



## William James Ward

August 30, 1955 - August 30, 2012

William J. "Billy" Ward, Jr., 57, passed away Thursday, August 30, 2012 at his home in Franklin surrounded by his family. He was born August 30, 1955 in East Hampton, MA to the late William J. Ward & Jeanne Plantier Ward. He was a Fire Fighter with the Coweta County Fire Department for the last 22 years. His fellow fire fighters affectionately referred to him as Paw Paw. The funeral is Saturday, September 1, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at Royal Baptist Church, 70 Mayo Royal Industrial Drive, Newnan with Rev. Mike Barnes officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. The visitation is Friday evening between 5:00-8:00 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan.

Condolences can be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

Survivors include wife, Teresa Akers Ward; children, Mark Ward & wife Michelle, Tonya McDonald & husband Ricky, Josh Ward; grandchildren, Ashleigh Ward, Logan Ward, Hannah McDonald, Alexis McDonald; brother, Scott Ward & wife Monica; brother-in-law, Terry Akers & wife Kathy; and nephews, Kyle Ward, Robert Reagan, Sidney Ward.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

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# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 31.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com

## Service

**SEP 1.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Royal Baptist Church  
70 Mayo Royal Industrial Blvd  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall

PW

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the Ward family and also share a comforting scriptural promise that very soon death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore....Revelation 21:4

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**P. Watts** - September 05, 2012 at 08:30 AM

CW

“ Teresa and Scott, I just heard about the passing of Billy last night. Teresa, you may not remember me but I lived in Miami when you got married and Mr. Bill and Jeanne took me in at a very hard time in my life. I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I would love to talk to you, but do not have any numbers. Please email me if I can do anything for you. Scott, I know you know who I am and I just wanted you to know how sorry I am. God will carry you through. Love, Clare

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**Clare Whitlock** - September 04, 2012 at 10:45 AM

KF

“ Teresa & Family: My prayers are with you at this time. I will always remember Billy's smile and his kind words. He always made me smile when I would see him at the store or around town. I am honored to have known such a wonderful man. One day you will see him again in Heaven, until that day he will be watching over all of you. Love, Kathy

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**Kathy Farmer** - September 02, 2012 at 01:02 PM

SW

“ Dear Teresa & Family, and Scott & Family, my girls and I are so very sorry to hear of our cousin Billy's passing. He was such a sweet, good man, and we will miss him (and his dad) always, just as you all will. We haven't been able to come down to Ward family functions as much as we wished, but I hope that will change, because family is so important. I have a lot of fond memories of "Little Billy", and you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Love you, Cousin Sylvia (Myrtis & Harvey's daughter).

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**SYLVIA WILLIAMS** - September 01, 2012 at 09:12 PM

SW

“ Dear Teresa & Family, and Scott & Family, my girls and I are so very sorry to hear of our cousin Billy's passing. He was such a sweet, good man, and we will miss him (and his dad) always, just as you all will. We haven't been able to come down to Ward family functions as much as we wished, but I hope that will change, because family is so important. I have a lot of fond memories of "Little Billy", and you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Love you, Cousin Sylvia (Myrtis & Harvey's daughter).

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**SYLVIA WILLIAMS** - September 01, 2012 at 09:09 PM

SW

Can't believe I'm just now seeing this. ❤️ you Cuz He is Greatly missed for sure. 770 853 0650 is my cell #

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**Scott Ward** - March 15, 2023 at 12:08 PM

CB

“ *Deepest heart felt condolences go out to the Ward family. Clay recalls his first time ever fighting a fire at Coweta Co Fire Dept was with Paw Paw. He was a great man, and a joy to be around. He had an enormous heart and would go out of his way to care for others. What an inspiration and a role model. Prayers going up for the Ward family during this difficult time.*

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**Clay & Mallory Barnett** - September 01, 2012 at 08:14 PM

