



Gwendolyn Rae Ward

April 13, 1929 - August 20, 2022

Gwendolyn Rae Ward, 93, passed away August 20, 2022 at Commonwealth Senior Living in Henrico, VA where she had lived for the past 3 years. Before moving to Henrico to be closer to immediate family, she resided in West Point, VA for more than 50 years. Rae was a member of First Baptist Church in West Point where she had a group of cherished Sunday School friends. For many years, she worked at Richardson's in West Point where she greatly enjoyed her job. In Rae's spare time she liked to quilt and lovingly handcrafted quilts for many of her loved ones. However, her biggest joy in life was family and she especially looked forward to their visits and phone calls. Seeing her nearby grandchildren Erika Beck, Nathan Nichols, Brad Germain and great grandsons, Connor and Bryce Beck ("her little boys") always brought a smile to her face.

Rae was preceded in death by her two husbands, Ray Nichols and Algie (Buddy) Ward. She is survived by her children, Randy Nichols (Denise), Laura Germain (Scott), Karen Borja (Dave) and Betty Williams (Hamilton); siblings, Doris Carter, Evelyn Hostetter, Betty Kelso, Linda Smith, Sonny Via, Louis Via and Walter Via; 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, August 25th at First Baptist Church of West Point, 414 Main Street, West Point, VA 23181. Interment will

follow in Sunny Slope Cemetery.

In Rae's memory, contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of West Point, PO Box N, West Point, VA 23181.

Cemetery Details

Sunny Slope Cemetery

King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptsit Church of West Point
West Point, VA 23181

Tribute Wall

ES

“ *Condolences to Rae's family!*

Eddie R Sears - October 03, 2022 at 12:52 AM

BW

“ *Randy & Denise, I am just seeing your mom's & mom-in-law's obituary and am so sorry for your loss. It's so hard losing a parent. You can be assured your mama is in heaven. She was such a sweet & kind person. You were fortunate to have such a sweet mama. Many a dress she would run back and forth to me to try on in Richardson's. She was a big help! She raised a nice & good son.*

Beverly Rosson West

Beverly Rosson West - August 27, 2022 at 10:02 PM

JR

“ *John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Rae Ward*



john and vickie roane - August 24, 2022 at 11:34 AM

JW

“ *Have fond memories of Rae...She will be missed by many*

Janie Wampler - August 24, 2022 at 07:31 AM

DC

“ Donna Croswell And R.T. Croswell lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Rae Ward



Donna Croswell and R.T. Croswell - August 24, 2022 at 06:37 AM

RT

“ The days my family has spent growing up with Rae has been ones we will never forget. She would come and spend time with the family and be so kind and sweet. Times I have spent with her on my phone in her resent days I will cherish. God bless the family. The Messer family. 🙏💕

ruth m tingler - August 23, 2022 at 04:14 PM

JG

“ Joan & Charles Gordon sent a virtual gift in memory of Gwendolyn Rae Ward



Joan & Charles Gordon - August 23, 2022 at 10:52 AM

FS

“ Faith Guthrie Silva lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Rae Ward



Faith Guthrie Silva - August 23, 2022 at 08:33 AM

JP

“ *Sending our love and sympathy to Rae’s family.*

Judy and Glenn Palmer - August 23, 2022 at 06:58 AM

NW

“ *What sweet childhood memories I have of growing up near Rae and her wonderful family. She has always remained dear to my heart.*
Nancy Washabaugh

Nancy Washabaugh - August 22, 2022 at 10:18 PM

JR

“ *John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Rae Ward*



john and vickie roane - August 22, 2022 at 08:33 PM

DB

“ *Donnie And Nancy Bland lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Rae Ward*



Donnie and Nancy Bland - August 22, 2022 at 05:24 PM



“ *Abbi Williams lit a candle in memory of
Gwendolyn Rae Ward*



Abbi Williams - August 22, 2022 at 02:29 PM



“ *Dear family
I am so sorry to hear of Rae's passing.
She was always such a sweet and kind lady
with a beautiful smile.
Cherish your precious memories.
With heartfelt sympathy,
Gloria Couch (formerly Foster)*



Gloria Couch - August 22, 2022 at 01:49 PM