



Mrs. Deborah "Deb" W. Ward

March 22, 1966 - July 29, 2023

Deborah Weatherford Ward, 57, after a wonderful life, left her home in Irmo to go live with Jesus. She died on July 29th at approximately 12:20 am. She was born on March 22, 1966 with her late twin sister Donna Wetherford in Hartsville, SC. She was the mischievous, fun-loving, spontaneous wife of William Franklin Ward III (Frank Ward) for 31 years. She was the daughter of Florence (Sissy) Drew and the late Gene Weatherford.

She was known by so many for her strong faith, loving smile, caring heart, wise counsel and strength. She was quick with a laugh, anxious for a fun prank and always truly young at heart. She was a great mom who taught her children to love Jesus and to care for others. She served in multiple churches with children's ministries and was known to children as Miss Deb. She was a light and an encouragement to people she met. Though a good portion of her life was spent going to and from hospitals she never let that take the joy of the Lord from her. She seldom complained about the difficulties associated with her medical problems. She would talk to many in the waiting rooms and offer words of encouragement, showing the light, hope, and joy found in the Lord to all around her.

Deb served as an important part of the staff of Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF), a ministry that shares the Gospel with children. She saw the value of sharing with children that they could have a personal relationship with God. In

lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to CEF to continue Deb's desire for kids to know Christ. Memorials can be sent to CEF of SC, PO Box 211084, Columbia, SC 29221.

She is survived by her loving and caring husband, Frank Ward; her daughter Elizabeth Kupper, (son in-law Ralph Kupper, Ama (grandma) to Andrew, Lukas, and Phillip Kupper) and her son William Franklin Ward IV (daughter in-law Lauren Ward). In addition are her brother, Freddie Weatherford, sister in-law Laura Weatherford, sisters Mindy Poston, Cindy Shively and Mikki Barrett.

Visitation will be at Riverbend Community Church, 1015 Corley Mill Road, Lexington, South Carolina from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday, August 4th and service will follow at 6:30 p.m.. Interment will be Saturday August 5th at Grove Hill Cemetery in Darlington at 11:00 am.

Cemetery Details

Grove Hill Cemetery

405 S. Warley Street
Darlington, SC 29532

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Riverbend Community Church
1015 Corley Mills Road
Lexington, SC 29072

Funeral Service

AUG 4. 6:30 PM (ET)

Riverbend Community Church
1015 Corley Mills Road
Lexington, SC 29072

To view the service for Mrs. Ward, please click on the link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/585854380424193/>

Graveside Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grove Hill Cemetery
405 S. Warley Street
Darlington, SC 29532

To view the graveside service for Mrs. Ward, please click on the link: <https://fb.watch/mezpm1gh26/>

Tribute Wall

EG

“ *Deb shone the Light of Jesus everywhere she went with everyone she met. Now she is in The Very Presence of Jesus, The Actual Source of that Light! May that Truth give comfort to all who so loved Deb and will miss her beyond what words can express. Ed and Vicki Germann*

Ed and Vicki Germann - August 03, 2023 at 04:57 AM

CW

“ *Calvin and Latitia White purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Deborah "Deb" W. Ward.*



Calvin and Latitia White - August 02, 2023 at 10:30 PM

FW

“ *I wrote this after I got back from the hospital:*

Tonight Deb went to Heaven to live with Jesus. I'm thinking back on our life and we had a lot of good years. Tonight she said to me 3-4 times "Hold me!" and I hugged her. This was as she and I were trying to get her blood sugar and her blood pressure back up and get her stable. Those 3-4 times reminded me of our love and strong commitment. She was my life partner and I'll miss her! God was ready for her to leave the world - a new adventure with her Lord and Savior. I'm glad I was with her, I'm glad we were working together until the end, I'm glad she wanted me to hug her those times, I'm glad I did CPR and I'm glad I can trust God with EVERYTHING including this difficult time.

Frank Ward - August 01, 2023 at 12:48 AM

GO

“ Sorry for your loss. Grady O'Neal st John's highschool class of 85

Grady O'Neal - July 31, 2023 at 09:55 PM

KL

“ I was sorry to learn of Debbie's passing. I knew her from Central Baptist Church in Darlington many years ago. She had amazing faith and I know that must be a comfort to everyone now. I pray that the family will be comforted by memories and the knowledge of Debbie's strong faith.

Karen Lamonds - July 31, 2023 at 05:12 PM

CP

“ It was a joy to know Deb all these years. Always a blessing to talk to and truly a wonderful sweet Christian woman! Our thoughts and Prayers are with Frank, Julianna, William, Sissy and the rest of the family!

Charles and Debra Poston - July 30, 2023 at 01:48 PM