LB

“ *Dear Cousin Teresa ~ There are no words that I can say that will lessen the pain that you are experiencing and the loss you have to deal with. Little Billy [and Scotty] were like our Southern brothers that we only got to see every once in a while but when we got together it was like no time had passed at all. I was thrilled when I found out that you and Little Billy were going to get married - though he was only 5 years older than me - he seemed so grown up and mature at the time and I loved instantly. You are an amazing woman and the love that you and Billy shared was a gift that many wish they could have. I love you, Teresa and although I know that your world has fallen apart, Billy would not want you to lose your faith and he needs for you to share his love with his grandchildren and ensure that he will hold a place in their hearts. He was a man with a heart of gold. Mark, Tonya, and Josh ~ The loss of a parent is extremely difficult, no matter your age. Your Dad was wonderful and always remember those great memories and hold them close. You are his legacy, treasure it. Scott ~ I'm not very good at expressing my feelings but know that I loved your brother [and you] very much and just wish that I could help you through this trying time. You were a great brother and Little Billy loved you very much. Love, Lisa and Aunt Clyde*

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**Lisa Battistin Bowman** - September 01, 2012 at 03:28 PM

DM

“ Dear Teresa and family, I knew Billy when I worked on the Coweta County ambulance and always found him to be a kind and gentle man. I am so sorry for your loss. Please know I pray for all of you to find peace during this painful time.

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**Deborah Meyerhoff** - September 01, 2012 at 02:27 PM

JM

“ Tonya and family, so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and praying for you for God's great comfort at this time and the days to come.

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**Joan Martin** - September 01, 2012 at 11:54 AM

AW

“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy from Coweta County 911. Your family will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Arlene Whisenhunt** - September 01, 2012 at 10:50 AM

MW

“ Dear Teresa and Scott, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband and brother and my cousin Billy Ward. I will always remember Uncle Billy, Aunt Jeannie, Billy and Scott. They were always there for my family when we lost someone. I met and got reacquainted with a lot of you at Uncle Billy's funeral which seems such a short time ago now. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Margaret Ward-Wilson** - September 01, 2012 at 10:11 AM

JW

“ Teresa and family, I'm sorry to hear of the passing of cousin Billy. He and Uncle Billy and Aunt Jeannie and Scott will always be remembered fondly by me. Please give my condolences to Scott as well. Janie Ward Wilkerson (Luke and Agnes' daughter)

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**Janie Ward Wilkerson** - September 01, 2012 at 12:11 AM

RA

“ Teresa, Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

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**Ricky & Tammy Ayers** - August 31, 2012 at 10:40 PM

SW

“ Teresa & Family, We are so sorry to hear of Cousin Billy's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Billy and the entire family.

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**Sally and Daniel Ward** - August 31, 2012 at 10:22 PM

FR

“ Scott Ward and family, Sorry to hear about Billy passing away. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Franklin** - August 31, 2012 at 07:51 PM

MM

“ Teresa, Praying for you and your Family that you will be strengthen beyond measure. May God Continue to Bless you. Love you. Mary Heard County DFCS

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**Mary Maddox** - August 31, 2012 at 06:14 PM

JW

“ Our Thoughts and prayers are with you Teresa and family. Billy was a hero to me just because he wanted to do the best he could in all that he did. The citizens of Coweta County owe deep gratitude for his service, bravery and dedication. It was good for me to have the privilege at one time of calling him a brother firefighter. I know that God will have a special place in heaven for Billy.

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**Jimmy and Jan Williams** - August 31, 2012 at 04:33 PM

JI

“ Ms. Teresa, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mr. Billy was a real nice man, and we are sorry for your lost. We love you guys. He will be missed very much. Gail Irvi, Joanie Irvin, Brad Irvin, Katie (Irvin) Costlow.

