



Rev. Ward

March 5, 1932 - May 1, 2009

Rev. Thomas Loyd Ward age 77, of Pilgrims Knob, Virginia went to be with the Lord on Friday, May 1, 2009 in Bristol, Tennessee following a lengthy illness. He was born in Whitewood, VA and was the son of the late Sidney and Carrie Stevenson Ward and was raised by Luther and Cordie Vandyke. He had served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict . He was a coal miner and worked for General Motors for 10 years. His calling in life was to be a man of God and he was Pastor for Shiloh Temple for 18 years and was an associate pastor at Souls Harbor. He spent most of his life in the Pilgrims Knob area in Whitewood. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family and is the last survivor of the Sidney Ward Clan. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by seven sisters, four brothers and one great grandchild, Kyle Cook. Those who remain to carry on his spirit are: His loving wife, Olga "Vickie" Ward of Pilgrims Knob, VA His daughters: Freda Sweeney and husband Vincent of Pilgrims Knob, VA Barbara Carter and husband Dr. Kevin Carter of Thompson Valley, VA Priscilla Clendenin of Florence, SC Four Sons: Rev. Timmy Ward and wife Lisa of Cedar Bluff, VA Rev. Billy Ward and wife Charlene of Thompson Valley, VA Terry Ward of Richlands, VA Phillip Ward and wife Elaine of Cedar Bluff, VA Sister, Barbara Jean Meadows Eleven Grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and a host of family and friends also survive him. Funeral services for Rev. Thomas Ward will be conducted at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at the Souls Harbor Church in Rosedale, VA with the Bishop Jack Keene, and Rev Billy Ray Hicks

officiating. Interment will follow at the Tom Ward Family cemetery located in Pilgrims Knob, VA . Grandsons will serve as Pallbearers and Honorary pallbearers will be all ministers of Local Churches. A military graveside service will performed by the Casey Shortt VFW Post# 9640. A visitation will be held Sunday evening at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, VA from 6 – 9 pm and a short service will be held with the Rev's Jack, Billy and Timmy Ward officiating. A second Visitation will be held on Monday evening from 6 – 9 pm at Souls harbor Church in Rosedale, VA with the Rev. Frank Lester officiating. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Ward*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Rev. Ward*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Elaine,
My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Jennifer Shortridge - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about your loss our thoughts and Prayers are with you all, it was good to know a good man like Bro. Ward I think a lot of the Ward Family known them for many years. May God Bless each & Everyone One of You !!!*

Ronnie hale - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Barbara, Kevin & Family,
We are so sorry to hear about your Dad. We know he is in a better place but it's hard for all of us left to live on. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Take Care.*

Gary & Rhonda Nease - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *To Elaine,
I am so sorry, I will remember you and your husband in my prayers.*

*With Sympathy:
Susan Blankenship
sblak012@odu.edu*

Susan Blankenship - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Sorry for the loss of your father. Our hearts and prayers are with you during this time.*

Love,

*Rodney, Karen,
Brandon, Brandesha, & Brennan*

Rodney & Karen Brown & Family - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Sending our deepest condolences. May God comfort you in this time of sorrow. You are in our hearts and our prayers.*

Gary & Michelle Hess

Gary & Michelle Hess - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Phil, Elaine, and Family,*

I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you. May your thoughts dwell on the life Thomas lived, not the lose that you all are now experincing. If I can be of any help please call me. I love you all.

Tim

Tim Salyers - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *We're praying that God will comfort and strengthen you and continue to touch your lives with added grace as you faithfully serve Him.*

Blessings, Brenda and Allen Jessee and family

Brenda Jessee - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Phillip and Elaine and family,*

I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

"I give you this one thought to keep -- I am with you still -- I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glints on snow, I am the sunlight on ripened grain, I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift, uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not think of me as gone -- I am with you still -- in each new dawn." - Native American Prayer

Doug Brown - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I'm very sorry for the loss of your father. May GOD bless you and your family. Since I saw you last I have lost my daughter and my MOTHER. I know the grief you're feeling.

Janie Shelton - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Words and space would fail to express the impact that Thomas and Vicky made on the Lawson family. It began years before I was born. My father and Thomas grew up together in the great depression and remained close friends all their lives. Thomas bought my dad's land on Compton Mtn after moving back to Virginia and was able to live out his last years "in the mountains". When I was called to the ministry Thomas provided my first opportunity to preach at Loggy Bottom Church in 1975. In 1982 I conducted a revival with Bro. Ward while he was pastor at Ann Arbor. I have traveled in many states and churches and I was always humbled to be in his presence. He taught me that great revelation brings great responsibility.

Vicky and Thomas walked the walk and had a profound understanding of the deep things of God! They showed my wife Loretta and I unconditional love.

I cannot find it within me to be sad when I know he is now standing in the Presence of the One who died for Thomas. Thousands of souls were swept into the kingdom of God because of all the Ward family's dedication to preaching the Gospel and loving people throughout the United States. Thomas was a Korean War veteran who understood what "Give me liberty or give me Death" really meant. He will never be forgotten.

Michael & Loretta Keen Lawson - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Really sorry to see Thomas passing and sorry that due to poor health I will be unable to attend services. Love and best wishes to all his family and friends.

Kathleen Stevenson - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Dear Ward Family,
You have our deepest sympathy and prayers.
We feel fortunate to have met Rev. Ward when he visited Michigan for Freda's graduation and we could tell from that visit what a wonderful and spiritual man he was. We know that you will miss him very much. God Bless you all during this most sad and difficult time.
Love,
The Eatons
Clare, Don, Amelia and Donie

Clare, Don, Amelia and Donnie Eaton - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ We love you all and loved Bro. Thomas very much, your in our thoughts and prayers,
Wayne&Sharon& family

Wayne&Sharon Ward - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Thank you, Sir, on behalf of all America for your courageous and honorable service in defense of our Country in Time of War. Veterans of our Armed Forces such as yourself have preserved and maintained the dignity and freedom of our Nation and have kept our Flag flying high, proud, and free. God bless your Family and God Bless America. "AT EASE, SOLDIER. REST IN PEACE."

Grace Justice - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM