



## Eric Darwin Ward Sr.

May 30, 1947 - January 12, 2011

ERIC D. WARD, son of the late Joseph Ward, Sr. and Mercedes Y. Ward was born on May 30, 1947 in Baltimore, Maryland. He departed this life on January 12, 2011 after a lengthy illness.

He received his education at Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School in Baltimore. He was employed by the City of Baltimore for over thirty years holding various positions within the Department of Recreation and the Department of Sanitation.

Eric, affectionately known as “Squirrel” was a lady's man in his own right. He was married several times and father to many. In the mid 1960's, he met and married Elvia Wilson and from this union he fathered his two daughters, Ericka and Crystal. He later married Jeannette Dixon and from this union three sons were born, Eric Jr. (Peppy, who preceded him in death on February 20, 1983), Jarvant'ia and Delmonte. His union with Veronica Green would bring his fourth son, Tavon and he became a stepfather to Sherron, Kimberly and Danielle. Eric was joined together in matrimony with Antonia Fields in the 1980's and together they had one son, Eric “Lil Eric” Jr. and he became a stepfather to James and Latonia Fields. Their union would be one of many trials and tribulations, joys and pains until the Lord saw fit to call her home on June of 2002.

Eric was known and loved by many. He loved to sing and harmonize. Wherever he went, he had a song to sing, whether it was a hit tune from long ago, or song he had thought of on his own. He could be heard blocks away as he walked and sang, one of favorite tunes being "Wildflower". If ever he said he was on the way to a family function, it was known that he meant "as soon as I am done harmonizing with the guys", because he had to stop on several corners along the way to sing a song. He would do that even if he was driving, so stopping at a red light or a stop sign became somewhat of an adventure. Whenever he would go to his daughter Crystal's house, she would say "my Dad is not far, because I can hear him singing. Her was known for orchestrating the family anthern " what's Your Name" a song two minutes and fourteen seconds long, but took hours to perform because he wanted to make sure every note was in perfect pitch.

He also had a love of dancing, helping one of his family members with her dancing abilities which resulted in her winning a dancing contest. His fancy foot work and sweet talk was his trademark. Eric always made sure to give words of encouragement to his daughters, nieces and great-niece, telling them all individually that they were so pretty, they could be models. He will be sorely missed.

In the late 2007 Eric accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Personal Savior and received the Right Hand of Fellowship at Israel Baptist Church in East Baltimore.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his current wife, Lillian Ward; six children, Ericka Ward-Priester ( Samuel), Crystal, Jarvant'ta Sr., (Robin), Delmonte Sr. ( Chrissy), Tavon and Eric Jr.; twelve grandchildren, Michael P., Sabrina, My'Kell, Brittany,Alexis, Delmonte Jr., Jarvant'ta, Nylah, Kayla, Michael W., Daniel and Amira; great-granddaughter, Nevach; eight sisters, Josette,

Mafran, Candy, Joeller, Charletha, Jewell, Doreen and Shiela; five brother, Michelle, David (Bay), Bryan (Clairese), Tony and Joseph Ward, Jr. (Matilda); his stepmother, Mary Ward, two brothers, Marvis Jr. and Rodderick preceded him in death; two lifelong friends, Larry Cook and Ruby; a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Private

Baltimore, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 22. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410) 727-3300  
info@marchfh.com

## Service

JAN 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Eric Darwin Ward Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I miss you. It is almost a year since the Lord called you home. Love you*

**crystal Ward-Johnson** - January 09, 2012 at 12:17 AM



“ *dad crystal birthday has come and gone. you know she getting older. lol she just looking younger Imbo. i love and miss u.*



**Ericka Ward- Priester** - February 20, 2011 at 09:30 AM

 Ericka  
Ward-  
Priester

“ WELL DAD, I KNOW YOU MET YOUR BROTHER AT THE GATES. WITH OPEN ARM. NOW YOU GRANDMA, GRAND DAD, PEPPY, AND MY SON DARRYL, LIL. CUZIN MIKE AND CUZIN MIKE SON ARE ALL TOGETHER. I SURE HOPE YALL HAVING A PRAYING GOOD TIME. PRASING GOD ALL DAY EVERY DAY. I MISS YALL SO MUCH. IM TRYING NOT TO RESENT GOD FOR ALL THAT IM GOING THROUGH. I JUST KEEP ASKING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF HIS WILL FOR MY LIFE. IT'S HARD ON SOME DAYS. LIKE TODAY. ( CRYING)..... I KNOW YALL IN A BETTER PLACE. SO IM GOING TO PRAY SOME MORE UNTIL I FALL TO SLEEP. LOVE YOU ALL.



ERICKA.

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**Ericka Ward- Priester** - February 09, 2011 at 07:30 PM



“ MS.DINKY Ward sent a virtual gift in memory of Eric Darwin Ward Sr.



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**MS.DINKY Ward** - January 29, 2011 at 06:41 AM



“ HEY!!!! UNCLE LOOK AT U. LOOKING ALL GOOD AND STUFF. I DONT WANT TO THINK OF THIS GOOD BYE. BUT I'LL SEE U IN A BETTER BODY. TO BE ABSENT FROM THE BODY IS TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD. SO I'LL SEE WITH THE SAME SMILE AND GREET U GIVE ALL OF US. TEARSSSS!!!! I'LL MISS U .

