



## Mr. Clifford Ward

November 16, 1958 - June 3, 2025

Statesboro, Georgia

Mr. Clifford Ward, age 66, passed away Tuesday, June 3, 2025. He was born on November 16, 1958 and he was the first child born to Dunbar and Mary Lois Ward

Clifford joined Johnson Grove Missionary Baptist Church at a very young age. He was ordained as a Junior Deacon in 1976 under the guidance of late Rev. J. W. H. Thomas, Jr. He continued his spiritual growth under the guidance of the Reverend Maurice Hill.

He received his formal education in the Bulloch County School System and was a graduate of the Statesboro High School Bicentennial Class of 1976 and he attended South Georgia College.

In his youth, Clifford was an extremely versatile athlete. He played baseball and football, but he truly excelled in baseball. Collegiately, he played third base and batted cleanup for the South Georgia College Tigers (Now Hawks). His exploits in the field and at the plate helped lead the Tigers to the 1978 Region 17 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) State Championship. After his collegiate play, he became a prolific softball player on the semi-professional level for the Lighthouse Softball Team based in Stone

Mountain, GA. He then transferred his sporting abilities into coaching at the little league level as a baseball and football coach. He was known as a disciplinarian who conveyed the fundamentals of both sports.

Clifford married Elizabeth Lynette Smith in 1983. To this union three children were born. He was the father to two children prior to marriage.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Glen Colbert.

Those left to mourn his passing include his parents, Dunbar and Mary Lois Ward, four children: Shalone Atwater-Water of Shorter, AL, Rico Mikell of Statesboro, GA, Eric (Ciahetta) Ward of Conyers, GA., Jasmine Nicole Ward of Stone Mountain, GA., and two grandchildren, Shalynn and Legend. His siblings include Sandra Bennett of Atlanta, GA, Edward (Carolyn) Davis of Austin, Texas, Patricia Woodard of Alamo, GA., Allen (Josie) Ward of Jonesboro, GA., Charles (Cheryle) Ward of Douglasville, GA., Linda Ward of Stone Mountain, GA., and sister-in-law Twela Edwards of Union Hall, Virginia.

A Celebration of Life Service for Mr. Clifford Ward will be held at 11 A.M. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at the Johnson Grove Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. S. Maurice Hill, Pastor, Officiating.

Services may be via-live streamed at our Hill's Mortuary, Inc. Facebook page or <http://www.youtube.com/@ccphotographyandmediaprodu2575>

Final rites have been entrusted to Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JUN **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Johnson Grove Missionary Baptist Church  
149 Johnson Grove Church Road  
Portal , GA 30450

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ *What in the world happened, Clifford was a friend just talking to him 3 weeks ago on Facebook, I was shocked to this. Rest with The Lord my friend*

Marc Hutchinson - July 05, 2025 at 04:31 PM

GL

“ *Deepest heart felt sympathy to Mr.Dub and the Family of Clifford. RIP* 🍷 🙏



Gwen Littles - June 11, 2025 at 01:55 PM

AE

“ *From the time that I was introduced to my cousin Clifford, he was a bright and captivating energy. I pray and offer my deepest condolences for his family and immediate family during this time, and that they know that he will always be with us all forever.*



Adrian Elliott - June 11, 2025 at 01:34 AM

DF

“ *My condolences to the family.*



Delphia Florence - June 10, 2025 at 09:52 AM

MS

“ Great friend will be truly missed RIP love you Bru Matt Simon

Matthew Simon - June 10, 2025 at 09:36 AM

MS

“ Great friend that I grew up with playing little league baseball ,football and playing basketball in Butler Prochits he was a all around Great friend . He lived in Athens Ga in the 80's he loved the Dawgs football.When I was playing football for the Dawgs I remember going to his house after football games when he would always invite me and a few of my team mates over for Cook outs. When I got married he always came my New Year's eve party's in Atlanta we just did alot good things together he was just all around great person, he will be truly missed RIP CC love you Bru Matt Simon 'Go Dawgs'

Matt Simon - June 10, 2025 at 09:20 AM

GS

“ Georgia Sampson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clifford Ward



Georgia Sampson - June 09, 2025 at 03:22 PM

FS

“ Wishing you strength and comfort through this difficult time.



Freida Stodghill - June 08, 2025 at 03:25 AM

AP

“ Arnold Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clifford Ward



Arnold Perkins - June 07, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Clifford Ward.



June 06, 2025 at 02:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Clifford Ward.

June 06, 2025 at 02:26 PM

WW

“ The only cousin I was with at all these three places The Masters, Dawgs Games and Neverland Ranch if Clifford was around it's going to be FUN!!! RIP we Love You 🎉🍫🙏❤️🙏~

Wyatt Ward - June 06, 2025 at 08:59 AM

JW

I Loved being around Clifford especially when the Gators were beating up on his Dawgs his facial expressions were priceless, Clifford was always great to be around. I still have a very fond memory when he invited me and Uncle Charles over to Statesboro to go fishing. Great times

Jimmy Woodard - June 10, 2025 at 07:37 AM

LW

“ *Lucia Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clifford Ward*



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**Lucia Wallace** - June 06, 2025 at 01:43 AM

LW

“ *Lynette Jones Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clifford Ward*



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**Lynette Jones Wilcox** - June 05, 2025 at 11:06 PM

PG

*More than just a coach but a father figure as one of his players from Redan park Marlins. Rest Well Coach CC*

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**Paul Gamble** - June 09, 2025 at 09:30 AM