



## Mr. Ray Manuel Ware

September 23, 1939 - March 5, 2024

### In Loving Memory Of

Ray Manuel Ware was born on September 23, 1939 to the union of Raymond Ware and Cleola Williams (both preceded him in death). Ray, or “Manuel,” as his family called him, grew up in Detroit, MI. He was a product of the Detroit Public School District and attended Pershing High School. After graduating, Ray joined the United States Air Force where he received an honorable discharge.

After his military experience, he met and married Marilyn Grayer. Together they had two daughters, Roxanne and Carla. Ray was employed by the United States Postal Service where he later met and married Sandra Wallace. Together they celebrated 39 years of marriage. While employed there for 44 years, Ray earned many awards and promotions and was well-liked by numerous co-workers. In his spare time he enjoyed watching sports and westerns, playing cards, listening to music, reading the newspaper at Belle Isle, and spending time with his father-in-law, Woodrow Wallace, Sr. (who preceded him in death) by talking, fishing, and taking road trips.

Ray was a good husband, father, provider, and friend who was always there for those in need. His strong work ethic was instilled in his children, and he was extremely proud of his family. He could be quite charming and was an animated storyteller whose long-term memory for the most minute details was impressive and enviable.

He is survived by his loving wife Sandra Ware, his children: Roxanne Towler,

Carla Ware-Parker, and Larry Wallace, his siblings: Larry Ware (Hilda) and Laketa Tomlinson (preceded him in death), his grandchildren: Nicole Ahmed (Gamal), Harris Foster, III, Jade Parker Smart (Daniel), Lena Parker, Starlene Turner (Mario, Sr.), and Tamiko Collins, his great-grandchildren: Naima Ahmed, Winter Parker Smart, Mario Turner, Jr., Sophia Hernandez, and Niylah Turner, a very special niece (like a daughter) Tiffany Wallace, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Sunday, Mar. **17**. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family Hour / Visitation

Monday, Mar. **18**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
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## Celebration of Life

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Monday, Mar. **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
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## Burial

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Monday, Mar. **18**. 12:30 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Manuel, you were so special to our family. I often think about our childhood years and the wonderful times we had together as family. I pray that you are at peace and celebrating this day with your love ones in heaven.* ”

Eloise Topps English - March 18, 2024 at 10:04 AM

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“ *Love, Marilyn BELCHER Southern purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Ray Manuel Ware.* ”



Love, Marilyn BELCHER Southern - March 17, 2024 at 10:52 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ray Manuel Ware.* ”



March 14, 2024 at 09:59 AM

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“ Ray , you was a very kind and good person from the day we meet you . Thanks for being like an uncle to me . Auntie sandy I'm here for you and love you

*DeeDee Sims*

dee dee - March 12, 2024 at 11:49 AM

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“ Stephanie (Burgess) Johnson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Ray Manuel Ware.

**Stephanie (Burgess) Johnson and family** - March 11, 2024 at 05:46 PM

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“ Stephanie (Burgess) Johnson and family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. Ray Manuel Ware.



**Stephanie (Burgess) Johnson and family** - March 11, 2024 at 05:46 PM