



Linda Deon Ward

February 24, 1954 - October 23, 2021

Linda Deon Ward peacefully departed this life and entered her heavenly home on Saturday, October 23, 2021. She was preceded in death by her father, Frank Starke, and sister, Julia Starke.

Accepting Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age, she was baptized at Pilgrim Journey Baptist Church. Later, she rededicated her life to the Lord and became a faithful, active member at Manna Christian Fellowship Church.

Linda was educated in the public schools in Henrico, Virginia, and remained friendly with several of her classmates from Hermitage High School. As a student, Linda was a part of the pep club, generating much enthusiasm for the sports teams.

Upon graduation in 1972, Linda began working for General Electric, where she spent some years as a circuit board inspector. She then went on to work for AT&T. Her work ethic and record of service were impeccable. She then decided to return to school, studying at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College where she received an Associate Degree in Architectural Drafting. Although Linda enjoyed the work world; she knew there was a higher calling on her life. While at AT&T, she was part of a Bible study that reinforced that higher calling and caused her to take action to cultivate that call.

During her membership at Pilgrim Journey Baptist Church as an adult, Linda served as an active and creative teacher in the Sunday School Program. Linda would not only teach the youth classes but provided a model for new teachers aspiring to be part of the church's Sunday School Program. Naturally her own children, Corey and Scherra, regularly attended all youth-related activities; she also encouraged community youngsters and other youth, to attend church. In addition to being an integral part of the planning and operation of the Sunday School Program, she taught and worked with the youth in the Summer Vacation Bible School Program. God smiled on Linda with an anointed gift of cooking and she used her cooking skills in various fund-raising projects for the church. For the inaugural Youth Revival at Pilgrim Journey, Linda played a crucial role in developing, planning, and overseeing that successful event. In addition to the Youth ministry, Linda was an active member of the Pilgrim Journey Baptist Adult Choir. She was not too busy to contribute meaningfully during church meetings and attend Bible Study, without surprise she was involved in developing and organizing a home bible study and prayer group. Linda was a diligent and dedicated, church worker in every aspect in which she contributed.

After a six month courtship with Jesse Ward, Linda married her best friend in August 1987. Corey and Scherra were already the lights of her life. In addition, their union was blessed with two daughters, Shannon and Schanna, as well as a son, Tommelik. Her family grew to include sons-in-law and grandchildren,

Her leadership skills which were honed at Pilgrim Journey were readily offered at Manna Christian Fellowship, where her heart of devotion, dependability, and steadfastness were apparent. There is no facet of ministry at Manna in which Linda's presence was not felt. On one of the last Sundays that she was able to attend service, she lifted her voice in joyful praise during the postlude/benedictory song.

Shortly after joining Manna Christian fellowship in 1987 Linda became a member of the Intercessory Prayer team. Along with her husband, Elder Jesse Ward, they took the helm of the Intercessory Prayer team in the mid-1990's.

Linda first felt the call to overseas missions in the early 1990's. Her vision was that future missions would include the whole family. The first missions trip she took was in 1993 to Saini Lucia, with her husband and youngest infant daughter, Schanea. Future missions trips included South Africa, France and Nicaragua. From Nicaragua, lasting relationships were formed, as Linda coordinated multiple trips to the country. She and Jesse included both Shannon and Schanea on those journeys.

Outreach to the inner cities was Linda's first outreach. Under the tutelage of Mother Isabel Tindall, she went to various areas of the city, street evangelizing, even while expecting or with a stroller in tow, preaching the Gospel and forming lasting relationships with the residents. Many young ladies at Manna and in the Richmond community benefited from Linda's prayers, energy, and time.

During the week, Linda could be located at Manna in the church office in her role as church administrator. After becoming the accountant in 1995, Linda spent many late nights in training, learning the software and the programs needed to run systems effectively.

When the Master's Touch ministry occasionally required a driver for picking up the necessary food items for distribution to others in the community, Linda drove the large truck to perform that task, even though she could barely see over the steering wheel. One of her latest joys was her involvement with the

Married Couples' ministry. She was, always prepared with meaningful lessons for all in attendance.

Linda was a true servant of the Lord Almighty, There was no doubt that she lived her life in submission to Him. She was devoted to her family, her fellow church members, and her neighbors. She was never too busy to lend a hand to those in need. Her love of cooking and others' love for her delicious dishes of an kinds will always be fondly remembered - and missed.

