



Ms. Marrine C. Ward

May 25, 1936 - June 10, 2025

On May 25, 1936, Marrine Ward, the daughter of Frank and Gussie Greer Ward, was born in Emerson, AR. She was the youngest of fifteen children who all preceded her in death. During her life she was given the nickname “Bat” and also known to many as Margie.

She met and married Harold Baker of Magnolia, AR. Choosing to grow their family, they adopted a beautiful daughter and named her Carolyn Ann Baker.

Marrine committed her life to Christ at an early age at New Hope Baptist Church in Emerson, AR, and later united with St. Mark Baptist Church in Magnolia, AR, where she served faithfully and generously in multiple positions until her death.

She was a devoted and shining example of a Christian. Many have been blessed by her service and inspired by her beautiful voice.

In her early adulthood, she was an employee at Sissy’s Restaurant in Magnolia. Desiring to take on different types of work, she became an employee with the Smith family. She was later employed by the Oliver M. and Mary Jane Clegg family where she faithfully served for more than fifty years earning her the title of “dear family friend” by her caring and loving employer Mrs. Mary Jane Clegg.

Marrine had a love for children and was known as Granny to her own grandchildren, as well as others in the Magnolia community. She loved reading the Bible, fishing, and helping others.

She's preceded in death by her parents, and granddaughters, Arica McGraw and Ashanti Bradford.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her daughter, Carol Ann Baker of Houston, TX; grandchildren, LaCora "CoCo" Bell (Kiontai) of Hope, AR; Aric McGraw (Angela), Trey Baker, and Caleb Piggie all of Magnolia, AR; great-grandchildren, RaQuontae' ("R.J.") Johnson, Staquerious "Tank" Arnold, Charity Hardiman, Aric McCraw, Jr., and Miracle Sims all of Magnolia, AR; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors, church family, and friends.

Her presence made an impact on many that met her. She'll be greatly missed.

Celebration of Life services will be held Saturday, June 21st, 2025, at St. Mark Baptist Church in Magnolia, Arkansas at 11:00 a.m., with burial to follow at New Hope Cemetery in Emerson, Arkansas, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home LLC.

A visitation will be held Friday, {June 20th}, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia, Arkansas.

"For precaution due to the COVID-19, Masks are Encouraged but Not Required While Attending the Services and During Visitation Hours. However, wearing masks ensures safety for you and others. Thank you."

Cemetery Details

New Hope Cemetery

Columbia Road 14
Emerson, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark Baptist Church
777 Columbia Rd. 11 E.
Magnolia, AR 71753

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Maurice Strong sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Marrine C. Ward



Maurice strong - July 01, 2025 at 11:16 PM

JW

“ Joyce Ward lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marrine C. Ward



Joyce Ward - June 28, 2025 at 02:18 AM

RC

“ Reginald Curry lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marrine C. Ward



Reginald Curry - June 25, 2025 at 04:24 PM

GW

“ Gloria Ward lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marrine C. Ward



Gloria Ward - June 23, 2025 at 04:01 PM

GW

Miss you very much. Love always.

Gloria Ward - June 23, 2025 at 04:03 PM

HC

“ *Aunt Margie...a sincere authentic Christian.
Always was a sweet kind lady. RIL HRC*



H. Charles - June 21, 2025 at 10:14 PM

MS

“ *Mary E Strickland lit a candle in memory of
Ms. Marrine C. Ward*



Mary E Strickland - June 20, 2025 at 10:50 PM

BW

“ *We are praying for the family of Sister Margie
Ward. She was such a friendly
and outgoing Christian lady, Please continue
to look to the Hills for strength,
Much love, Billy and Patricia Williams*



Billy and Patricia Williams - June 20, 2025 at 09:11 PM

RH

“ *Ray Hatter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Marrine C.
Ward.*

Ray Hatter - June 20, 2025 at 03:54 PM

RH

“ Ray Hatter purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Ms. Marrine C. Ward.