SEE U AGAIN. LOVE U MUCH, DINK

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**MS.DINKY Ward** - January 29, 2011 at 06:33 AM



“ HEY DAD, I KNOW THAT YOU ARE AT CRYSTAL'S HOUSE CHILLING. WATCH OVER HER AND THE KIDS OKAY? KEEP THEM SAFE AND PROTECT THEM FROM HARM.

LOVE YOU

TWIGGIE



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**Ericka Ward- Priester** - January 27, 2011 at 05:51 PM



“ Ericka Ward- Priester sent a virtual gift in memory of Eric Darwin Ward Sr.



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**Ericka Ward- Priester** - January 26, 2011 at 04:15 PM

 Ericka  
Ward-  
Priester

“ *the way his smile light up the room.* ”



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**Ericka Ward- Priester** - January 26, 2011 at 04:15 PM

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“ *Kayla Ward was added to the Family Tree.* ”

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**Crystal Ward** - January 24, 2011 at 05:47 PM

CW

“ *Amira Ward was added to the Family Tree.* ”

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**Crystal Ward** - January 24, 2011 at 05:40 PM

CW

“ *Nylah Ward was added to the Family Tree.* ”

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**Crystal Ward** - January 24, 2011 at 05:39 PM

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“ *Delmonte Ward was added to the Family Tree.* ”

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**Crystal Ward** - January 24, 2011 at 05:39 PM

CW

“ *Nevaeh Zekiah Payne was added to the Family Tree.* ”

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**Crystal Ward** - January 24, 2011 at 05:37 PM

CW

“ *Crystal Ward lit a candle in memory of Eric Darwin Ward Sr.*



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**Crystal Ward** - January 24, 2011 at 03:54 PM

EW

“ *ERICKA WARD-PRIESTER lit a candle in memory of Eric Darwin Ward Sr.*



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**ERICKA WARD-PRIESTER** - January 24, 2011 at 07:30 AM

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EW

“ *Sabrina Wright was added to the Family Tree.*

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**ERICKA WARD-PRIESTER** - January 24, 2011 at 07:25 AM

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“ *Michael Panye was added to the Family Tree.*

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**ERICKA WARD-PRIESTER** - January 24, 2011 at 07:24 AM

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“ Daniel D. Priester was added to the Family Tree.

ERICKA WARD-PRIESTER - January 24, 2011 at 07:23 AM

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“ My'kell B. Palmer was added to the Family Tree.

ERICKA WARD-PRIESTER - January 24, 2011 at 07:21 AM

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“ Darryl L Smith was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Elvia C. Wheatley was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Shiela was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Doreen was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Jewell was added to the Family Tree.

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“ *Charletha was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Joeller Ward was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Candy Ward was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Mafran Ward was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Josette Ward was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Roddick was added to the Family Tree.*

ERICKA WARD-PRIESTER - January 24, 2011 at 07:11 AM

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“ *Mavis was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ Joseph Ward was added to the Family Tree.

ERICKA WARD-PRIESTER - January 24, 2011 at 07:10 AM

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“ Tony Reed was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Bryan Ward was added to the Family Tree.

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“ David Ward was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Michelle Ward was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Eric Ward was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Travon Ward was added to the Family Tree.

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“ *Delmonte Ward was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Jarvant'a Ward was added to the Family Tree.*

ERICKA WARD-PRIESTER - January 24, 2011 at 07:06 AM

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“ *Eric Ward was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Ericka Ward was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Travon Ward was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Crystal Paulette Ward was added to the Family Tree.*

ERICKA WARD-PRIESTER - January 24, 2011 at 07:02 AM

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“ *Ericka Claresse Ward-priester was added to the Family Tree.*

ERICKA WARD-PRIESTER - January 24, 2011 at 07:01 AM

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“ *Delmonte Ward was added to the Family Tree.*

ERICKA WARD-PRIESTER - January 24, 2011 at 06:59 AM

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“ *Javant'ra Ward was added to the Family Tree.*

ERICKA WARD-PRIESTER - January 24, 2011 at 06:58 AM

EW

“ *Mercedes Y. Ward was added to the Family Tree.*

ERICKA WARD-PRIESTER - January 24, 2011 at 06:57 AM

EW

“ *Joseph Ward was added to the Family Tree.*

ERICKA WARD-PRIESTER - January 24, 2011 at 06:56 AM

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“ *Dad, i love you so much. it's going to be hard to accept the fact that you are gone when the oldies, but goddies songs come on the radio. I know that your in a better place. Tell grand mom , Grand dad, and your grand son( my son Darryl) that i love and miss them all. Dad no matter what happened in our life, you was the best father a girl could have. thank you for always loving me. thank you for your truth, understanding, and song. you will be forever missed. your loving child, .....ERICKA.*



ERICKA WARD-PRIESTER - January 24, 2011 at 06:54 AM



“ *Phyllis McCready lit a candle in memory of Eric Darwin Ward Sr.*



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**Phyllis McCready** - January 22, 2011 at 07:49 AM



“ *Dear family,  
If common decency toward another human being is the measure of a man, Eric was one man who will surely be missed.  
Phyllis McCready  
Phyllismccready@comcast.net*

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**Phyllis McCready** - January 22, 2011 at 07:48 AM



“ *10 files added to the album memories*



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**Jeanetta** - January 21, 2011 at 01:53 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - January 14, 2011 at 06:04 PM