



## CORA WARD

October 4, 1919 - January 11, 2015

Cora Dell Ward, 95, of Kankakee, IL, died Sunday, January 11, 2015 at her home. Visitation will be Friday, January 16, 2015 from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. at Lax Mortuary and again on Saturday, January 17, 2015 from 9:00 A.M. until time of Funeral Services at 10:00 A.M. at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor Emeritus William H. Copeland Jr. will deliver the eulogy. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens.

Cora Dell Ward was born on October 4, 1919 in Crawford, Mississippi. She was the third of four children born to Joe and Eliza Tharps. Cora was the only girl in the family, and she was loved and cherished by her brothers. She loved them just as much, but she loved the Lord even more, and she accepted Christ at an early age at Oakland Missionary Baptist Church.

Cora was married to George Ward on February 19, 1942, and they were inseparable until he made his transition into glory in 2005. To their union, seven beautiful daughters were born and the family moved to Kankakee in 1952. No matter where they lived, their home was always the center of all family activities.

Cora was employed at St. Mary's Hospital for 35 years where she made many lifelong friends. She served as a member of the Mother's Board at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church for many years before she

became ill. Cora was small in stature, but she was a mighty "prayer warrior" who could be called upon for encouragement and words of wisdom. Each grandchild felt that he or she was the favorite because she knew how to make each one feel special. She was "Grama" to more than just her biological grandchildren because she had enough love for everyone.

Cora made her peaceful transition into glory on January 11, 2015 while being cared for by her devoted daughter. She leaves to cherish her memory seven daughters: Voneva (Richard) Randle of Battle Creek, MI; Rosie (Lewis) Jackson of Waverly Hall, GA; Eliza (Cleveland) Thomas of Kankakee, IL; Anna (William) Randle of Kankakee, IL; Verga (Clezell) Rainey of Brooklyn Park, MN; Hattie (Murray) Cleaves of St. Anne, IL; and Ethel (Leonard) Holmes of Country Club Hills, IL; one brother, L.A. Tharps of St. Louis, MO; a special son-in-law, George Stevenson of Kankakee, IL; 15 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, George Ward; two brothers, Tommie Tharps and Joe Tharps.

# Tribute Wall

EC

“ Praying that our Almighty Savior will comfort you during the loss of Mother Ward who was a wonderful Christian woman.

Elayne Coffie - February 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Heartfelt condolences to the entire family...

Lisa and Jason Whalum - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I would like to express my sincere sorrow and sympathy for the loss of your love one. I have known Mrs Cora Ward most of my life.

Jerome D. Pankey - January 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ PRAYING THAT GOD COMFORTS YOU ALL, AS MR. AND MRS. WARD WERE A BLESSING TO OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, MARYCREST. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

COLLETTE MALLETT - January 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Your mother was a beautiful person from the inside & which naturally radiated outside. She was a pillar in the community & the rock of your family. I know your hearts are sadden to know that you will not be able to touch & love on her. Just look to God &

Chuck & Johnie Mae (Whitson) Dandridge - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Praying for your family.*

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**Lori Breeding** - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Sending my love and prayers to the family*

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**Gail Williams and family** - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to the family.*

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**Margaret Archie** - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *To the Ward family, especially Eliza and Dawn. Our prayers are with you, now and continually. May you find solace now and walk in God's peace and rest in the future.*

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**carolyn j. calbert & daughters, Carmille & Candace** - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ *Rosie, sorry to hear about your mother's passing, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Nancy and Ron Meli** - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *So Sorry for your loss.*

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**Catherine Jackson** - January 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Our deepest condolences for your family; *The Thomas Family, Irma Jean, Martha Ann, Hayward and Willard and Ann's husband Joe Whatley.*

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**Ann Thomas-Odeneal-Whatley** - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *I'm sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a beautiful person and loved by everyone. I will always remember that voice. I just loved talking to her when I visited Kankakee. May God keep you all wrapped in His loving arms. Comfort and keep you a*

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**Patricia Jackson-Cousnard** - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *My heart goes out to each family member and I'm saddened by your loss, even though it is God's gain. May God grant all of you the comfort and consolation needed to accept God's will. My deepest condolences as I pray for the family.*

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**Elder Danny C. Brewster, Sr.** - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Praying for the family, GOD will comfort you in your time of bereavement.. May Mother Ward RIP*

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**Cheryl Wilson** - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Praying for you guys. Just know she's resting in the arms of Jesus. No other place she rather be. Keep your heads up.*

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**Rebecca Dickens** - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ *My prayers go out to the Family. She will be missed. Love you.*

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**Linda Nelson** - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Condolences to the family of Cora. She was a great person. She's in Heaven. She was an asset to St. Mary's Hospital. Prayers*

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**Kathy Sullivan** - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *So sorry to hear of your mother Mrs. Ward passing, may GOD BLESS each one of you LOVE MINNIE BREWER BREWSTER*

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**minnie brewer brewster** - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *My Prayers are with the entire Ward family...*

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**Shelley Doggett** - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the Ward Family, remember she will always continue to love you because when she made her transition the love still remained in her heart...*

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**Terry Wilson** - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Our heartfelt love, condolences, and prayers are with the family.*

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**Michael & Rita Morris & Family** - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM