



Gene Ward

November 23, 1926 - July 27, 2017

Gene Ward, age 90, of Marble Hill, MO; passed away on July 27, 2017 at the Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

He was born Nov. 23, 1926 in Olathe, CO; son of Buford and Dell Underwood Ward. He and Rae Hopper were married on June 29, 1948 and she passed away on Jan. 22, 1998.

Mr. Ward served his nation proudly in the U. S. Army during WWII where he served in the occupation army of Germany. He was a member of the Marble Hill First Baptist Church, where he had served as a Deacon and various other duties of the church, a member of Masonic Trowel Lodge #440, the Marble Hill Rotary Club, Bollinger County VFW Post 5900, a retired Funeral Director having founded and operated the Ward Funeral Home in Marble Hill with his wife Rae from 1953 until 1979 at which time they sold the business to the Liley Family. During this same time period, he owned and operated the Bollinger County Memorial Park Cemetery. He served several terms as Bollinger County Coroner.

Survivors include: two sons, Robert (Janeann) Ward and Timothy Ward of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; two grandchildren, Kelliann (Micah) Hammel, Colorado Springs, CO and Beau (Laura) Ward, Cleveland, GA.

Preceding him in death was his parents, wife, and a daughter Tamara Ward Morehouse.

Visitation will be Tuesday August 1, 2017 from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Liley Funeral Home in Marble Hill.

Funeral Services will be at the Funeral Home, Tuesday August 1, 2017 at 1:00 PM with Rev. Fred Ritter officiating burial will follow in the Bollinger County Memorial Park Cemetery with full military honors by the Missouri Honor Team.

Memorials are suggested to: St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Tim and Family,
People from Marble Hill have mentioned what a pillar in the
community was your father.*

I know you loved him dearly and will miss him.

*Fondly,
Mary McIntyre*

Mary McIntyre - July 31, 2017 at 11:44 AM

DJ

“ *Tim, Rob and family, my sincere condolences to you all. The
community of Marble Hill has lost someone who cared deeply about
the town. From the school, the hat factory, medical facilities to the
stores in town. Gene wanted them to be prosperous. He wanted the
town to grow. I was the tag along with my Dad(Mose) and Gene and
witnessed this first hand. He wanted things to be right in Lutesville
and Marble Hill. Very sad day for Marble Hill!*

Debra Johnson-Flora - July 31, 2017 at 11:39 AM

FS

“ *May God be with the family. Gene was always so graceful with his
services to our family's. Will never be forgotten. God Bless*

Frank Sitze - July 31, 2017 at 10:26 AM

SE

“ Tim and Rob. so sorry to hear of Genes passing. A good man he was and a fun guy to be around.He did so much for the people of Bollinger county.I think he lived a long life of giving and caring to lots of people who he never mentioned.He will be missed all around the coffe shops and in general public.Rip Gene.Thinking of you tim for asking me to be his caregiver when i wasnt available so sorry i couldnt be of assistance.But you guys will be in my heart .

shirley Eaker - July 29, 2017 at 02:19 PM

RJ

“ So sorry for your loss, please know your family is in my prayers. Mister Gene was a good man & will be greatly missed.

Rhonda Johnson - July 29, 2017 at 10:09 AM

BB

“ We're so very sorry for your loss! You and your family will be in our prayers.
Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Brenda Scott Brown - July 29, 2017 at 09:11 AM

JT

“ I feel like our family has lost a family member! What a loss! You are all in our prayers!

Jodi Barker Thompson - July 29, 2017 at 12:28 AM

TL

“ So sorry for your loss. He was a good man and will be missed.

Tammy Lutrull - July 28, 2017 at 08:01 PM

JH

“ *I am so sorry for your family's loss. Praying that GOD will give you the strength to make it thru.* ”

Janice Ham - July 28, 2017 at 06:54 PM