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**Joane Irin** - August 31, 2012 at 03:13 PM

PC

“ Teresa and family...We are very sorry to hear about Billy's passing....Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in your time of need...Although we didn't know him well, Paulie did and from what he has told us he was a very special man and he will be missed....If there is anything we can do for you please don't hesitate to ask.... With love, The Colaiacomo Family

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**Paul, Jo, Gina & Paulie Colaiacomo** - August 31, 2012 at 03:00 PM

AH

“ The staff of Smokey Road Middle School would like to express our most sincere condolences for the passing of Mr. Ward. Please let Logan know that he is in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Ann Hester** - August 31, 2012 at 02:47 PM

LH

“ Teresa and family: I was so sorry to hear of my cousin Billy passing away. He will always be remembered fondly by me and my family. Sincerely, Linda & Steve Hipps Miranda Hipps Adkison (Steve) Tristan Hipps (Brandy)

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**Linda Hipps** - August 31, 2012 at 02:14 PM

EH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Teresa and family. I worked with Billy when he was with the Heard County EMS, as a volunteer and paid. He was dedicated to his family and his job, always had a smile on his face and a kind heart. Memories of good times hopefully will help to give comfort in days ahead. Love, Eileen Nelms Harcrow

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**Eileen Nelms Harcrow** - August 31, 2012 at 01:07 PM

MS

“ Mark, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you and your family will be in our hearts and prayers. We pray that the special memories of your dad will help to comfort you as you mourn his passing while celebrating his life. Michael, Carol and Nathan Stewart

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**Michael, Carol and Nathan Stewart** - August 31, 2012 at 12:58 PM

DS

“ Scott and family, I was sorry to hear about your brother passing away. I will be thinking about you and your family during this difficult time.

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**Dawn Sosby** - August 31, 2012 at 12:21 PM

BP

“ TERESA AND FAMILY WE ARE SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF BILLY HE WAS A GREAT MAN AND PERSON HE WILL BE GREATY MISS .

BARRY AND BRENDA PHILLIPS - August 31, 2012 at 10:47 AM

TM

“ To Billy's Family: I am so sorry for your loss. Billy was a wonderful man that I had the honor and privilege to work with while I was on the Ambulance. He will be greatly missed by so many.

Tara Murphy - August 31, 2012 at 09:12 AM

EA

“ Myself and my family are so very sorry to hear of Billy's passing . In our times of dispair or dire need, it seemed as though he would always come through and be there for our family . Billy was so thoughtful and very generous with his time and his help in whatever we would be involved in when our family had a problem with something . He was smart, tough and strong in whatever he helped us with and myself nor my family will ever forget him for stopping what he was doing and coming to our rescue on many occasions . May God Almighty give his family peace and strength to heal from his passing and know that now he has a job in Heaven helping those in need .

Emory G Alexander - August 30, 2012 at 10:43 PM

PR

“ My deepest Sympathy is with you and your family. I know how much Billy was loved and will be missed. Pat Reynolds

Pat Reynolds - August 30, 2012 at 08:26 PM

MO

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Your family has my condolences in this sad time. (Isa. 25:8)

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**Monique** - August 30, 2012 at 08:24 PM

CP

“ Dear Monica, Thanks for sharing about Billy's life with me when I met you at the Verizon Store last week. I wish I had known him, but I was blessed by the photos you showed and the stories you told me. Please accept my love and sympathy and extend those to his entire family. Billy was certainly blessed with both his biological family and his firefighter family. Blessings. Cathy Lee Phillips

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**Cathy Lee Phillips** - August 30, 2012 at 07:06 PM

CP

“ Teresa and Tonya, I am so sorry to you both and the family. I know words cannot express the pain that you are going through. If there is anything that you need, please don't hesitate to ask. Love and prayers to the whole family. Chris

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**Chris Pursley** - August 30, 2012 at 07:02 PM

DW

“ Teresa and family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are so sorry to hear of Billy's passing. He was one of the good guys and he will be missed. RIP Paw, Paw

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**Dennis and Cheryl Williams** - August 30, 2012 at 06:42 PM

MY

“ Teresa and Family, Billy was a heck of a person. As a firefighter he was always prepared and willing to help anyone at anytime. Treasure the memories and times spent with this fine man. You are in our prayers. The Yeager Family

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**Mike Yeager** - August 30, 2012 at 04:01 PM

BH

“ Teresa and family, So sorry to hear about Billy. Just want you guys to know that we are praying for you in your time of need. If there is anything we can do just let us know. Love Brian and Jill Hill and family

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**Brian and Jill Hill** - August 30, 2012 at 03:20 PM