



## Irwin John Ballard, Jr.

November 4, 1939 - February 18, 2014

On February 14, 2014 The Lord called home one of his tired angels. I. J. Ballard departed earth from the place he love most, New Waverly, Texas. He was born November 4, 1939 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Irwin John Ballard, Sr. and Leyna Schultheis. I.J. moved to Houston, Texas with his family in 1949. I.J. graduated from Houston Vocational Technical High School in 1959. He married Sharon Skillern in July of 1960 and they had four beautiful children. In 1966, I.J. began the very first mobile repair service for 18 wheelers in Houston. I.J. always enjoyed the outdoors and would hunt or fish in his free time. He and Sharon retired to New Waverly, Texas in 2002. I.J. is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Sharon (Skillern) Ballard; children, Irwin John Ballard, III and wife Diedre, Cherie Bench and husband Harlan, Kelly Ballard, Shelley Ballard and Eddie Frautschi and wife Cathy; sister Kathryn An Greff and husband Charles; 23 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren. Visitation will be Monday, February 17 2014 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, 10129 FM 1097 W, Willis, Texas. Services will be Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 11:00am at the Chapel. Family request in lieu of flowers, donations can be mailed to Sharon Ballard at 6238 FM 1374 New Waverly, Texas 77358 to help with funeral expenses. Memorial condolences for the family can be sent to [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Irwin John Ballard, Jr.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I loved IJ like a brother and will miss his friendship. My sympathy to Sharon and family.*

**Eldon young** - February 17, 2014 at 08:04 PM



“ *Sharon & family,  
Praying ya'll find peace and comfort. He will be greatly missed.*

*Dean & Diana*

**Pierce family** - February 17, 2014 at 01:52 PM



“ *Dear Sharon,  
We were saddened to hear about I.J. May God comfort you and your family.*

*Howard & Jo Ann*

**Howard & Jo Ann Harris** - February 16, 2014 at 04:54 PM



“ *Sharon,  
I am so sorry to hear about I.J. Would love to be there but I'm traveling. Card to follow...*

*God be with you and your family,  
W.W.*

**W. W. Rowland** - February 16, 2014 at 02:20 PM

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“ Words cannot express our feelings during this time of grief. May God bless you Sharon and the family as you go through this time. We know that he is in a better place and out of pain and may that be of some comfort to each of you. Losing your husband, dad, brother, uncle and grandfather is a difficult thing for any family. May this draw each of you closer together.  
*Deanne and Michael Baker*

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**Deanne Baker** - February 15, 2014 at 08:11 PM