



## Dr. James Benjamin Ball

April 27, 1929 - March 11, 2017

Dr. James Ball, currently of Orlando, FL and formerly of Bellevue, OH, died on March 11, 2017 at the age of 87. Dr. Ball was born on April 27, 1929 son of the late Ben and Alma Ball. He graduated from Bellevue High School in 1947, from the University of Toledo in 1951, and from St Louis University School of Medicine in 1954. After a year each of surgical and medical residencies at St Elizabeth's Hospital in Youngstown, OH, he served 2 years in the USAF in Lincoln, NE. He then returned to Bellevue and established a medical practice where he remained for more than 30 years. Dr. Jim moved to FL in 1990. He is survived by his wife, Lea, by a brother Dr. Ted Ball from Bellevue, sons Dr. James B Ball, Jr (Carol), Dr. Michael R Ball (Mary Ellen), daughters Dr. Valerie Ball, Dr. Victoria Ball, and Margo Macquarrie (John), Stepdaughters Jessica Hodges, Amy Baker (Anthony), Beth Roberts (Ty), and Julie Straka (Mark), as well as 21 grand children and step grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

Dr. Ball retired and moved to Jacksonville, FL in 1990. He enjoyed playing local golf courses, but soon missed the practice of medicine. He volunteered for the Duval County Health Department, and when leaving the Pine Forest Clinic, he received this farewell note from the staff:..."When the system for which we work couldn't help a client get needed medication, Dr. Ball helped. When the clinic needed atmosphere, Dr. Ball provided the music to 'soothe the savage beasts'. When the sewer backed up, he was the first to grab a mop. This is not a 'normal' doctor who has worked among us. This is a special

person. This is a person who really cares. This man cares about all of those around him and asks for nothing in return. This is rare in men during these times. For this caring, we thank you, Dr. Ball."

Beneath a tough exterior (Bull Headed Ball) beats a heart of pure gold. He will be remembered with love and affection by all of those whose lives he touched.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the University of Notre Dame. Checks should be made payable to "University of Notre Dame" with "Dr James B. Ball" in the memo section.

Donations should be sent to:

Jamery S Barry  
Assistant Director  
Development Donor Services  
University of Notre Dame  
1100 Grace Hall  
Notre Dame, IN 46556

\*Alternatively, donations may be made online at:

( <https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1210/support/support-form-hybrid.aspx?sid=1210&gid=1&pgid=27565&cid=53325> )

Please select "In Memory of / In Honor of Gift" and indicate "Dr. James B. Ball" in the section provided.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park

400 Woodlawn Cemetery Road  
Gotha, FL 34734

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations  
910 W. Michigan Street  
Orlando, FL 32805  
(407) 841-4424  
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. James Benjamin Ball.*



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March 17, 2017 at 01:28 PM



“ *Dear Margo and the Entire Ball Family,  
So sorry to hear about your loss. He sure was a great man and father. So many fond memories I have of him through my friendship with you, Margo, most memorably, having Dr. Jim called in from the Fremont Country Club to come to the "horse-pistol" and set my broken arm! How many thousands of times did he swing that golf club from your yard and hike down the road a piece to pick up the balls? I also remember his practice putting "course" around your house with various table and chair legs as the targets. Hope these memories help bring a smile or two during this difficult time. You are all in my prayers.*

*Love, Your Friend,  
Jane Ruffing*

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**Jane Ruffing** - March 16, 2017 at 02:47 PM



“ *Please accept my deepest sympathies in your loss. Praying for comfort and peace for the entire extended family.*

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**Amy Cosner** - March 15, 2017 at 09:47 PM

SS

“ Was my Doc way back in the 60's. Rest in the arms of the Lord Dr. Jim! Steve Siesel, Winter Haven, Florida.

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**Steve Siesel** - March 15, 2017 at 07:53 PM

PC

“ Great guy long time golf partner. Will be missed. Rest In Peace "doc"

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**Patrick Collins** - March 15, 2017 at 07:14 PM

CA

“ So sorry for your loss. Dr. Jim was a great dad as well as doctor and friend. My sympathy to all. Carol Allan

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**Carol Allan** - March 15, 2017 at 04:26 PM

TS

“ Great man - helped many people. JIM had a deep love of God and his family!  
Tom Seamon  
Jupiter, FL

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**tom seamon** - March 15, 2017 at 04:21 PM

JR

“ We have so many memories of fun times with Jim and Lea. Jim had a sense of humor and we loved to hear him laugh. He was a physician who loved his profession and was dedicated to his patients. He was a wonderful husband to Lea . We will always treasure the many trips we shared in Florida .

Tom and Judy Rogers  
Surprise, Arizona

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**Judy Rogers** - March 15, 2017 at 09:29 AM

JC

“ *Jim Ball was a very special person; one with great knowledge but even better common sense and the fortitude to ensure the right thing was done. A man with a great sense of humor who could keep you happy in the sadist of times. Respected and loved. We will miss him and wish Lea the best in her life ahead.*  
*Jim and Mary Jo Cercy*

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**jim cercy** - March 14, 2017 at 06:05 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. James Benjamin Ball.*



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March 13, 2017 at 07:42 PM