



Acknowledgement

We, the family of Alfonzer Ward, Jr., express our sincere gratitude to our many friends, relatives and supporters during our recent loss. The overwhelming outpouring of love, sympathy and prayers has made our loved one's death much easier to bear.

Each of us has been deeply touched by the many kind and sympathetic words and deeds from those who felt the measure of our loss. We express deep appreciation to the Whiteville Community, Saint Mark AMEZ Church, Lower Cape Fear LifeCare, and to the individuals who sent flowers, cards and food.

We pray God's continued blessings on each of you, and we ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers!

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Celebration of Life for

Alfonzer Rudolph Ward, Jr.

Sunrise: May 17, 1949 ~ Sunset: January 17, 2021



Sunday, January 24, 2021
2:00 PM



Campground Cemetery

1309 Highway 701 Bypass North
Whiteville, North Carolina

Reverend Virgil Ward, Eulogist
Reverend David Flowers, Officiant

Obituary

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8

Today, we the remaining family, along with the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of relatives and friends, sincerely thank our God for all that He has done. God saw that the road was getting rougher and the hills were harder to climb, so on Sunday, January 17, 2021, at Lower Cape Fear LifeCare Angel House in Whiteville, North Carolina, God whispered to our Cowboy, Alfonzer Rudolph Ward, Jr., "Peace Be Thine." The angels came quickly and quietly to take him home to join his late father, Alfonzer Rudolph Ward.

"Butch," also known as "Slug," was born May 17, 1949 in Whiteville North Carolina. He accepted Christ into his life at an early age and was a lifelong member of Saint Mark A.M.E. Zion Church. He graduated with honors in 1967 from Central High School. He then entered higher education at Livingstone College. After Livingstone, Butch joined the U.S. Army, honorably serving until his discharge. Butch worked for Dupont and Whiteville Plywood for several years before stepping out on faith and starting his own Catering Business, A, Ward Catering. That was his lifelong vision and a way for him to serve the community.

He gained the name Slug due to his enjoyment of baseball and softball. He started his own team, The Brooklyn Players, and was involved with the softball team, A Touch of Class. He was an avid sports fan; and whether the season was up or down, he was a die-hard Lakers and Dallas Cowboys fan.

He was a great support and loved by both his family and many others in the community. He was tender, proud, formidable and a world class comedian. He has fulfilled his role on this journey of life--not ending, but beginning the path of eternal life that a loving and omnipotent God calls us to.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ethel Fields Purcell; and brothers, Charles Ward and Terry Ward.

He leaves to cherish memories, his longtime partner, Atelia McDougal of Chadbourn; children, Shalimar Lamont Williams of Dallas, TX, Demetrius Bellamy (Erika) of Miramar, FL, LaRhonda Monmouth of Ft. Worth, TX, Denika Harper of Whiteville, NC, Onnah Monroe of Whiteville, NC, Timeshella Blanks of Whiteville, NC, Aaron Monroe of Whiteville, NC, Latoya McNeill of Lumberton, NC, Alfonzer Blanks of Whiteville, NC, Greg Jenrette of Fayetteville, NC, Terrell Jenrette of Fayetteville, NC, Phillip- Jenrette (Tracelia) of Tabor City, NC, and Timothy Vinson of Lakeside, SC; mother, Thelma Ward of the home; sisters, Evelyn Rorie (Bobby), Alfredia Godwin (Harrison), and Ruth Nadine Ward of Whiteville, NC; brothers, Roscoe Hemmingway (Estelle) of Nakina, NC and Tony Ward (Priscilla) of Whiteville, NC; aunts, Ruth Patricia LeSane of Whiteville, NC, Ida Ruth Flynn of Springfield, MA, and Barbara Jean Troy of Wilmington, NC; uncles, Donald Webb of Springfield, MA and Willie Teachy of Whiteville, NC; special friends, Chet Davis, Arthur Grubbs and Terrance George; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

SEATING OF THE FAMILY

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament..... Reverend David Flowers

New Testament.....Reverend Earl Harper

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Reverend David Flowers

SOLO.....Stacy Alderman

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....Mrs. Cynthia Grimes

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Eulogy

Reverend Virgil Ward

Service of Committal and Interment
(With Military Honors)