



## John V. Ward

January 9, 1963 - March 15, 2020

John Vincent Ward was born January 9, 1963 in Clifton, IL to Willie Mae Fletcher and Cecil Ward. John confessed his belief in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at Mount Calvary M. B. Church.

John graduated from Momence High School in 1982 where he played football. He also won all area in basketball.

John worked at GNB until it closed down. While working at GNB he also played on their basketball team. He also worked at Momence Packing where he was known for his hard work and dedication.

John loved every sport imaginable, but had a sweet spot for basketball. He enjoyed watching westerns, listening to music, late night snacking, and being with his friends and family. John had such a large warm gentle heart and made everyone he came in contact with feel like family.

John crossed over to his eternal life on Sunday, March 15, 2020. He leaves to honor and cherish his memory, three children, Brandi (Siron) Sims of Bourbonnais, IL, Diamond (Duan) Ward of Kankakee, IL and Vincent (Ricki) Ward of Richton Park, IL; four grandchildren, Jaelan Stewart, Ashia and Siron Sims Jr. and Jaiden Ward; one sister, Cheryl (George) Santaguida of El Paso, TX; two brothers, Cecil Ward of Washington, DC and Allen Piel of Kankakee,

IL; special niece, Isha Ward of Kankakee, IL; best friends, Steve Yancy and John Copeland of Kankakee, IL; spiritual father, Rev. Jesse Johnson, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and granddaughter, Diamond "DJ" Gould.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Will always miss you John*



Barbara Sykes - June 15, 2021 at 08:46 PM

JB

“ *JOHN WARD USE TOO BE MY PAPER BOY WHEN HE WAS YOUNG AND HE USE TOO WORK AT MY PLACE OF BUSS. WORKING WITH DOGS. HE WILL BE SURELY R.I.P.*

JOHN BERRY - April 07, 2020 at 01:34 PM

CJ

“ *Cedric Johnson lit a candle in memory of John V. Ward*



cedric johnson - April 07, 2020 at 02:53 AM

SF

“ *John was a sweet gentle spirit and when you see always had a smile on his face willing to help you with a helping hand, he truly will be missed and May GOD comfort the family and welcome John home with open Arms*



Samuels Family - March 31, 2020 at 10:35 AM

CS

“ I love you little brother



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**cheryl santaguida** - March 29, 2020 at 06:18 PM



“ May Your soul rest in Peace John Ward in Yeshua Holy Divine Name Amen 🙏



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**Linda Henderson** - March 29, 2020 at 08:21 AM



“ I went to Momence High School with John Ward and he was a nice Man. I will always remember his large smile may Your soul rest in.parve John Ward In Yeshua Holy Divine Name Amen 🙏



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**Linda Henderson** - March 29, 2020 at 08:19 AM

EW

“ God Bless the family and friends of brother as we called him affectionately John John

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**Everett Wells** - March 27, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. John had a good heart and would help people in a variety of ways. He was always respectful and kept a great smile on his face. Bless the family and friends on his passing.* ”

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**Everett Wells** - March 27, 2020 at 03:23 PM



“ *John was a great guy and he always had a kind word when he greeted me. Praying for your family for their loss.* 🙏🙏 ”



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**Tammi Jeffries** - March 25, 2020 at 03:56 AM



“ *Cloris Deloach lit a candle in memory of John V. Ward* ”



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**Cloris Deloach** - March 22, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“ *Prayers for the family RIP John ( Fe Fe)* ”

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**ike Odeneal** - March 22, 2020 at 09:57 AM

MW

“ *Sending love and prayers of comfort !!! The  
Simington, Sextion, Pope ,Bailey and  
Stevenson Families*



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**Marvis White** - March 21, 2020 at 07:38 PM