



Richard "Gus" Ballance

December 22, 2025

Richard "Gus" Alan Ballance, 81, of Huntington, passed away at 10:26 am Monday, December 22, 2025, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne IN.

Gus was born on August 18, 1944, in Patoka, IL, the son of Hiram Ballance and Pauline (Robertson) Ballance. He graduated from Patoka High School and proudly enlisted in the United States Army. Gus was stationed overseas during the Vietnam War. Some love stories begin in the most unexpected ways, and for Gus and Cheryl, their journey started with a single blind date. What began as a casual meeting quickly blossomed into an undeniable connection that would shape the rest of their lives. They exchanged vows on October 7, 1995. Cheryl preceded him in death earlier this year on the 14th of June.

Gus retired from Hayes Wheelers of Huntington, IN, after 12 years of service. He was a dedicated member of V.F.W. Post #2689 of Huntington, where he took great pride in serving on the honor guard and participating in ceremonies that honored fellow veterans. His commitment to veterans' organizations extended further, as Gus also served as the past commander for American Legion Post #85. In this leadership role, he was instrumental in organizing events, supporting the local veteran community, and upholding the values and traditions of the American Legion. His service to both organizations reflected

his deep respect for his fellow servicemen and women, and his ongoing dedication to the ideals of patriotism and community service.

Gus found true delight in life's simplest joys. He was happiest outdoors, setting out to go hunting, or enjoying the peacefulness of an early morning fishing trip. Surrounded by nature, Gus felt right at home. He also loved to bowl with his family and friends, spending countless hours at the bowling alley. Whether it was a casual weekend outing or a friendly competition, he treasured the joy and connection that each game brought. As a loyal Dallas Cowboys football fan, Gus rarely missed a game. But above all, Gus's greatest passion was his family. He cherished every opportunity to make memories with those he loved most. Whether it was a family gathering, a holiday celebration, or just an ordinary day, Gus made each moment special. His laughter, warmth, and generosity left a lasting impression on everyone blessed to know him.

Survivors include his Daughter, Melissa K. Hines of Huntington, IN; Granddaughter, Jessica (Sarah Clor) M. Hines of Huntington, IN; Two Sisters, Darlene Quick of IL, Judy (Wes) Englund of IL; and his four-legged companion, Emmett. He is preceded in death by his Father, Hiram Ballance, Mother, Pauline Ballance, Wife, Cheryl J. Ballance.

Visitation will be from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 pm Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Jason Fields officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory. Military Honors will be rendered by the VFW Post 2689 Honor Guard.

Preferred memorials to the American Legion Post #85, in care of Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Richard "Gus"
Alan Ballance.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

Service

DEC 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

DEC 30 (ET)

Gardens of Memory
11201 S. Marion Road 35
Marion, IN 46952

Tribute Wall



“ *Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of Gus.* ”



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - December 29, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ *The Wray Family: Bob, & Marilyn purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Richard "Gus" Ballance.* ”



The Wray Family: Bob, & Marilyn - December 26, 2025 at 12:49 PM



“ *Always enjoyed running into Gus and his wife at The Post. Thank you for your service to our country, Gus and for always being such a nice man!* ”



Heidi Jacobs - December 24, 2025 at 07:45 PM

LW

“ *Larry and Ronda Wiland lit a candle in memory of Richard "Gus" Ballance*



Larry and Ronda Wiland - December 23, 2025 at 04:00 PM

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“ *Rest in peace Gus and give Cheryl a hug,we will miss you.*

Larry and Ronda Wiland - December 23, 2025 at 03:59 PM

SG

“ *Steve Billie Garwood lit a candle in memory of Richard "Gus" Ballance*



Steve Billie Garwood - December 23, 2025 at 02:28 PM