



Mr. John D. "Bear" Ward

August 30, 1936 - November 23, 2021

John D. Ward was born August 30, 1936, to Mr. Tyree Ward and Mrs. Lucy Harris- Ward, in Emerson, AR. In 1958, he joined in union with Mrs. Ether Lee Fair. They resided in Stamps, AR. with their 6 children.

Mr. Ward, "Bear", enjoyed hunting, fishing, and playing dominoes. He was a hardworking man who spent many years in the pulpwood business.

After a courageous battle with dementia, God called Mr. John from labor to reward on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. He is preceded in death by his mother and father, his wife, two daughters: Teresa Ward-Ellis and Nella Ward-Johnson, four brothers: William Ward, Calvin Ward, Melvin Ward, and Jimmy Ward, and one sister: Jearlene Ward.

He leaves to cherish his memories five daughters: Joyce Moss (Lee), Bonnie Walker (Hodge) both of Stamps, AR, Mellin Oglesby (Dearick) of Augusta, GA, Victoria Ward of Chicago, IL, and Mary Lee Ward of Battle Creek, MI; two sons: John Otis Ward (Diane) of Texarkana, TX, and Jimmy Ward (Fannie) of Canfield, AR. He will forever be remembered by his loving brothers: Wilson Ward (Sudie) of Stamps, AR, and Arvester Ward (Gladys) of Tyler, TX, and his caring sister: Christeen Ward-Wright (Terence). He will eternally be thought of fondly by his aunt, twenty-one grandchildren, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Graveside Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, November 28th, at 11:00 a.m., at the Lakeside Cemetery in Stamps, AR.

Visitation: Saturday, November 27th, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, "Everyone Is Required to Wear A Mask While Attending the Services and During Visitation Hours". This ensures safety for you and others. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

Gravel & Valley Street
Stamps, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home
100 Hwy 79 North
Magnolia, AR 71753
(870) 901-3536

Graveside service

NOV 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lakeside Cemetery
Gravel & Valley Street
Stamps, AR

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Ward family.* ”



Mary Helen Joseph - November 28, 2021 at 05:47 PM

LM

“ *My sincere condolences to the family.* ”



Latetia McDonald - November 28, 2021 at 08:23 AM

RJ

“ *R.I.P Uncle John* ”



Robert Wyrick Jr - November 28, 2021 at 03:43 AM

AW

“ *R.I.L Uncle John* ❤️ ”



Adrienne Wyrick - November 28, 2021 at 03:38 AM

BD

“ *My condolences to the Ward family during their time of sorrow.*

Bonnie Daniels - November 27, 2021 at 08:02 PM

MS

“ *Praying for the Ward family in their time of sorrow.*



Margie Chappel Standoak - November 27, 2021 at 09:12 AM

BW

“ *Our prayers are extended to the family of Brother John Ward. May God bless and keep you. Billy and Patricia Williams*



Billy & Patricia Williams - November 26, 2021 at 09:03 PM

VS

“ *May you RIP uncle John love you until we meet again*

Virginia Smith - November 26, 2021 at 02:28 PM

VS

Sue

Virginia Smith - November 26, 2021 at 02:33 PM

JW

“ *Joyce Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. John D. "Bear" Ward*



Joyce Ward - November 25, 2021 at 09:31 PM

JW

R.I.P. Cousin

Joyce Ward - November 25, 2021 at 09:32 PM

KG

“ *Kelly Gentry lit a candle in memory of Mr. John D. "Bear" Ward*



kelly Gentry - November 25, 2021 at 12:42 PM

MJ

“ *My condolences to the Ward family.*



Mary Helen Joseph - November 24, 2021 at 10:46 PM

BD

“ *Me and my cousin shares a birthday on August 30. May John rest in peace and love in Jesus mighty name,*

Bernice Ward Davis - November 24, 2021 at 03:56 PM

LM

“ *Condolences to the Ward family*



Linda Morgan - November 24, 2021 at 08:28 AM

LC

“ *Lisa Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. John D. "Bear" Ward*



Lisa Clark - November 23, 2021 at 10:43 PM

ER

“ *Edna Rowden lit a candle in memory of Mr. John D. "Bear" Ward*



Edna Rowden - November 23, 2021 at 10:15 PM

SM

“ *Sherry Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. John D. "Bear" Ward*



Sherry marshall - November 23, 2021 at 10:00 PM