



MSGT Willis Lee Ward US Air Force (Ret.)

November 21, 1941 - May 9, 2021

Willis Lee Ward, 79, of Smithfield Avenue, Summerville, SC, passed away on Sunday, May 9, 2021 at his residence.

The family will receive guests from 10 o'clock until 11 o'clock followed by a funeral service at Summerville Baptist Church, 417 Central Avenue, Summerville, SC 29483 on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. A graveside service with military honors will follow at Dorchester Memory Gardens, 11000 Dorchester Road, Summerville, SC 29485.

Mr. Ward was born on November 21, 1941 in Clover Bend, Arkansas, son of the late Clarence Willis Ward and the late Dovie Sullins Ward. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served 20 years at duty stations in the US, Vietnam and Germany.

Mr. Ward was a member of Summerville Baptist Church. He loved being with his family and was so proud of his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed traveling and camping with his wife, Joyce, and the many friends they made along the way. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Joyce Ward; a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Rebecca Ward, North Augusta, SC and daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Allen Newton, Summerville, SC; three grandchildren, Rachel Ward Duff, Lt. Alex Ward and Sydney Thirkettle; a sister, Linda Madar, Carlisle, AR and brother, Ronnie Ward, Hampton, VA. Flowers will be accepted, or memorials may be made to Summerville Baptist Church, 417 Central Avenue, Summerville, SC 29483.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH
MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

Cemetery Details

Dorchester Memory Gardens

11000 Dorchester Road
Summerville, SC 29485
<http://www.dorchestermemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Summerville Baptist Church
417 Central Avenue
Summerville, SC 29483

Service

MAY 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of MSGT Willis Lee Ward US Air Force (Ret.)



James A Dyal Funeral Home - May 11, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ MSGT Willis Lee Ward US Air Force (Ret.)

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ Brother Bill, I will always cherish the memories of shortstay camping and catching all the catfish with you and everyone including our brother Joe. The 4th of July fireworks will never be forgotten. My last words to you is “ When the role is called up yonder you will be there”. I hope we can all join you one of these days. Brother Ronnie.

Ronnie Ward - May 13, 2021 at 09:02 PM



“ Justin, Ashley, and Carson Willmont purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of MSGT Willis Lee Ward US Air Force (Ret.).



Justin, Ashley, and Carson Willmont - May 11, 2021 at 10:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of MSGT Willis Lee Ward US Air Force (Ret.).*



May 11, 2021 at 04:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of MSGT Willis Lee Ward US Air Force (Ret.).*



May 11, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ *Love David and Amy Thirkettle purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of MSGT Willis Lee Ward US Air Force (Ret.).*



Love David and Amy Thirkettle - May 11, 2021 at 12:48 PM



“ *Ms. Beth and Family:
My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. Please know that God heals the broken-hearted.
My sincere condolences,
Heather Walters*

Heather - May 11, 2021 at 12:44 PM



“ *My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you, Beth, and your family! Praying you will all feel God’s powerful and loving arms embracing you, His everlasting love and comfort in knowing you will be reunited one day in eternity.*

Libby Anne Inabinet - May 11, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of MSGT Willis Lee Ward US Air Force (Ret.).*



May 11, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ *82 files added to the album Life Tributes*



James A Dyal Funeral Home - May 11, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *MSGT Willis Lee Ward US Air Force (Ret.)*.



May 10, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia* was purchased for the family of *MSGT Willis Lee Ward US Air Force (Ret.)*.



May 10, 2021 at 07:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *MSGT Willis Lee Ward US Air Force (Ret.)*.



May 10, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of *MSGT Willis Lee Ward US Air Force (Ret.)*.



May 10, 2021 at 06:08 PM

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“ *Sister Linda and Brother Ronnie. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of MSGT Willis Lee Ward US Air Force (Ret.).*



Sister Linda and Brother Ronnie. - May 10, 2021 at 11:56 AM