



Mildred Ward

June 3, 1922 - February 8, 2014

Reverend Mildred Mahalla Whisenant Rehbein Ward, 91 of Union Grove went to claim her heavenly reward at 4:21 p.m. on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at Hospice of Marshall County Shepherd's Cove in Albertville, Alabama.

Most people knew her as Mom, Mama, Mom Ward, MaMaw, Grandma, Reverend Mildred and Millie. To know her was to know one of the sweetest, kindest and most considerate women on earth.

Mrs. Ward was born on June 3, 1922 in Union Grove, Alabama the daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Lizzie Whisenant. She is the last of her siblings to pass, preceded by her brothers: Jack and Troy Whisenant of Union Grove. Mom Ward was also preceded in death by her husband of 39 years, Harold Ward of Oak Grove, Louisiana.

She accomplished so much in her life. She was a graduate of Business School; legal secretary; an ordained minister; published author; bi-vocational Pastor; mother of six, grandmother of 18, great grandmother of 22 and great, great grandmother of 9; urban missionary; gardener; housekeeper, baker; cook; expository preacher; trusted friend and an Earth Angel !

As a pastor and spiritual mentor, Reverend Ward was gifted by God to provide empathic pastoral care and speak biblical words of truth and wisdom that

encouraged, edified and instructed hundreds of people in over 60 years of ministry.

Mrs. Ward is survived by her children, Jack Rehbein (Joan) of Pearland, Texas, George Rehbein (Glenda) of Deer Park, Texas, Ceresa Ann Beason (Jim) of Union Grove, Alabama, David Rehbein (Brenda) of Arab, Alabama, Paul Rehbein of Union Grove, Alabama and Jon Rehbein (Esther) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Change of Service due to Weather Conditions...

Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 14, 2014 at Twelfth Avenue Church of God, Reverend Faye Asbury, Reverend Will Hughes and Reverend Joe Stephenson, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Cemetery, Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, directing.

Visitation will be from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. also on Friday, February 14, 2014 at the Twelfth Avenue Church of God.

In Lieu-of-Flowers memorial gifts may be given to the Mildred Rehbein Ward Memorial Fund C/O Albertville Worship Center, 203 North Cahill Road; Albertville, AL 35950.

From one of Mom's latest devotionals: a Mother Is A Gift From God

"I have been reminded of your sincere faith which once lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and I am persuaded, now lives in you also." (2nd Timothy 1; 5 NIV)

The observation of Mother's Day is a time when we honor our mother with gifts to express our love. It Should not be only on this special day that we let

her know how much we love and appreciate her. If our mothers are gone to their reward, we can only pay tribute by remembering.

Perhaps you have felt that you were not a good mother; that you didn't give your children what they needed. Let me share this poem with you, which was a comfort to me as I thought about my own failures in mothering.

"She could not give her children gold, so she gave them faith to have and hold. She could not give them royal birth... a name renowned throughout the earth, but she gave them seeds and a garden spot and shade trees when the sun was hot. She could not give a silver spoon or servants waiting night and noon. She gave them love and a listening ear and told them God was always near. She could not give them ocean trips aboard majestic sailing ships, but she gave them books and a quiet time, adventures found in prose or rhyme. She could not give them worldly things but what she gave was fit for kings, for with her faith and books and sod she made each child aware of God."

If we leave our children a legacy of faith in God, it is the one thing of lasting value we can bequeath.

Cemetery Details

Mount Olive Cemetery

15030 U S Highway 231
Union Grove, AL 35175

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Twelfth Avenue Church of God
100 12th Avenue North East
Arab, AL 35016

Service

FEB 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss, Paul! This is the obituary of a woman who led an outstanding life. She served God with all her heart, and obeyed his call on her life. She is a modern day heroine of the faith! You are blessed to have had your mom, I know she raised you with love and to know and serve Jesus.

*Thanks for allowing me to share and be a part of her life and death!
God bless and comfort you at this difficult time.*

Angela Fergesen - March 04, 2014 at 01:54 PM

DD

“ Sorry about you loss... and may the Lord cause his face to shine down upon you all.

from Dave in Missouri

Dave Dixon - February 19, 2014 at 02:39 PM

VF

“ Vickie Hinkle, Michelle Convirs, Kristen Hoyt, Carol Fowlkes purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mildred Ward.



Vickie Hinkle, Michelle Convirs, Kristen Hoyt, Carol Fowlkes
- February 14, 2014 at 11:30 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mildred Ward.*



February 12, 2014 at 03:45 PM



“ *Jon, I am sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for you and your family." Our hearts go out to you and know that Your Mom was and awesome lady!*

Robin N Nathan McCollough - February 12, 2014 at 06:16 AM



“ *From my first meeting of Mildred in the early 80s I always loved her as a fellow pastor. She was to me one of the heroes of our faith. Her humble spirit and soft-spoken words of wisdom were always so inviting and at the same time, convicting. May those whom she discipled duplicate her spirit and heart for others.*

Pastor Wayne Anderson - February 11, 2014 at 07:46 PM



“ *Jon, Esther and Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. I know God has each of you in the palm of His hand and will be with you each step you take.*

Vicki Splawn - February 11, 2014 at 11:49 AM

BG

“ *Dear Pastor Andrew, Courtney and Rehbein family,
Our hearts are heavy for your loss. We pray God's grace to carry
you through the days ahead. So very sorry the we could not be
there to support you, but know our love and prayers travel the
distance to your hearts!!*

*Love,
Bob and Paula Guderian
Pryor, OK*

BobAndPaula Guderian - February 11, 2014 at 12:18 AM