Ray Hatter - June 20, 2025 at 03:54 PM

SF

“ Prayers and condolences to the family of such a sweet lady. I loved to hear her sing. 🙏💕

Sharon Ford - June 20, 2025 at 03:51 PM

AL

“ Beautiful and sweet woman always had a smile on her face when every I saw her

alexis - June 20, 2025 at 01:34 AM

MJ

“ My prayers for the family!



Mary Joseph - June 20, 2025 at 12:09 AM

KW

“ R.I.L Aunt Marrine u will be missed ❤️



Kumesha Ward - June 19, 2025 at 09:08 PM

EH

“ My Condolences to the Family 🙏❤️



eureka hardin - June 19, 2025 at 03:31 PM

MM

“ TAKE YOUR REST MY DEAR FRIEND AND SISTER IN CHRIST
YOU SHALL BE TRULY MISSED

Mark Mcgraw - June 19, 2025 at 01:43 PM

LB

“ Lacora Bell lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Marrine C. Ward



Lacora Bell - June 19, 2025 at 01:28 PM

SD

“ Sandra Daniels sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Marrine C. Ward



Sandra Daniels - June 19, 2025 at 10:17 AM



“ Dianne Williamson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Marrine C. Ward



Dianne Williamson - June 19, 2025 at 06:58 AM

GT

“ Gracie W Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Marrine C. Ward



Gracie W Tucker - June 18, 2025 at 01:01 AM

GT

Oh what a beautiful spirit of a Godly woman. Mrs. Marrine was such a bright light shining in this dark world. Her smile never faded, and she was a woman of great faith. She loved to sing and talk about the goodness of God. Her sweet, sweet spirited will be solely missed. 2 Timothy 4:7, " I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness..." Sleep and rest well Mrs. Marine. We will meet again.



Gracie W Tucker - June 18, 2025 at 01:10 AM

LB



Lacora Bell - June 19, 2025 at 01:25 PM

JC

“ Joseph Ward’s Children purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Ms. Marrine C. Ward.



Joseph Ward’s Children - June 17, 2025 at 08:05 PM

JC

“ Joseph Ward’s Children planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marrine C. Ward.

Joseph Ward’s Children - June 17, 2025 at 08:05 PM

JM

“ Jake & Jennie Martin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marrine C. Ward



Jake & Jennie Martin - June 17, 2025 at 07:55 PM

VS

“ To my great aunt Marrine I enjoyed our time together and the wisdom you shared of the Ward family. Our time was short but sweet you stayed on the battlefield until the end. You can rest now may there be peace and love 💕 and your celebration.love you 🙏💕💕



Virginia Smith - June 14, 2025 at 10:01 PM

LB



Lacora Bell - June 19, 2025 at 01:19 PM

MP

“ Praying that the peace and love of God be with the family.



Mary S. Pickings - June 12, 2025 at 02:51 PM

SW

“ Sudie M Ward lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marrine C. Ward



Sudie M Ward - June 12, 2025 at 01:52 PM

SW

Wilson (Pete) Ward Family Love You Aunt Margie (Bat)

Sudie M Ward - June 12, 2025 at 01:56 PM

LB



Lacora Bell - June 19, 2025 at 01:20 PM

AP

“ *Angelia Parker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marrison C. Ward*



Angelia Parker - June 12, 2025 at 10:44 AM

AW

“ *So sorry about Marrison. Such a sweet lady
Jim and Ameta Lann Watson*



Ameta Watson - June 11, 2025 at 07:39 PM

JM

“ *Jennie Martin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marrison C. Ward*



Jennie Martin - June 11, 2025 at 03:11 AM

EH

“ Praying For The Family Love Yall 🙏❤️



eureka hardin - June 10, 2025 at 05:39 PM

LB

Love you ❤️❤️

Lacora Bell - June 19, 2025 at 01:20 PM

JO

“ Joann sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Marrine C. Ward



Joann - June 10, 2025 at 01:10 PM

BS

“ Betty Sims lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marrine C. Ward



betty sims - June 10, 2025 at 12:21 PM

JR

“ Rest in love Beautiful Queen.

Jacquelyn Rowe - June 10, 2025 at 10:06 AM