



Thelma Pope Ward

March 28, 1936 - September 17, 2023

Thelma Pope Ward, age 87, of Jonesboro, Georgia passed away on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at home. Thelma was born on March 28, 1936 in New York City to Thomas & Irene Pope. After graduating from Campbell High School in 1953 where she played basketball, she worked for State Farm Insurance in Hapeville, Georgia for 25+ years. Upon her retirement she enjoyed traveling, church activities, community involvement and spending time with her husband Frost and family. She was happily married to Alton Frost Ward for 53 years until his passing in 2010. She was an active member of the Jonesboro First Baptist Church. She will be deeply missed by her daughter and son-in-law Kathy & Keith Shipley and granddaughter Elizabeth; plus many nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM, Thursday, September 21, 2023 at Ford-Stewart Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be at Bethel United Methodist Church in West Point, GA on Thursday afternoon at 3:30. Visitation is Thursday before the service beginning at 10:00 am at Ford-Stewart. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Thelma's memory to "Jatha's Babies" (ministry which provides dolls and stuffed animals to memory care patients at local assisted living centers & hospitals) c/o Jonesboro First Baptist Church, PO Box 773, Jonesboro, GA 30237 or email rbutler@fbcjonesboro.com or to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery- West Point

1595 Webb-Bartley Rd
West Point, GA 31833, GA 31833

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ford Stewart Funeral Home Inc.
2047 Highway 138 S.E.
Jonesboro, GA 30236
(770) 210-2700
fordstewartfh@aol.com
<https://www.fordstewartfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

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Graveside Service

SEP 21. 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

WH

“ *Sympathy in your loss. My late aunt Dorothy Durden Banks loved your mother like a sister and always spoke so highly of your mom and dad. Prayers for everyone who loved her. Wanda Durden Harden*

Wanda Harden - September 21, 2023 at 07:55 PM



“ *31 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Ford Stewart Funeral Home - September 20, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thelma Pope Ward.*



September 20, 2023 at 10:59 AM

LC

“ Love You~ Rene, Judith, Frances & Connie purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thelma Pope Ward.



Love You~ Rene, Judith, Frances & Connie - September 20, 2023 at 10:30 AM

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“ Love You~ Rene, Judith, Frances & Connie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thelma Pope Ward.

Love You~ Rene, Judith, Frances & Connie - September 20, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Thelma Pope Ward.



September 19, 2023 at 08:15 PM

FH

“ To Thelma’s Family, my heartfelt sympathy at the unexpected passing of your Mom & Grandmother. I was truly stunned when the ladies in her Sunday school Class called to let me know. Thelma is in my mind the awesome JFBC Greeter! No one did it better than she did! Before I moved away, I could stand in front of my home and look across the fairway and see Thelma & Frost’s backyard. Bob would talk to Frost as he was running or walking. When Frost died I comforted her and then Bob died and her kindness meant a lot to me learning how to be a widow. Thelma was such an attractive lady and dressed perfectly. Sunday morning she was reunited with Frost and all the Saints; best of all she saw the face of Jesus. She will be missed, but what a role model she has been for younger ladies, including myself. May God comfort the family as you go through this difficult time. My prayers will continue.



Faye Herring - September 19, 2023 at 06:36 PM

CA

I didn't know Ms Ward personally but you would always see her on Sunday mornings with a smile on her beautiful face!! Sending sincere condolences to her family!! Just know for anyone who is a Christian you will see her again someday!! May God give you peace and comfort at this time!!
Sincerely B Callaway 🙏

Callaway - September 19, 2023 at 10:42 PM