



Mrs. Armetta Jewel Ward

December 30, 1924 - September 14, 2024

Armetta Jewel Townsend Ward was born December 30, 1924, one of two children born to the late Emma Leona Townsend. Her older brother, Edward Lawrence, and her parents preceded her in death.

Armetta enjoyed her child life in Memphis, Tennessee. She was educated in the Tennessee public school system and graduated in the spring of 1942 from Booker T. Washington High School in Memphis, TN. By the fall of 1942, Armetta came to Detroit, Michigan to explore her options in the city and be with family. She enjoyed parties with her Aunts Mamie, Augusta and Johnetta. While in Detroit, she met a wonderful man, Elton "Jake" Nelson Ward, and was married on November 21, 1951. Armetta truly loved him until and beyond his death on September 13, 1993. Jake treated Armetta like a QUEEN!!! He drove her EVERYWHERE!!! Armetta and Jake loved to take car trips to Florida and California. Armetta would be the navigator and the photographer. She loved to take pictures. To this union no children were born. However, Mr. Ward had a son, Philip, whom she embraced and loved.

Armetta was a true Christian. She was confirmed at Bereau Lutheran Church, on December 23, 1951 by Rev. Vernon Schriver. She had been a very active and faithful member until its disassembly. She later joined St. John Lutheran Church and was an active member until her death.

Although Armetta birth no children of her own, she loved and adopted many in her heart. She was a lover of people and never met any strangers. She loved all the kids in the neighborhood and they loved her. She was very devoted and

cared for her Mother Emma, her husband Jake and her Aunt Johnetta until they passed. She always had a smile and a positive word for others. She was always kind and helpful to others. Her motto: It's nice to be nice!

She loved being independent and always worked. Armetta retired from her job at The State of Michigan in 1981. Prior to that she was employed at The Internal Revenue Service, Erie Coal Company but she enjoyed her first job at Herman Keffer Hospital the most.

Praise God, for Mrs. Ward knew that "with God all things were possible." On Saturday, September 14, 2024 she took the walk down heavens corridor.

Armetta leaves many to cherish her memory: a step son, many nieces, nephews, cousins, god children and most of all many good and young friends and family.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Cemetery

31472 Michigan Ave
Wayne, MI 48184

Previous Events

Visitation

Thursday, Oct. **3.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Friday, Oct. **4.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church
4950 Oakman Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48204

Funeral Service

Friday, Oct. **4.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Armetta Jewel Ward.



October 03, 2024 at 11:13 AM



“ Dwight & Karen Cunningham and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Armetta Jewel Ward.

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“ Philip & Liz Ward purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Armetta Jewel Ward.



Philip & Liz Ward - October 01, 2024 at 05:37 PM



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