Cemetery Details

Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia

10300 Pridesville Road
Amelia, VA 23002

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 8. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Wake

NOV 8. 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life with livestreaming available

NOV 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Linda Deon Ward, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - November 08, 2021 at 09:35 AM

RG

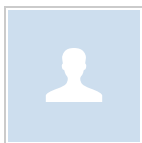
The life Mrs. Ward live was a living testimony for all to follow. She was always dedicated to the Lord and His work. She will be missed by the body of Christ and every person she came in contact with .I know God has her in His arms. I pray the Spirit of comfort will rest upon the entire family. Deacon Thomas and Renee Givens

renee givens - November 09, 2021 at 01:02 PM

SH

My Condolences to the family of Mrs.Linda D Ward Prayers of comfort during their of bereavement.

SEEVON Hunter - November 09, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ *Linda Deon Ward*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

BC

“ *I am so sorry for your lost, my prayers are with you, she was kind, loving, she gave of herself in Jesus name, she was my friend. My Family will never forget Mrs Ward.*

Barbara Clack - November 09, 2021 at 11:39 AM

AM

“ We're truly grateful to have been a part Mrs. Ward's life. She was a ray of light in so many ways. Praying that the peace and comfort of our Lord Jesus rule and reign in all our hearts during this season of life.



Aanessa McKain - November 09, 2021 at 10:42 AM

SS

“ Praying for all of the Ward family in this difficult time. Please know the Lord is with you and words cannot express our deepest sympathy.
-Samuel, Amanda & Sloan Swift.

sam swift - November 09, 2021 at 09:43 AM

WB

“ Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Elder Jesse Ward and Family
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Elders William and Josie Bell

William and Josie Bell - November 09, 2021 at 09:43 AM

CD

“ Linda was in my water exercise class at the Y. We were very sad to get news of her passing. We all miss her and send prayers to the family.



Carol Donohue - November 08, 2021 at 05:58 PM

JW

“ God Bless the Ward Family. Sending my condolences to the family. May God give you strength during this time. She will be missed. Definitely that beautiful smile.

Love

Janice Wynn

Janice Wynn - November 08, 2021 at 04:33 PM

FJ

“ Lord God, Thank You for our Beautiful Linda and all her 'FAITH' that is still speaking, LOUDLY, through her many decades of Love and Fervent Prayer for so many of us." We are GRATEFUL.
Fred and Janet
Virginia Beach, Virginia U.S.A.

Fred and Janet James - November 08, 2021 at 03:47 PM

AB

“ The Booze family sends our condolences in the loss of Mrs. Ward. She was such a powerful inspiration to me during my time at Kingdom Preparatory Academy. Such an Awesome Women of God. Praying God will comfort you and strengthen you during this time.

Aretha Booze - November 08, 2021 at 03:04 PM

TM

“ The Master's Touch Ministry purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Linda Deon Ward.



The Master's Touch Ministry - November 08, 2021 at 02:40 PM

RB

“ *Ruthie, Diane, and family...Ernest Jr and I are so sorry to hear of your loss, Many of our childhood memories include your family, Sending love and prayers of comfort during this difficult time.*
Robinette Brooks

Robinette Brooks - November 08, 2021 at 10:40 AM

WC

“ *Wayne and Minerva (Vive)*
To the Ward Family- our condolences to the family. Please know that you are in our hearts and prayers. God's comfort, strength and blessings be with all the Ward family. El Consuelo Fortaleza y Bendiciones de Dios sea con toda la familia Ward.

Wayne and Minerva Clarke - November 08, 2021 at 07:51 AM

HF

“ *Hazel Lewis and the Robichaux Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Linda Deon Ward.*



Hazel Lewis and the Robichaux Family - November 07, 2021 at 05:51 PM

SD

“ *Praying God's comfort and peace for Elder Ward and the family! Linda's caring heart and beautiful smile will be missed by all. She was a great woman of God and Intercessor.*
Shirley Dolberry

Shirley Dolberry - November 07, 2021 at 04:03 PM

MW

“ Corey and Scherra, Although at times of sorrow there's so little words can say, still may these words of sympathy help comfort you today. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother

Markeeta Redding Waytes

markeeta r. waytes - November 07, 2021 at 01:25 PM



MM

“ Mrs. Lillian McNeill lit a candle in memory of Linda Deon Ward

Mrs. Lillian McNeill - November 07, 2021 at 11:12 AM



AJ

“ Ann Johnson lit a candle in memory of Linda Deon Ward

Ann Johnson - November 07, 2021 at 04:52 AM



BW

“ *Prayer worrier you will be missed. I thank you for all your prayers and your truthful servitude. There is nothing like your genuine love that you have shared with others. Our condolences to the family.*

