



Duel Ryon Ballard III

May 21, 1954 - September 9, 2021

Duel Ryon Ballard, III, 67, of Seaford, Delaware went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, September 9, 2021. Duel was born on May 21, 1954, in South Weymouth, Massachusetts, the son of Duel Ryon Ballard, Jr. and Nathalie Cameron (Ewing) Ballard of North Hero, Vermont.

Duel graduated from Fort Hunt High School in Mt. Vernon, Virginia where he ran track relay and hurdles. He was an oarsman for the Fort Hunt High School crew. He rowed lightweight eight and pair. They were national champions and were eligible to row in the Henley Royal Regatta in England. After high school, he attended Salisbury University majoring in Business. Duel has always continued close relationships with his high school and college classmates. He followed his passion in the food industry and culinary arts working with professional chefs during the Lake Placid Olympics. He went to Stowe, Vermont where he successfully opened several restaurants such as Doolin' Bagels, Wild Thyme, Steak and Beef House and his favorite restaurant, The Flying Tomato where he served many celebrities and the world champion New York Giants. Later, Duel went to work for food sales marketing for fifteen years.

After becoming a father, he took his love for sports to another level and coached his son, Taylor and friends; on their football, lacrosse, soccer, and little league baseball teams. With Mark Quillen, Duel was co-founder of the Delmar Lacrosse Program. He coached several years as the assistant coach for the Delmar High School lacrosse team. Duel was also the Delmar High

School Cross Country Coach. He was loved by all student athletes and became a father figure to many.

Duel continued his culinary passion by teaching the “Now We’re Cooking” Program as “Chef Duel” at First State Community Action. He taught cooking, job skills in the food industry and food safety to students in special education from several different school districts. He changed the lives of so many, giving them so much joy, confidence, and the skills to live independently and be successful in a career. In addition, to cooking, Duel was also very passionate about sports and was an avid Washington Redskins fan. He loved the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing, and spending time with family.

Duel was part of the Crossroad Community Church family where he married his wife Lori and dedicated their daughter, Nathalie Grace to the church. Duel is known for his contagious smile, laugh, enthusiasm, and giving God’s love to all.

Duel enjoyed traveling and every year looking forward to the annual family trip to Vermont, one of his favorite places to visit. After coaching for many years, Duel proudly became a stay-at-home Dad. He continuously enjoyed teaching, coaching, cooking and sharing all the joys of life with her. He will be remembered as a loving and supportive husband, father, brother, son, and great friend (known as family) to many.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife Lori Ann (Stakiel) Ballard; son, Taylor Ryon Ballard and wife Kristen of Ocean City, Maryland; daughter, Nathalie Grace Ballard; brother, Cameron Joseph Ballard and wife Jill of Bryans Road, Maryland; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by sisters, Kathy Winters and Cindy Livesey.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday, September 17, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, and on Saturday, September 18, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Crossroad Community Church, 20684 State Forest Rd, Georgetown, DE 19947, where a funeral service will begin at 1:00. Pastor Marvin Jones will officiate. Interment will follow at Melson’s Cemetery in Delmar.

In memory of Duell, contributions may be sent to the Kid's Club Fund for Nathalie's education at Tidemark Federal Credit Union in Seaford.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Melson's Cemetery

Melson's Road
Delmar, MD 21875

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **17**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove Street
Delmar, DE 19940
(302) 846-2525
info@shortfh.com

Visitation

SEP **18**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Crossroad Community Church
20684 State Forest Rd
Georgetown, DE 19947
<https://crossroadcc.us/>

Funeral Service

SEP **18**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Crossroad Community Church
20684 State Forest Road
Georgetown, DE 19947

Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Duel Ryon Ballard III*



Short Funeral Home - September 17, 2021 at 05:10 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Duel Ryon Ballard III.*



September 17, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ *192 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Short Funeral Home - September 16, 2021 at 03:25 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of
Duel Ryon Ballard III.*



September 16, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Duel Ryon Ballard III.*



September 16, 2021 at 11:05 AM



“ *Bobbi and Pat Gendron purchased the Blessed H
eart for the family of Duel Ryon Ballard III.*



Bobbi and Pat Gendron - September 16, 2021 at 10:30 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for
the family of Duel Ryon Ballard III.*



September 15, 2021 at 09:45 AM

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“Duel, we will always remember your infectious smile as you danced across the floor on your wedding day. We were so blessed to have been a part of that special day. May God keep you safe in his arms and know you will be missed.
Greg and Donna Reed



Donna - September 14, 2021 at 09:36 PM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Duel Ryon Ballard III.



September 14, 2021 at 06:25 PM

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“Love Dee and Nino Moyano purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Duel Ryon Ballard III.



Love Dee and Nino Moyano - September 14, 2021 at 06:08 PM



“Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Duel Ryon Ballard III.



September 14, 2021 at 03:06 PM

JK

“ I shall not forget Duellie's energy , while visiting his parent's (my good friends) home here on our North Hero Island eastshore, in attempts to catch the elusive smallmouth bass.

May his spirit live on , among each and every one of us. My sympathies to his family and friends, in their loss.

John Edgar King,
North Hero Island, Vt.

John Edgar King - September 14, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. First met Duel back in the 70's when we were working on the ocean front buildings at Sea Colony in Bethany Beach. I'll never forget that smile!.

Mike McCabe - September 14, 2021 at 09:04 AM

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“ Duel and I sat at many football practices and games over the years. We became good friends. He always made me smile, I'm going to miss him dearly

Craig Thompson Sr - September 13, 2021 at 06:38 PM