one who as I got older respected much more than when I was in his class. He taught me grammar that I still remember and use to this day 30 years later! RIP Mr. Ballard.

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**Brenda Gobel** - April 08, 2016 at 08:51 PM

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“ Rachele lit a candle in memory of Don A. Ballard



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**Rachele** - April 08, 2016 at 11:43 AM

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*Excellent teacher!!!*

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**Rachele** - April 08, 2016 at 11:44 AM

LD

“ *Punky loves Don! We were so blessed to take care of Punky for Don while he was in the nursing home. Punky would go visit him often and Don really enjoyed that.*

*Jerry and I were so fortunate to become acquainted with Don and may he ever rest in peace.*

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**Linda D Dahlkoetter** - April 07, 2016 at 10:12 AM