



John Earl Ward

September 29, 1955 - March 30, 2024

John Earl Ward was born September 29, 1955 in Louisville, Alabama to parents, Dan Ward, Jr. and Ella Foy Burks. At a young age, the family moved to Florida and John attended and graduated from Groveland High School in Groveland, Florida.

John met Gloria Fay Simmons and on April 30, 2011 the two were united in Holy Matrimony. He was employed in the Lake County School Board for many years, until his retirement in 2021.

At an early age, he joined the Church of God in Christ under the leadership of I.L. Wootson. Later, he joined Faith Fellowship in Clermont, Florida under the leadership of Pastor Brenda Walker.

John really loved the Lord. He was dedicated to the things of God and the House of God and attended his church faithfully. He was a faithful servant to God and his church. John ALWAYS lifted up the name of Jesus no matter what.

His favorite hobby and pastime was reading his bible and Daily Bread devotional books. No matter where John went, he always carried one of his little devotionals and would be reading it no matter what he would be doing or going through. His love for the Word of God, was evident in his passion for

Sunday School. He served as Sunday school teacher until his passing.

John was preceded in death by his Father, Dan Ward, Jr; Mother, Ella Foy Burks; Brothers: Clarence Holloway and Johnny Floyd Ward; and Sisters: Early Mae Messey and Shellie Dean Gosha.

Left to cherish her memory...Wife, Gloria Fay Ward of Mascotte, Florida; Stepsons: Ryan Simmons (Nickie) of Leesburg, Florida, Eric Simmons (Bandi) of Tavares, Florida, Byron Dority of Mascotte, Florida, and Tracey Dority of Orlando, Florida; Brother, Robert Ward, Jr. (Robin) of Lake Wales, Florida; Sisters: Anie Jewel Rhymes (Charlie) of Buffalo, New York, Willie Mildred Ward of Mascotte, Florida, Joyce Bostic (Johnny) of Stuckey, Florida, and Mary McKinnon of Mascotte, Florida; 17 Grandchildren, aunts, uncles, cousins, and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Stuckey Memorial Cemetery

15509 Stuckey Loop
Groveland , FL 34736

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **13**. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
15641 Stuckey Loop
Groveland, FL 34736

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I will never forget the Sunday's we shared together the Sunday meals we had while watching the Sunday football games after we got out of church I love you uncle John your nephew Ryan Ward

Ryan Ward - April 12, 2024 at 08:39 AM

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“ Rest Easy Cousin you will be missed.



Twanna Fedrick - April 11, 2024 at 09:47 PM

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“ MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of John Earl Ward



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - April 10, 2024 at 09:44 PM