



Mr. Albert Alfred Ward, Jr.

June 30, 1927 - March 1, 2016

Albert A. Ward

Mr. Albert A. Ward, Jr., age 88, of Bowdon, Georgia, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family and friends on March 1, 2016.

Mr. Ward was born in Bowdon, Georgia, on June 30, 1927, to the late Albert A. Sr., and Evelyn Ward.

He is survived by his wife, Fay Ward, of Bowdon, Georgia; five adoring children, Mickey (Sandra) Ward, of Lawrenceville, Georgia, Roger (Kathy) Ward, of Conyers, Georgia, Nanette Ward Lourie (Michael), of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, Tim Ward of Lowell, Georgia, Melissa Ward Kuyk (Tom) of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina; nine grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; three children by marriage, Rena (Ike) Hudson, Ricky (Pam) Payton, Robbie Payton; seven of Fay's grandchildren, and five great grandchildren; sister, Shirleen (Frank) Meigs; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Ward was preceded in death by his previous wife, Jacqueline Rowland Ward; and his sister Louise (Hulet) Prince.

Albert graduated from Bowdon High School in 1945. He then served two terms in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He attended

Georgia State University, and retired from the CSX Railroad.

His love of music was a very large, joyful part of his life. He was a gifted, self-taught guitarist and while in high school, formed the band, "The Blue Bonnet Boys". He and Fay continued to play and sing together throughout their time together. He leaves his loved ones with many wonderful treasured memories of a man with a gentle demeanor, a loving heart, and a sweet soul. He will live forever in our hearts.

Visitation for Mr. Ward will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016, from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm (Georgia Time) at Rainwater Funeral Home in Bowdon, Georgia.

A service will be conducted by his nephew, Rev. Neil Awbrey on March 4, 2016, at 1:00 pm (Georgia Time) at Bowdon Baptist Church.

Donations may be made in Albert's memory to Tanner Hospice (www.tanner.org) or to Bowdon Baptist Church (P.O. Box 250, Bowdon, Georgia, 30108)

Messages of condolence can be sent to the family at www.rainwaterfuneralhome.com

Rainwater Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home
317 North Carroll Street
Bowdon, GA 30108
(770) 258-7239
info@rainwaterfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rainwaterfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bowdon Baptist Church
205 Mill Street
Bowdon, GA 30108

Tribute Wall

LA

“ *Faye,
So sorry about
So.*



Laura - March 29, 2016 at 11:41 AM

DC

“ *Fond and sweet memories of Fay and Al singing at Cedar Grove.
My favorite.... "When the Wagon was New." Al will truly be missed.
My condolences to Fay and the family. Dianne Crea*

Dianne Crea - March 07, 2016 at 01:25 PM

DK

“ *Debbie Arthur Knowles lit a candle in memory
of Mr. Albert Alfred Ward, Jr.*



Debbie Arthur Knowles - March 06, 2016 at 08:51 AM

ND

“ Dear Fay,

Sending prayers for God's marvelous light to surround and enfold you and your family; so sorry I cannot attend the service. So loved to hear you two sing together.

Love

Nola Anderson Daniel

Nola Anderson Daniel - March 04, 2016 at 09:18 AM

JC

“ *Love, thoughts, and prayers sent to all from Kenny, Jesse, Samuel, Nicholas, and Matthew Challen.*



Jesse Rawlings and Kenneth Challen - March 03, 2016 at 05:29 PM



“ *Jessica Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert Alfred Ward, Jr.*



Jessica Williams - March 03, 2016 at 02:35 PM



“ Thank you Al for being such a precious gift to our family. Your presence was always a joy. We will love and miss you and can't wait to see you again in heaven. Love, Shawn, Jessica, Avery, Max and Taylor

Jessica Williams - March 03, 2016 at 02:35 PM

NL

“ My Dad was a true gentleman and the glue that holds our family together. He was my rock and treasure. Kind, gentle , warm, and talented, are just a few words that define him. Rest in heavenly peace my sweet Daddy. I will love you always and miss you forever.



nanette ward lourie - March 03, 2016 at 01:02 PM



“ 20 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rainwater Funeral Home - March 03, 2016 at 12:52 PM

NL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



nanette ward lourie - March 03, 2016 at 12:50 PM

TH

“ *Tanner Hospice Care staff would like to offer our condolences to you during this difficult time and to say thank you for trusting your loved one in our care*

Tanner Hospice - March 03, 2016 at 08:19 AM

BW

“ *Dear Ward family,
Cousin Al was such a joy to be around. His love for family and music was so very strong. We will all miss him but will see him again one day...God bless and give you strength, Brian Ward*

Brian Ward - March 02, 2016 at 08:48 PM

BS

“ *Faye, So sorry to hear of Al's passing. You will be in my prayers. Having just been through this a few months ago with Bob's passing, I know it won't be easy for you. I remember Bob & I coming to Bowden and having lunch with ya'll. I just wish we had spent more time with ya'll. But things just didn't work out. But Bob & I admired you both. Praying for you & your family,
Brenda Sanders*

Brenda Sanders - March 02, 2016 at 07:50 PM

KM

“ *Kathy&Frankie Meigs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert Alfred Ward, Jr.*



Kathy&Frankie Meigs - March 02, 2016 at 05:09 PM

GF

“ *Grace Fulghum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert Alfred Ward, Jr.*



Grace fulghum - March 02, 2016 at 03:22 PM