



Mr. James Edward Ward

January 8, 1919 - September 27, 2011

James Edward Ward, the son of the late Martha Ward Simons, was born on January 8, 1919 in Huntersville, Virginia. He passed away peacefully in his sleep on September 27, 2011. James attended the Nansemond County school system where he excelled academically and graduated at the top of his class. Following graduation he attended Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia and after 1 year, joined the United States Army during World War II. He proudly served his country for 5 years and following an honorable discharge, used the G.I. Bill to attend A&T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina and graduated with a Bachelors degree in Science Education. While attending a statistics class at A&T, he met Argie Smith, a student who was majoring in math and requested his help with the statistics class. They married in April, 1950, and after a brief stint as a high school science teacher, he began a career with the U.S. Postal Service. This career lasted over 30 years beginning with riding the mail train between Hamlet, North Carolina and Washington, D.C. and ending his career as Post Master in Fayetteville, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by Argie in 1988, his mother, Martha, and his sisters, Mary Thomas Ward and Alma Ward Alexander. He is survived by 3 children, DeNard El-Amin of the Virgin Islands, Myra (Dennis) Johnson of Kalamazoo, Michigan and Patricia (Preston) McCullough of Los Angeles, California; 7 grandchildren, Mia (Ramon) Fuller of Fort Worth, Texas, Nikki (Cornelius) Kirk of Raleigh, North Carolina, DeNia El-Amin of San Antonio, Texas, DeNard Tashaun El-Amin of Charlotte, North Carolina, Nai'lah El-Amin

of the Virgin Islands; Adia McCullough and Jamil McCullough of Los Angeles, California; affectionately known as "Super Grandpa" to 8 great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews and friends. The family would also like to acknowledge the caregivers, friends and staff of Directors Hall and Upjohn Community Care Center for their compassionate care and concern over the past 3 years.

*****A cremation has already taken place. A Memorial Service and burial with Military Honors will be held at: Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia at a date to be announced. *****IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, MEMORIALS CAN BE DIRECTED TO: Directors Hall c/o The Heritage Community of Kalamazoo Foundation, 2400 Portage Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Edward Ward*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. James Edward Ward*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *My memories of my grandfather include his deep hearty laugh and his witty personality. He loved to play the piano I am sure he gave me a lesson a time or two. I also remember him always switching cars he seemed like he had to have the latest and the greatest. He lived a long and interesting life and I am glad I had a chance to meet him and spend time with him! Rest in Peace Grandpa James!*

Love,

Adia

Adia McCullough - October 11, 2011 at 03:50 PM

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“ *Myra and Dennis,*

My sincere condolences at this moment of transition for your father to his eternal home. I wish you the peace of God daily as you adjust. God is able to do all things. He will hide you in His arms and comfort you at the most difficult hour. May God continue to bless you all. Call me if you need anything.

Larry Harris

Larry Harris - October 09, 2011 at 08:02 PM

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“ *To the family of james ward, i am truly sorrow for your loss. our hearts and prayers goes out to you in this difficult time...Our son has lost his grandfather and denard will truly miss him,he with his grandmother in heaven now...the carithers-elamin family of charlotte nc.*

irish carithers - October 05, 2011 at 07:30 PM