



## John H. Ball

September 18, 1931 - September 23, 2023

John H. Ball, 92, of Gladwyne, PA died on September 23rd, attended by his family. He was predeceased by his wife of 67 years, Barbara, as well as his sister, Patsy. He is survived by his brother, Dick. John and Bobbie had love-filled relationships with their 4 children: John (Elinor), Curt (Deena), Kimberly Bucci (Mike) and Roger (Paula), their 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Nothing brought them more happiness than gathering with family at Fox Point, their Kent County, MD retreat.

After graduating from Central High School in Philadelphia in 1949, he served in the Marine Corps and in 1952 matriculated at the Pennsylvania State University where he graduated cum laude in 1955.

He devoted his business career to R.M. Shoemaker Co. serving as its President from 1967 to 1990 and Chairman until his retirement in 1999.

During his professional life, he served as Chair of the Philadelphia Foundation for Architecture and the Middle Atlantic Construction Management Association. For many years he was a director of the General Building Contractors Association. Mr. Ball was President of The Carpenters Company of the City and County of Philadelphia during its 250th anniversary in 1974.

Long active in Presbyterian affairs, he served on several Philadelphia

Presbytery committees and as an elder and trustee of the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church and the Haddonfield Presbyterian Church.

In the 1970's and 80's, he served in various leadership capacities at the Philadelphia Country Club including two years as President.

He was a devoted board member of the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania where he served as Chairman for a number of years. Similar commitments were made to the Foreign Policy Research Institute.

Other community organizations he served as a board member include Temple University Hospital, Atwater Kent Museum, Philadelphia Presbytery Homes, and the Presbyterian Home for Aged Persons and Couples.

A memorial service will be held on October 20, 2023 at 3pm at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The Salvation Army.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **20**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church  
625 Montgomery Avenue  
Bryn Mawr, PA

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ Hello John, Curt, Kim, Roger, and families: So sorry for the loss of your dad. An era has come to a close for the greater Ball family. May they all be laughing and feeling perfect together again with our Lord Jesus.  
Lots of Love - your cousin Marc Ball and family.

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**Marc Ball** - October 19, 2023 at 05:35 PM

CS

“ John, Curt, Roger, and Kim,  
I was so sad to learn of your Dad's passing. Tom and I always spent special times with your parents.  
I will cherish all those memories.  
Love to your family at this difficult time.  
Cindy Stewart

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**Cynthia Stewart** - October 05, 2023 at 11:41 AM

CG

“ Christine G. purchased a sympathy card for the family of John H. Ball.



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**Christine G.** - October 02, 2023 at 08:40 PM

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“ Terry W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John H. Ball.

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**Terry W.** - September 29, 2023 at 03:22 PM