



John Lester Ware

March 11, 1932 - November 24, 2014

Mr. John L. Ware, age 82 of Conyers, died Monday, November 24, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Elizabeth "Betty" Ware, Conyers; daughters and sons-in-law, Gale and M.L. Prince, Eatonton, Jane and Steve Aultman, Conyers; grandchildren, Stephen and Emily Aultman, Atlanta, Wesley and Carmen Aultman, Cumming; great-grandchildren, Alyx, Stone and Cade Aultman; brother and sister-in-law, Gordon and Mary Nelle Steele, Chicago. Mr. Ware was a former member of The Baptist Tabernacle in Atlanta and a current member at First Baptist Church of Conyers where he enjoyed singing in the choir. He also sang with the Atlanta Peachtree Chorus Barber Shop Quartet. John was a lifetime member of the South DeKalb Optimist Club, former Vice-President of Optimist International and former Governor of GA Optimist Club. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, November 29, 2014 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Conyers with Rev. Waldo Woodcock officiating; interment will follow at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens. Family will receive friends Friday, November 28, 2014 from 4 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church of Conyers, "MOVE" Campaign, 2100 Highway 138 NE, Conyers, GA 30013. Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216.

Cemetery Details

Green Meadow Memorial Gardens

677 Legion Rd.
Conyers, GA 30012

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Service

NOV 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Conyers
2100 Highway 138 NE
Conyers, GA 30013

Tribute Wall

ST

“ *John Ware and I met about 1964. when I worked for him at the Big Apple Grocery store on Gresham Road, he taught me many values about life and business, we was a genuine man, full of energy and love, he will be greatly missed , God Bless you John and prayers for your family.*
Skip Thompson

Skip Thompson - April 06, 2015 at 07:32 AM

CH

“ *I'm deeply sorry for your loss. I hope the words found in the bible at Isaiah 25:8 brings comfort. God promises to "swallow up death forever". No more will we have to suffer heartache for God says he will "wipe away the tears from all faces". Such a joyous time it will be; reunited with our dead loved ones!*

cheyenne - January 26, 2015 at 10:32 AM

DH

“ *Dear Gale & ML,*
We were so sorry to hear about the death of your father. He sounds like a great man.
May God ease your burdens during this time of sorrow. However, it is really a time of joy as he spends eternity in Heaven!
god Bless, Doug & Jeanne

Doug Hesse - December 06, 2014 at 01:55 PM



“ *Red Poinsettia was purchased for the family of John Lester Ware.*



November 28, 2014 at 10:36 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Lester Ware.*



November 28, 2014 at 07:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Betty and Family,*

I am sorry for your loss of Mr. John. I know he is singing in heaven today. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May the Lord wrap his loving arms around you and comfort you.

Debbie Paden

Debbie Paden - November 27, 2014 at 07:23 AM



“ *Dear Betty, We received the call today with the news that Big John had gone home to be with Jesus. We are so sorry for your loss, but you know, as those who knew John, where he is. He has entered Eternity with his Savior. May God strengthen you during this time.*
Jimmy and Joyce Myerholtz

Jimmy Myerholtz - November 26, 2014 at 09:05 PM

JG

“ To Jane, and to all of the family, my sincerest sympathy. It was John Ware who first invited me to participate in an Optimist oratorical contest, which I won. He was a man who made the lives of so many youth better. I always knew he would be proud that I became a pastor and loved to preach. His encouragement put me on the path to ministry. In fact, within the last year I talked about his contribution to my life and the life of so many youth in our community. Blessings and peace to all,
Jack Glasgow

Jack Glasgow - November 26, 2014 at 08:14 PM

SW

“ Dear Betty,

We were so sorry to hear about the passing of your husband. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sandy and Roger Waters

Sandra Waters - November 26, 2014 at 07:24 PM

DR

“ Big John was such a wonderful man and made our Gresham Park community a great place to grow up. He touched so many lives at the big Apple and Dairy Queen and always had a smile in his face. Rest in peace and I hope the family knows how much he meant to so many. Thinking of you Mrs. Betty, Gale, Jane and your families at this sad time. So glad we got to spend a lunch together a few weeks ago and share fond memories. Prayers to you all. Debra (Debi) Leathers Robinson

Debra Leathers Robinson - November 26, 2014 at 03:19 PM

MB

“ Dear Mrs. Betty and all of your family,
Our lives were immensely touched to have Big John and you as neighbors for 25 years.
You both were like grandparents to Heather, Holly and Michael. So much about life and Christian character you both taught our children. Fond memories of Big John and his garage full of candy, Optimist bicycles in the backyard being repaired for Christmas, his singing, his laugh, his gentle smile and spirit, and his commitment to family blessed our lives immensely. We are so grateful for the 25 years we lived beside each other and for you both loving our family.

