

William "Junior" Terrell Ward, Jr.

December 8, 1931 - September 17, 2022

The classical author, Thucydides, penned these words: "What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but that which is woven into the lives of others." Life for William "Junior" Terrell Ward, Jr. had as humble a beginning as any life could. He was born December 8, 1931, in a wide place in the back roads of Randolph County, Alabama known as Napoleon.

He was one of three children born to the late William Terrell Ward, Sr. and Jessie Johnson Ward. Following the death of Junior's birth mother, when he was a two-year-old, Mr. Ward, Sr. married Lois Wilson, and together they had five children. Mr. Ward, Sr. owned a country store, and with the depression ravaging the country, Mr. Ward also took his merchandise to his customers in his rolling store, which was a unique feature of farming life at the time.

Junior's first job right out of high school was working on roads and bridges for the Alabama Highway Department. He eventually took college classes, and became a licensed engineer in Birmingham. He came along during a time when your common sense carried as much weight as a diploma hanging on the wall.

In 1952, he made the greatest discovery of his life when he found the lady who would become his wife. He married Jeanette Martin whom he had met

while working on a road project near her home. The next 63 years, a love story would continue for this couple until Jeanette's death in 2015. She would be the one who kept the home fires burning as Junior's career and continuing education became a large part of his life.

In 1971, Junior accepted a job as an engineer for the FAA, and moved his growing family to Newnan, Georgia. Their five children had private tutors in the house, as their mother helped with English, and their dad spent countless evenings wading through math homework.

Junior was the lead engineer during the construction of Atlanta's Hartsfield Airport, and was named Employee of the Year in recognition of that fact. He retired in 1988 as the Certification Safety Inspector with the FAA with oversight of airports in Florida, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

Junior and Jeanette filled their retirement years with travelling. He loved the beach and prodigiously saved every year to make a trip to Panama City, Florida a big event for everyone. Junior spent many happy times helping Jeanette with her treasured rose gardens. It became a special token of his love for her to have fresh flowers in their home. Junior was also well known for his devilish pepper sauce, and only the neophyte would sample what he offered them! Junior wore many hats in his storied life, and he wore them all well. For all the knowledge he had acquired in his life, he still followed the biblical admonition to use words with restraint and used this understanding to be more even-tempered.

In addition to his parents and his beloved wife Jeanette, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa Jeanine Ward. Also preceding him in death are his brothers, Milton, Jack, Johnny, Wayne, and Larry Ward, and his sister Lois Zumwalt. His sister, Janie (Boe) Cobb survives him. Junior's greatest joy in his life were in his children Brian (Sharon) Ward, Carol Ward (Daniel Garland),

Deanna (Hershell) Davis, and Melinda Ward. He was the doting grandfather to Rachel (Justin) Glover, Cari (Alexander) King, Jacob (Lily) Hipp, Taylor Logan, Graham Garland, Zachary Welchel, and William Welchel. His great-grandchildren are Jaden, Rylee, and Everett Glover. He had a heart as big as all outdoors, softened by his "bonus daughter" Laura Leschke, his companion cat, Turkey, and innumerable friends. There is an extended family of nephews, nieces, and cousins.

The life of this good man will be recalled, and many stories shared in a service to be held at Liberty United Methodist Church at 1630 Liberty Road, Goodwater, Alabama, Friday, September 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Central Time. Visitation will be at McKoon Funeral Home on Thursday evening between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Interment will be in the church cemetery beside his beloved Jeanette, and daughter, Lisa. Those who may wish to do so, please acknowledge his life with a gift to Alzheimer's Association www.alz.org. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Liberty United Methodist Church Cemetery

1630 Liberty Rd.
Goodwater, AL 35072

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Liberty United Methodist Church
1630 Liberty Road
Goodwater, AL 35072

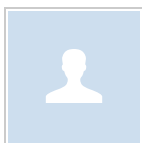
Tribute Wall



“ Thoughts and prayers for all of you.
Robin Barron Mann



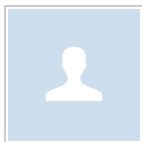
Robin Mann - September 23, 2022 at 07:25 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of William "Junior" Terrell Ward, Jr..



September 23, 2022 at 08:37 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William "Junior" Terrell Ward, Jr..



September 22, 2022 at 05:24 PM



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McKoon Funeral Home - September 22, 2022 at 04:23 PM

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“ *French, Zackie and Smith Families purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of William "Junior" Terrell Ward, Jr..*



French, Zackie and Smith Families - September 22, 2022 at 03:26 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William "Junior" Terrell Ward, Jr..*



September 22, 2022 at 06:53 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of William "Junior" Terrell Ward, Jr..*



September 21, 2022 at 11:09 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William "Junior" Terrell Ward, Jr..*



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“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of William "Junior" Terrell Ward, Jr..*



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“ *Cheryl Barber, Payton & Brooke purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William "Junior" Terrell Ward, Jr..*



Cheryl Barber, Payton & Brooke - September 20, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Junior" Terrell Ward, Jr..*



September 20, 2022 at 07:49 PM



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Junior" Terrell Ward, Jr..*



September 19, 2022 at 08:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Junior" Terrell Ward, Jr..*



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“ *May he Rest In Peace.*



Geraldine Welch - September 19, 2022 at 05:08 PM