



## Jeffrey Wayne Ward

March 22, 1962 - January 24, 2026

Jeffrey Wayne Ward, age 63, passed away surrounded by love and family Saturday, January 24, 2026. He was born on March 22, 1962, in Lakeland, Florida to Kenneth and Linda Ward.

Jeffrey will be remembered for his love of family, his faith, his laughter, and the special bonds he shared with those closest to him. His legacy lives on through his wife, children, grandchildren, and family, who will carry his love forward.

Music was one of Jeff's greatest passions. He sang in a gospel quartet for many years with best friend Matt and loved it dearly. During the last weeks of his life, we could always get a smile and a sweet tear while listening to some of his quartet's music with his wife and family singing by his side.

His love for music was shared with his wife, Debbie, often singing duets in church. This love passed down to his son and grandchildren. In the final years of his life his greatest joy was attending His Hands Reaching Worship Center to experience his son lead worship with grandson on the drums and granddaughter making guest appearances singing her praise songs.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered. Jeffrey is survived by his wife Debbie Ward, Lakeland, FL; mother, Linda Ward, Lakeland, FL; sister Julie Maxwell (Eric), Lakeland, FL; son, Dustyn Ward (Avril), Clinton, TN;

daughter, Brittany Shular, Washburn, TN; grandchildren Josiah and Elliana Ward, nieces Mallory and Makayla Maxwell.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Ward. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" - 2 Timothy 4:7

Memorial Services will be held Friday, January 30, 2026, at 5:00pm at Gentry Morrison Funeral Homes, Southside Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 30. 5:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Ward



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**Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes** - January 30 at 07:05 PM



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Ward



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**Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes** - January 29 at 03:39 PM

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**Larry Davis** - January 29 at 04:58 PM

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“ Dear Linda and family.  
We always enjoyed Jeff's visits to our home. He loved our Dachshund Daisy Mae and it was a joy to watch him interact with her.  
Jeff had such a gentle spirit.  
We sincerely extend our condolences to the entire family and our love to a special lady, Jeff's mom Linda.  
Praying that God gives you all a peace that passes understanding.  
Larry and Sharon Davis

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Larry Davis - January 29 at 04:56 PM

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“ Sharri B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffrey Wayne Ward.

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Sharri B. - January 29 at 03:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Wayne Ward.



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January 27 at 07:07 PM

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“ Lee Stanford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffrey Wayne Ward.

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Lee Stanford - January 27 at 07:07 PM