



James Ray Ward

June 22, 1934 - September 29, 2009

James Ray Ward of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma was born to Willis Newman and Faye O. (Owensby) Ward on June 22, 1934 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma and passed from this life on September 29, 2009 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma at the age of 75 years.

Ray grew up in Pauls Valley and graduated from Pauls Valley High School in 1952. He then graduated Gradwohl School of Laboratory Technology in St. Louis, Missouri. On November 29, 1953, Ray married his high school sweetheart, Reba Jo Chaufy in Pauls Valley. After they married, Ray became the Hospital Administrator at Wilburton, Oklahoma. He and Reba returned to Pauls Valley where he became the manager and lab tech of the Medical Center. Ray later became the Executive Manager of the Pauls Valley Chamber of Commerce for eleven years. He was a member of the First Christian Church where he served as an Elder, Chairman of the Board and excellent tenor in the choir. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing, traveling, collecting arrowheads, coaching Little League Baseball & Blue Jay football. Ray will be remembered for his love of his family, church and the city of Pauls Valley.

Mr. Ward is survived by:

His wife: Reba Jo Ward of the home

Son: Dr. J. Ward and his wife Tammy of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma

2 daughters: Nikki Assad and her husband David of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma

Lisa Pratt and her husband Bill of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma

16 grandchildren: JC Johnson and his wife Kelly; Ian Clayton Johnson; Tara Ward; Spencer Ward; Nic Field; Jesse Cowan and his wife Gena; Rabi Assad and his wife Wendy; Caesare Assad; Julie Miller; Holly Pratt; Ryan Pratt and his wife Monika; and Lil Nikki

8 Great-grandchildren: Kylie Ward; Ryan Johnson; Garrett, Jackson and Chloe Cowan; Aja and Neiko Assad; and Garrett Pratt

Mr. Ward was preceded in death by:

His parents: Newman and Faye Ward

Grandson: Tyler Ward

Granddaughter: Allison Pratt

Previous Events

Service

OCT 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home Chapel
1601 S. Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, Ok

Tribute Wall



“ *Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James Ray Ward*



Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Ray Ward*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *I am saddened by Ray's loss. I have many fond memories of him while I was growing up. I will miss his great sense of humor. My prayers to his family.##imported-begin##Scott Wilson##imported-end##*

October 10, 2009 at 05:48 AM



“ *Reba, Nikki, and Lisa,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. You are a special family.
God Bless You and Love,
The Herds
Jon, Kristi, Sarah, and Anna##imported-begin##Kristi
Herd##imported-end##*

October 09, 2009 at 10:00 PM



“ Lisa, I just wanted to let you know my heart goes out to you and your family. I know how much you loved your dad. I will be in prayer for your comfort while I send you my love.##imported-begin##Lisa Caves David##imported-end##

October 07, 2009 at 07:28 PM



“ Reba and Nikki - I was so sorry to hear of your loss and my heart is heavy for you and all of your family.....I didn't know him, but can see he was a special and wonderful man who I know you were proud of and will miss....
Just wanted you to know I'm thinking of you during this difficult time...##imported-begin##Christy Schonorrenberg Cody##imported-end##

October 06, 2009 at 03:04 PM



“ Dear Reba and Family,
We are so saddened by the loss of your beloved husband and father. Our memories go all the way back to high school. May you be comforted by knowing that there are so many people who care and are praying for you.
Don and Nancy ((Love) Jones
Florissant, MO##imported-begin##Nancy (Love) Jones##imported-end##

October 05, 2009 at 03:15 PM



“ *Reba and family,
It is with great sadness to hear of Ray passing. Many fond memories crosses my mind, working in the church and all the beautiful songs we sang. Ray had a smile and big hello for everyone and he will be greatly missed. My Prayers are with you and your family. God Bless you all.
There are many things in our life that will catch our eyes, but only a few will catch our heart, those are the ones we need to pursue. Observe around you and be thankful for all that we have in this transitory lifetime.
Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally!*###imported-begin##Harold Bradley##imported-end##

October 04, 2009 at 07:49 PM



“ *I love you Me-Me. I wish I was there.*###imported-begin##Ian Clayton Johnson##imported-end##

October 02, 2009 at 03:13 PM



“ *Reba
Ray was our buddy in the beauty shop. he was one of us. he was so nice to all of us and always a gentlemen, love janie*###imported-begin##dave & janie collings##imported-end##

October 01, 2009 at 09:14 PM



“ Mark and I and all the staff at Garvin County Abstract Company send our prayers to you and your family. We are so sorry for your loss and hope that in times like these you are comforted knowing that others are praying for you.

