



## Hunter Shane Ballard

January 15, 2009 - May 2, 2025

Hunter Shane Ballard was born on January 15th, 2009. He left this earth tragically on Friday, May 2nd, 2025 at around 4:30 in the evening when he was struck by a car. He never gained consciousness and did not survive his injuries. We can be comforted by the knowledge that he probably never felt any pain. Hunter was the last-born child to Louis and Lynn Ballard after 10 hours of labor by his mom, who had been told by doctors years before to not expect any more children.

Hunter is survived by his brothers; Claude Heath Alexander of Mabelvale and Joshua Dane Salyers of Bryant; Two sisters, Mary Alyene Williamson (Bryan) of Little Rock and Chelsey Larue Smith (Josh) of Jonesboro.

Hunter also leaves to cherish his memory: three aunts, Brandy Towery (Roy) of Caraway, Jeannette Ballard Heffington of Benton, and Mary Anne Mitchell of Greenbriar, and also a number of cousins, nieces and nephews.

From a very early age Hunter displayed a strong aptitude for learning and an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. His main complaint through school was not being challenged enough with the curriculum, and talked to us incessantly of law school and his plans to become a Defense Attorney. He was so looking forward to learning all he could about law.

Hunter was excited about the future and all he would accomplish. I remember one day he came home from school and told me that some kids were calling him a nerd. He told them that they might call him that now, but one day they would call him "boss." Big mic drop moment there. I told him to never be

ashamed of who he is and that I have always been a nerd too, so it's absolutely fine.

His favorite pastime was playing on line games with his great friends who he had never met in person. By far, his favorite game to play was Dungeons and Dragons. He wrote and scripted elaborate campaigns and adventures for his friends and served as their Dungeon Master. He had been talking about a major game he had written for them that would be held that very Friday night. His other passion was saved for animals. He loved them all, but his biggest love was for his 24 toed calico cat, Baby. We adopted her from Pulaski County Humane Society. We request that any memorials be made to them. Nothing would make Hunter any happier.

Hunter's short 16 years doesn't feel like long enough time for a life, but that was all that was given. He was a sweet, compassionate young man that cared deeply for his family and friends. He was also awkward, shy, and unsure of how to navigate dating and social issues as that was not his strong suit, like most teenaged boys.

I know that Hunter believed in the Lord Jesus, and I know that we will see him again, but not in this life. He is at peace and in the presence of the Father. We must trust God and leave it all in His mighty hands. It was just Hunter's appointed time. We don't understand why but must walk by faith, not by sight. While we are sad to have lost Hunter from our daily lives, he will still remain in our hearts and memories as long as we live. Let us be grateful and happy that he was here, and that God blessed our lives with his presence and for the time He allowed us. As Hunter's parents, I know we are.

Matthew 5:4 KJV- "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

MAY 15. 1:00 PM (CT)

Vimy Ridge Immanuel Baptist Church  
12214 Germania Rd  
Alexander, AR 72002

# Tribute Wall



“ Erica R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hunter Shane Ballard.

Erica R. - May 27, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ Jayla Lewis purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Hunter Shane Ballard.



Jayla Lewis - May 23, 2025 at 06:13 PM



“ V planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hunter Shane Ballard.

V - May 19, 2025 at 12:38 PM



“ V purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Hunter Shane Ballard.



V - May 19, 2025 at 12:38 PM

MB

“ *Mr. And Mrs. Andrew Branham purchased the Ful I Of Love Bouquet for the family of Hunter Shane Ballard.*



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**Mr. And Mrs. Andrew Branham** - May 15, 2025 at 09:50 AM

KH

“ *Hunter was a thoughtful, smart, and inquisitive young man during his time at Mabelvale Elementary. Our hearts broke hearing the news of his passing. From two animal lovers to another, a donation was made in his honor to Pulaski Humane Society.*



*With our deepest condolences, Kelly Hedrick and Stacy Burnett-Mabelvale Elementary*

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**Kelly Hedrick** - May 12, 2025 at 04:44 PM

PC

*My condolences to the family*

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**Philip Cooks** - May 15, 2025 at 10:30 AM

SW

“ *Sharon, Toni & Whitney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hunter Shane Ballard.*

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**Sharon, Toni & Whitney** - May 09, 2025 at 10:20 PM

SW

“ Sharon, Toni & Whitney purchased the Serene R etreat for the family of Hunter Shane Ballard.



Sharon, Toni & Whitney - May 09, 2025 at 10:20 PM

NN

“ Lynn and family, I am truly sorry to hear about your loss. I will continue to pray that God will take over and comfort you and yours.  
- Nichole Nyhuis

Nichole Nyhuis - May 09, 2025 at 05:36 PM

MB

My deepest condolences 🙏🙏 for the family n friends of this precious young man may he rest in peace 🕊️🕊️🕊️🙏

Marilyn McClain Baker - May 10, 2025 at 01:04 PM

KC

“ KeeKee @ Arkansas Women's Center purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Hunter Shane Ballard.



KeeKee @ Arkansas Women's Center - May 08, 2025 at 11:53 AM

DB

“ I'm so sorry to have to have heard about this for young Hunter. I remember well when he was born his dad was a bass player in our band during that time. His dad was very proud of having a newborn son and smiled a lot because of it. No one ever wants to lose a child especially when they're the only child still living at home. My whole family was around a lot when Hunter was born and now are all saddened by this fact of his passing. But now he is with God and watching over his mama and daddy to make sure that everything's going to be okay. R.I.P Hunter

D W Branham - May 08, 2025 at 10:56 AM

ST

“ I am so sorry to hear of your young sons passing. Our children are a gift of God, and ours to treasure for a moment. But forever in our hearts they hold a special place. May God grant you peace and the knowledge that HE has your son held close to HIS heart. You are in my prayers. God Bless.

Sharla Trantham - May 08, 2025 at 10:04 AM

MS

“ Ms. White, MMS Social Studies purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Hunter Shane Ballard.



Ms. White, MMS Social Studies - May 07, 2025 at 09:28 PM

DA

“ We were heartbroken to learn of the tragic passing of Hunter Ballard. Hunter was a part of our King’s Kids Academy family from the time he was just five years old until he turned twelve. During those years, he left a lasting impression on everyone he encountered. He was always such a respectful, kind-hearted young man with a bright smile and a gentle spirit.

Hunter was the kind of child who made it easy to love what we do. He was full of life, well-mannered, and always had a way of brightening the room. One memory that stands out is the summer before he started middle school, he proudly told us that he wouldn’t be coming back to daycare because he was going to middle school now. He actually told us before his mother officially let us know. That moment was bittersweet, but it showed just how grown-up he was becoming and how proud he was of that milestone.

We will forever cherish the time we had with Hunter and the joy he brought to our center. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and all who loved him. He will always be remembered and missed.

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Darrell - May 05, 2025 at 12:37 PM

BJ

My heart goes out to Hunter's family. I wish I could say something to lessen the heartbreak. It is comforting to realize we have not said good bye to Hunter. Instead it's See you later. I As the GT teacher at Mabelvale Elementaey I was honored to be part of Hunter's life for a short while. He was such a sweet, thoughtful, smart soul. I especially enjoyed his sense of humor, those remarks he would make that very few students understood. Praying for peace, c9mfirt and strength,  
Bonita Johnson  
1 Thessalonians  
4:13-14  
Revalation 21:4

Revalations

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Bonita Johnson - May 16, 2025 at 03:01 PM