



## Joe L Ward

September 22, 1934 - March 17, 2022

JOE LOUIS WARD was born September 22, 1934, in Holland, Texas to the late Chester and Cora Ward. Joe was the third child of seven siblings. He departed his life Thursday, March 17, 2022, at Loch Raven V.A. Medical Center.

At an early age, Joe attended the Crestview Christian School, in Temple, Texas. He graduated from Dunbar High School in Texas.

Joe spent 20 years in the Army before receiving a medical discharge in 1970. He served in the Korean War and did three terms in Vietnam, where he received several military honors. Joe was an avid sports fan. He enjoyed watching baseball, football, and boxing, but his true joy was watching "Westerns" and his grandson playing in the NFL.

Shirl (Ida) and Joe enjoyed 52 years of marriage; they knew from day one that

they would be together forever. They gave each other the world. They shared many ventures together. She treated him like a KING. Each day she prepared his breakfast, lunch and dinner with love. He was a great husband and provider. Joe was not only Shirly 's best friend – but a great man, loved by many. He loved Long John Silver and Subway which was his favorite fast-food restaurants.

He will be genuinely missed by friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Cora Ward; sister, Pearl Jenkins; brother, Chester Ward Jr.; and daughter, Jonice Ward.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Ida B. Williams-Ward; brother, Curtis C. Ward of Dallas, TX; sisters, Velma Hinton of Dallas, TX, Thelma Staten (Julius) of Phoenix, AZ and Lynn Kelly of DeSoto, TX; son, Joe Gregory; daughter, Wanda Watkins; adopted kids, Stephanie, Nicole, Pat and Sandra; several nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; special niece and nephews, Shalita, Albert Jr. and Terrence; godchildren, Cynthia and Laverne; special friend, Wayne; and a host of other relatives and friend

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## viewing

MAR 31. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East  
1101 E. North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202

## Wake

APR 1. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Joe L Ward, Please Click the Link below.*



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**March Funeral Homes** - March 21, 2022 at 10:13 AM



“ *Joe L Ward*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To the Williams-Ward Families,*

*May God guide you through this period of grief and help provide comfort during this time. Your husband will never be forgotten. Please accept our condolences.*

*The Fields, Alston, & Sheppard Families*

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**D** - March 27, 2022 at 02:25 PM

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“ I was sorry to hear about the passing of Joe. I met Joe years ago through my brother; when they both were working at the Maryland Penitentiary. We became lifelong friends. In the last few years I didn't see Joe as much, but when we did see each other, we always shared a laugh. The Bible says, “to be absent from the body is to be in the presence of the Lord.” May Joe now, Rest In Peace.



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**Sonny Flurry** - March 27, 2022 at 10:36 AM



“ 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** - March 19, 2022 at 09:19 AM