



## Everett Ray Ballagh

August 10, 1956 - June 20, 2025

Ray was born in El Dorado, KS in 1956 to Bill Buck Ballagh & Martha Rose Lewis. His parents loved it when Ray came to visit. His mother would always tell stories of Ray when he was younger, like when he threw away all his new underwear because they had holes in them, or when he followed a trail of shrimp tails, only to find his brother had eaten all the bait.

Ray ran track barefoot in Moran on a cinderblock track. He was also a member of the National Guard for many years. While serving he went to Korea twice for peacekeeping missions, and to South America three times for AT. He had many stories of his time overseas, & was very proud to have served.

Ray was an avid sports fan. He loved the Chiefs, Royals, Razorbacks, KU & K-State. He would catch a game with his children whenever he could. He also supported his grandchildren with their sports, coming to almost every game, every weekend. He was so very proud of them, bragging to any & all their accomplishments.

Ray will always be remembered by his orneriness, and how he'd intentionally

mix-up or change words of places. He had a special saying for so many items, if you didn't know him you'd never know what he was talking about!

Ray was preceded in death by his parents (Bill Buck & Martha Rose Ballagh), his sister Sandra Kay Ballagh, & his brothers (David Lee & Billy Bert Ballagh). He is survived by his daughter Maureen Rose Ballagh (Brian Herrell), his son Rhett Michael Bennegfield (Jesucita Ann Holder), and grandchildren Madilyn Rae Herrell, Meredith Robin Herrell, Benjamin Luke Herrell, Joey Marie Smith Bennegfield & Kyla Jean Smith Bennegfield.

Memorial will be at a later date, will attempt to post in the KC Star and/or the Wichita Eagle once the date has been set.

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