Barbara and Cravelyn Williams

Barbara Williams - November 06, 2021 at 01:36 PM



MW

“ *McArthur, Jackie & Nathan Wells purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Linda Deon Ward.*

McArthur, Jackie & Nathan Wells - November 06, 2021 at 09:19 AM



SB

“ *My heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family.*

Sheila Brown - November 06, 2021 at 08:09 AM



DG

“ *I will truly miss your smile and servant heart. My prayers goes out to the family.*

Darryl and Cathy Glover - November 05, 2021 at 09:46 PM



DC

“ Always will remember our talks and our praying ❤️ for many situations I will always remember your smile our serious face and your blk walnut cake most of all you be a serious woman of God who everyone will always remember. YOUR LIFE WILL ALWAYS CONTNUE TO SPEAK ELDER WARD AND FAMILY IAM SO SORRY ..GOD GOT YOU!!..LOVE DEA. Charity

Dea. Brenda Charity - November 05, 2021 at 03:09 PM

RB

“ Ronetta & Rod Banks lit a candle in memory of Linda Deon Ward



Ronetta & Rod Banks - November 04, 2021 at 04:10 PM

AH

“ TO the Family. Linda send I go back a Long way. Me and my Mom Mother Davis and Linda used to go out evangelizing. Her and Elder Ward have prayer me with me manytimes. She will truly be missed. She was a true soldier in the army of the Lord. Andrea Hayden

Andrea Hayden - November 03, 2021 at 05:47 PM

DC

To Elder Ward and Family with heart felt ❤️ condolences and prayer it greatly sorrowed me to hear of your lost I remember so many good conversations we had while I did her hair and prayers we shared how she was there for me in many situations 🙏❤️ praying with me and for me I will indeed me her ..her beautiful smile ..her serious look.Mrs. Ward you touched so many lives.and you are still speaking Bo question you were a true soldier and still is ..Miss you and will always remember you..Love Dea. Charity

Dea. Brenda Charity - November 05, 2021 at 03:02 PM

HL

“ To Ruthie Woodson, Diane and the entire family. Jesus has taken an Angel home to live with him. Linda was a good and faithful servant of God. She was a beacon light to her personal family, her church family and to everyone she met. She proclaimed the word of God wherever she went. God has given her her wings. May the comfort of God be with each family member and friends. Praying for your strength at this time and in the days to come.

Hazel Lewis - November 01, 2021 at 04:21 PM

DS

“ To the family of Linda Ward. I was shocked and saddened when I heard of the passing of Linda. I have known her since elementary school and she has had that beautiful smile and sweet demeanor since the day we met. I pray comfort to the family during this time and know you have my deepest sympathy.



Denise Johnson Smith - October 30, 2021 at 09:11 AM

DL

This was quite a blow when I heard this, she was a dear friend to me. Prayer for me and my family continuously. Worked with her for years. Linda I am gonna miss you my friend. I can rejoice because I know you are with Jesus now.... Always will remember you.

Dea. ODESSA Logan - October 30, 2021 at 04:20 PM

CB

To Elder Ward and family. We pray that God will comfort you during this time of sorrow for he is a God of comfort. She has fought the good fight, she has kept the faith now her maker has called her home. She was one of the best. Great prayer warrior, church mother, virtuous and sincere. May she rest in the sweet loving arms of her almighty God.

Carlyie and Helen Batson - November 03, 2021 at 10:07 PM

AB

“ *Elder Ward & Family, We shared good memories, laughter, and joy, with Mrs. Ward. She will truly be missed. We share your grief and pain at her passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.*



Angela Bellinger - October 29, 2021 at 09:06 PM

DP

“ *To the Family of Linda D. Ward_I am deeply saddened by the loss that you and your family have encountered. I am honored and blessed to have known Sister Linda Ward. She was truly a blessing in my life and the life of so many others. We will miss her. My condolences. [Debbie E Peppers - RVA]*



Debbie E Peppers - October 28, 2021 at 03:07 PM

HT

“ *Hazel B Talbert lit a candle in memory of Linda Deon Ward*



Hazel B Talbert - October 28, 2021 at 07:46 AM

HT

i am going to truly misd this solider of the LORD, whonhave intercede for me and my family for years, especially for my son and Gtandaughtet. When they entered into the world. Paring for this entire family that stay with theLORD JESUS, where their help will come from Hazel B Talbert

Hazel B Talbert - November 04, 2021 at 12:42 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.

March Funeral Homes - October 27, 2021 at 10:10 AM

HT

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4.

Hazel B Talbert - October 28, 2021 at 07:49 AM