



Fred Ward Jr.

March 29, 1923 - September 24, 2018

Fred Ward Jr., 95, of Bessemer, AL passed away on Monday, September 24, 2018. Fred was a member and Deacon at 2nd Baptist Church until it closed, then Fred and Chris joined Crossway Baptist Church. He graduated from McAdory High School in 1942. Fred was a WWII Veteran of the US Airforce. Afterward, he attended Birmingham Southern earning a bachelor's degree, and his master's from the University of Alabama. He was employed with Jefferson County Board of Education for 32 years as a teacher and principal. Fred is preceded in death by his infant son, his parents, Fred and Elma Walker Ward Sr. and his brother, Richard Ward. He is survived by his loving wife of 75 years, Chris Ward; his daughter, Lynda (Chuck) Gordon; his 3 granddaughters, Jamie (Greg), Kate, and Lily; his 2 great grandchildren, Ollie and Grace; his brother, Eugene (Pat) Ward; his sister in law, Ruth Ward and several nieces, nephews and extended loving family and friends. Graveside service will be held on Friday, September 28, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. at Valhalla Cemetery. Family will receive friends on Friday from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home. A special "Thank You" to Richard Ward and Vicki Gilmer and to the nursing staff at Skill Care at Galleria Woods. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations be made to your favorite charity.

Tribute Wall

LH

“ *The Jenkins family remembers the Wards fondly..may God Bless the family during this time..*

Linda Jenkins Hyers - September 17, 2021 at 10:56 AM

ML

“ *I first met Brother Ward at Greenwood and McAdory schools. God bless the family at this time.Brother Ward is in the presence of God! I'm glad our paths crossed!*

Mark Stephen Lemsky - September 17, 2021 at 10:56 AM

RB

“ *REMEMBER MR. WARD VERY WELL. GRADUATE OF 1970.*

RONALD BRASHER - September 17, 2021 at 10:56 AM

VM

“ *Fred and his family lived one block from our house in Jonesboro-- half a block if we cut across the alley. They were some of the many, nice people we went to church with at Second Baptist Church. My deepest sympathies to Christine, Lynda, and the rest of the family. May the Grace of Our Lord grant you Peace during this time.*

Vanessa Odom Machen - September 17, 2021 at 10:56 AM

BL

“ *So sorry to learn of Fred's passing. Condolences to the family.*

Bonnie Lipscomb - September 17, 2021 at 10:56 AM

BD

“ So sorry Chris... Fred was a great man. You are in my prayers.

Bill Dunn - September 17, 2021 at 10:56 AM

DH

“ Dear Family, I am so sorry for your loss. May God’s promise bring you comfort. There will be “a new earth... and He will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore...I am making all things new.” Revelation 21:1-5

D. Hetrick - September 17, 2021 at 10:56 AM

JC

“ So many memories of our years in Jonesboro and your house behind our house. My own dad, who died just last summer, was also born in 1923. I never realized they were the same age. Blessings to all the family.

JoAnne (Opolka) Caylor - September 17, 2021 at 10:56 AM

YC

“ Fred Ward and his wife Chris use to come to the Birmingham Public Library Southern History Collection to research. God bless Chris as she continues her journey without Fred. Two of the most kind people I have ever known.

Yvonne Shelton Crumpler - September 17, 2021 at 10:56 AM

VG

“ His name brings to mind fond memories of my school years.

Von Goodwin - September 17, 2021 at 10:56 AM

LR

“ I would like to express my sincere sympathy to Mr. Ward's family. Mr. Ward became the principal at Greenwood Jr. High when I was in the 8th grade. He was my 8th history teacher that year. I remember him as a man of integrity. He did have a sense of justice in him. There was an incident where shot gun pellets we're being shot at people by rubber bands. He expelled a couple of people. He then called an assembly in the gym. He gave his permission to anyone shot this way could mop the floor with them and he would not punish them. The shootings abruptly stop. On a more serious note, my senior year busing to integrate the schools. There was some physical problems and almost fights. Mr. Ward used good judgement and wisdom during this period. It must have been a horrible time. I admired and still admire him. He was a WWII and a member of the greatest generation. I regret because of distance I will not be able to attend Mr. Ward's service God bless you during this time of your loss.

Leon Rice - September 17, 2021 at 10:56 AM