Mark & Julie Caughey##imported-begin##Julie Caughey##imported-end##

October 01, 2009 at 03:06 PM



“ Reba & family,
I was so saddened to hear of Ray's passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Eldona & John Dennis##imported-begin##Eldona Dennis##imported-end##

October 01, 2009 at 01:30 PM



“ My deepest condolences! You are all in my thoughts and prayers!

Tonya Watkins##imported-begin##Tonya Watkins##imported-end##

October 01, 2009 at 01:03 PM



“ Reba and family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. You will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Phyllis Myers##imported-end##

October 01, 2009 at 11:24 AM



“ Lifetime friendship, with deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Ralph & Barbara Courtney##imported-end##

October 01, 2009 at 11:17 AM



“ Nikki & Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you - so sorry for your loss.

Leslie & Debbie##imported-begin##Leslie & Debbie Sims##imported-end##

October 01, 2009 at 10:29 AM



“ Reba Jo, Lisa and Family,

I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I worked with Ray many years ago at the Clinic and enjoyed his smile and wit so much. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Judy Irwin Weaver##imported-end##

October 01, 2009 at 09:47 AM



“ Reba and Family, I am truly sorry for your loss. Keep your faith in our Heavenly Father, He knows best. I pray that God will comfort you in your time of sorrow. Charlotte Brumley##imported-begin##Charlotte Brumley##imported-end##

October 01, 2009 at 09:26 AM



“ To all of you we send our prayers for strength and courage. We know you will miss Ray, but trust that you will rely on the happy memories to see you through this time.##imported-begin##Jim and Beth Little##imported-end##

September 30, 2009 at 11:35 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Kenny Bernard Family##imported-end##

September 30, 2009 at 06:26 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Reba Jo and all the family. Ray was a very special guy and a good friend.

Much love,

Harry & Rita##imported-begin##Rev. Harry Millard, D. Min. & Rita Millard##imported-end##

September 30, 2009 at 04:50 PM



“ Reba and family, we were so saddened to hear about Ray. Please know that love and prayers are being sent your way!##imported-begin##Connie and Brian Sanders##imported-end##

September 30, 2009 at 03:50 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for your family.

God Bless

The Brandts###imported-begin###Jolynn Brandt###imported-end###

September 30, 2009 at 03:29 PM



“ Reba and family,
Your in our thoughts and prayers. God does give us grace and love
. We love you all###imported-begin###Jana and Larry
Parks###imported-end###

September 30, 2009 at 10:50 AM



“ Reba, Nikki, Lisa, and Jay,
We have been feeling such a loss for Ray for sometime. Please
know He was loved and we love each of you. We have so many
memories of Ray especially happy ones. May God wrap his loving
arms around each of you.
Dave and Linda###imported-begin###Dave and Linda
Agee###imported-end###

September 30, 2009 at 10:26 AM



“ I am sad to hear the news of Ray's passing. I have many happy
memories with Ray Ward in he middle of them. Reba and family my
prayers are with you during this sad time.
Love,
Laura###imported-begin###Laura Cooper###imported-end###

September 30, 2009 at 09:53 AM



“ Ray was a very close friend to my parents and growing up with Ray and Reba and the kids holds some very dear memories for me. He was loved by many and will be missed by us but he is walking with angels right now. For us left on earth we have one more guardian angel taking care of us. Thank you.##imported-begin##Dede Cotten##imported-end##

September 29, 2009 at 10:47 PM



“ Ward Family,

I am sorry to hear of your loss. Ray was a good man. He was my first coach growing up as a kid in PV. He will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Steve Watkins##imported-end##

September 29, 2009 at 04:28 PM