



Charles Thomas Ball

November 17, 1942 - March 18, 2021

Charles Thomas "Tom" Ball, 78 of Ft. Collins passed away suddenly on March 18, 2021. Tom was born on November 17, 1942 in Gallipolis, Ohio to William Wayne Ball and Margaret Louise Irion Ball.

Tom received his Bachelor's degree in Agriculture, two Masters degrees in Education and Nutrition, and received additional education in Equine breeding.

The Cherry Creek School District is where Tom began his teaching career and he later became the Director of Vocational Agriculture. He was not only an instructor but the manager of the farm, which served as a hands on learning experience for students interested in agriculture and farming, He served as an instructor and facilitated the start of one of the first accredited Equine Programs in the country at Lamar Community College. He formed a horse show team as part of the program.

After leaving education, he became one of the nation's top salesmen and nutritionists for Manna Pro, earning national honors for three years as Salesman of the Year.

Tom was also the general manager and breeding manager for the family business, Ball's Quarter Horses as well as a trainer and instructor. Always

willing to share his knowledge, he would speak to equine groups and individuals. Most recently, he spoke to equine classes at the University of Wyoming.

Throughout Tom's career as a trainer, he broke young horses and trained horses for high levels of competition including: The All American Quarter Horse Congress, the American Quarter Horse World Championship Show, Palomino Horse Breeders of America World Championship show.

Tom's articles were featured in The Quarter Horse Journal, Western Horseman, Ride with Bob Avila and the book, Breeding for Success.

He was a lifelong member of the American Quarter Horse Association and also a former International Buckskin Horse Association and Palomino Breeders of America accredited judge, judging horse shows across the nation. Tom was also the past President of the Colorado Palomino Exhibitors Association and Vice President and Youth Advisor for the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse association.

Tom loved all animals and took meticulous care of the horses, dogs, and cats and will be remembered for his compassion for the animals under his care.

Survivors include his two siblings Margo Lea Ball and Wayne Ball, Jr. both of Ft. Collins.

A Graveside Service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at Grandview Cemetery. Immediately following the graveside everyone is invited to a Celebration of Tom's Life at the family Ranch.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 6. 1:00 PM (MT)

Grandview Cemetery
1900 W. Mountain Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Tribute Wall

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“ WHAT THE HELL. YOU COULDN'T EVEN MENTION HIS ONLY DAUGHTER, TORY LYNN BALL, OR NOTIFY HER OF HIS PASSING? YOU GUYS ARE REALLY CARING PEOPLE AREN'T YOU?

Beverly - December 03, 2024 at 06:55 PM

JH

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Jane Hunter - April 06, 2021 at 01:53 PM

JN

“ I met Tom, Margo and Wayne at the 2005 National Western Stock Show. They were there promoting a Paint Stud and when I approached them about training help, they were all very friendly and treated me as if they had known me for years. Now 16 years later, they are like family and I have had a horse under his (their) care ever since that first meeting. You will never find anyone who loved and cared for his horses and other animals better than Tom. He was a kind, gentle, firm, and knowledgeable horseman and friend. He expected much from those he trained, but asked for it in a way you would understand and make you want to do it better. There wasn't anything he couldn't do around the barn (or home). He was a huge presence and great manager of Ball Quarter Horses. Tom, it just won't be the same without you there. May you Rest In Peace, dear friend, I know it will be nice to see your family, horses and pets that went before you (I sure hope animals are there to welcome you home). Give Bob a hug for me when you see him. Margo and Wayne, may all the good memories bring you peace and comfort during the difficult days ahead. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Jeanne N - April 05, 2021 at 10:45 PM

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“ *Connie L. purchased the Distinguished Service Casket Spray for the family of Charles Thomas Ball.*



Connie L. - April 05, 2021 at 10:26 PM

JT

“ Tom was a good friend to our family but especially to our daughter Kasey. When Kasey was 10 we bought her a horse named Toby. Tom took both of them under his wing and trained them both. Kasey loved going over to the Ball's to hang out with the family and horses.

Our house is just a quarter of a mile or so from the Ball's. Whenever I would be out in the pasture working Tom would stop and talk, I really enjoyed his wisdom and the stories he told me.

Tom will be missed, he was a great influence on our family.

Joe, Joni, Rachael, and Kasey Trotter.

Joe Trotter - April 05, 2021 at 07:20 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Thomas Ball.



April 01, 2021 at 01:35 PM

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“ Brenda Flottmeyer lit a candle in memory of Charles Thomas Ball



Brenda Flottmeyer - April 01, 2021 at 11:02 AM