Our prayers and love,
Mike and Melanie Bryan and family

Melanie Bryan - November 26, 2014 at 02:56 PM

RM

“ Betty and family,

We are so sorry to hear of Big John's passing. My office has shared many memories of him with customers in the last few hours. He was one of the finest people I have ever known.

You are in our thoughts and prayers,

Ruth and Mike Marre

Ruth and Mike Marre - November 26, 2014 at 01:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Lester Ware.*



November 26, 2014 at 10:29 AM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of John Lester Ware.*



November 26, 2014 at 10:18 AM



“ *Many Optimists lives of the Great Georgia District have been blessed by the friendship, leadership and Optimistic spirit of Big John Ware. For those Optimists that did not know John, their lives will continue to be touched as we all strive to be the "Optimist of the Year" and receive the single greatest award in the Georgia District, the "Big John Ware Award".*

*We know our prayers will be lifted high on Big John's next journey!
On Behalf of the Georgia District Optimist Clubs
Governor Russ Thomas*

Russell Thomas - November 26, 2014 at 10:05 AM

SH

“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad Gale. We are thinking of you and M. L. and your family at this sad time. You are in our prayers.

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Richie and Shelley Hardin*

Shelley Hardin - November 26, 2014 at 09:22 AM

AH

“ Robert and I are very sorry to hear this news. You are all in our thoughts and prayers, and we plan on seeing you Friday or Saturday. Prayerful Condolences, Ann Higdon

Ann Higdon - November 26, 2014 at 08:18 AM

MM

“ My sympathy to Mr. Ware's family. Big John was my boss at the DQ and my mentor as a public speaker. God Speed you Big John and get Heaven clean because as you always said; "You got time to lean you got time to clean!"

mark merchant - November 26, 2014 at 08:00 AM

AC

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Mr. Ware, or Big John, was an integral part of our Gresham Park community in the 60's. He inspired many young people and was always highly thought of. May your sweet memories help sooth the pain of your loss.

Ann Marie Craton - November 26, 2014 at 07:51 AM

CW

“ Curtis Williams purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of John Lester Ware.



Curtis Williams - November 26, 2014 at 07:18 AM



“ I will always remember "Big John" singing bass in the choir. I also remember one New Year's Eve where he had the youth come out to his Dairy Queen for the treats of food and ice cream, camping out in a camp for R.A.s, and many other times he had an influence on my life. There was and is only one "Big John" and heaven will now know the joy of him being around. I pray that Betty and all the family will take comfort in knowing he is in heaven with the Tabernacle faithful, experiencing all the blessings of being in the presence of our Lord, and singing bass on the back row of the choir. God be with you and give you His grace and peace.

Mike, Linda, and Jonathan Sarratt

Mike Sarratt - November 26, 2014 at 05:08 AM

LO

“ So sorry for your loss. John will sorely be missed. May you treasure all the good times together as well as the difficulties that drew you closer. Soon all causes of pain and suffering will end and the hope of seeing John again will be fulfilled. May you have peace.

Louise - November 26, 2014 at 04:55 AM

RD

Dear Betty so sorry for the lost of your beloved John, the girls father and my dear friend. One thing I know for sure my sweetheart Martha was there to greet him when he arrived. Our friendship goes back a long way to the Baptist Tabernacle, Gresham park, little league, the optimist club, fish fries, barbeques and all the good times in between. Betty I pray that you and I will find peace in Gods will as we adjust to our loss. Knowing that Martha and John are at peace with no pain. probably frolicking in heavenly sunlight like a couple of kids. And and singing in Gods choir, a new soprano and bass. May God give you peace that only he can give.

Roy Dollar

Roy Dollar - November 27, 2014 at 07:46 PM

SB

Dear Jane and family, I wanted you to know I was thinking of you all last night and today as you said your goodbyes. I wished I could have made it to the service but I had company from out of town who did not leave until this afternoon. I always remember your Dad's big smile as well as I always felt welcome in your home when we lived on Clifton Springs Manor. I have talked about many times through the years being able to swim in your pool and all the rides your Mother gave me to school, etc. You had wonderful parents and I'm sure this week has been difficult the past few weeks. I pray you all will find peace at this difficult time! Sherry (Thompson) Betsch

Sherry Betsch - November 29, 2014 at 02:09 PM