



## David Benjamin "Ben" Ward

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David Benjamin "Ben" Ward, Jr., 74, of Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, passed away after an extended illness on Sunday, April 20, 2025. Ben was born to the late David and Frances Ward in Ironton, Missouri. Ben moved from Missouri to the Northwest Georgia area, and he and Tamara have made their home here for the last forty-seven years. He was a member of Rock Pointe Church in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and was a big Georgia Bulldogs football fan. In his earlier years, Ben enjoyed fishing, repairing things for his family and friends, and doing metal work. He was a great handyman and always enjoyed helping people in any way he could. Ben's contributions to the community were significant, as he served as an assistant chaplain for the Whitfield County Jail, volunteered at Chattanooga Prison Ministries, Animal Disaster Relief, and served on the security team at his home church. Ben was a jokester and loved to have a good time. He dearly loved his family. Ben was a loving, kind-hearted person and will be dearly missed by his family and all who knew him.

Ben is preceded in death by his parents, David Benjamin and Frances Dalton Ward, and his brother, Gerard "Jerry" Franklin Ward.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife, Tamara Ward;

children, Rachel Elizabeth (Ray) Cureton of Farmington, Missouri, Leah Ruth Ward (Andrew Friedlander) of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Amy Kathleen Ward of Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia; sisters, Anna Faye (Jerry) Tournbaugh, and Rose Marie O'Neal, both of Farmington, Missouri, grandchildren, Austin Lee (Kylee) Cureton, Cameron Ray Cureton, Katie Lynne Cureton, and Micah Benjamin Ward; and great-grandchildren, Lainey Mae Cureton and Liam Ray Johnson.

The family has arranged a memorial service to remember and honor Ben. Friends and family are invited to attend on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 4 p.m. at Rock Pointe Church, 1278 Cross Street, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, with Pastor D. Keith Jones officiating. The family appreciates your prayers and support during this difficult time.

In Lieu of flowers, the family has requested a memorial donation to Ben Ward's funeral account at W. L. Wilson and Sons Funeral Home in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

An Online guest book can be found at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, is handling the funeral arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **26**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Rock Pointe Church  
1278 Cross Street  
Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Scott and Allyson Estes purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of David Benjamin "Ben" Ward.*



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**Scott and Allyson Estes** - April 24, 2025 at 06:51 PM



“ *Tammy ....Ben is no longer in any pain and is with his family and friends that had gone before him and the best part of it all is that you and your family and all of us are going to be able to be together one glorious day .....we are praying for you and your family ... 🙏❤️🙏*

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**Cherie Baskette Hurst** - April 22, 2025 at 04:38 AM

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“ *Tammy I am so sorry, Benny was such a good person. I have many good memories of all of us when the kids were young when we lived in Dalton. As the years flew by we all lost touch. I am sorry for that. I have been where you are. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Pat Lake Gillham** - April 21, 2025 at 10:12 PM

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“ *Tammy, what a beautiful day for your loved one to be escorted into the presence of Jesus. Praying for the Lord's presence to comfort you and your family in the days to come.*

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**Leanna Pritchett** - April 21, 2025 at 08:32 PM

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“ *Benny I hope you and Jerry find Uncle UL's boat. Continuing to fish.*

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**Mary Frances Dalton Cunningham** - April 21, 2025 at 06:03 PM