



## Dr. Jerry W. Ward Jr.

February 8, 2025

Dr. Jerry W. Ward, Jr. passed away on February 8, 2025 at the age of 81. He was born on July 31, 1943, in Washington, D.C. to the late Jerry Washington Ward Sr. and Mary Marguerite Theriot Ward. Jerry was an only child born to his parents.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Funeral Service for Dr. Ward on Friday, February 21, 2025 at St. Leo the Great Roman Catholic Church, 2916 Paris Ave New Orleans, LA at 10:00am. Visitation will begin at 9:00 am. Internment: St Paul Cemetery Mayo/Magnolia St Moss Point, MS.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Paul Cemetery

Magnolia St.  
Moss Point, MS 39563

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Leo/St Raymond Catholic Church  
2916 Paris Ave  
New Orleans, LA 70119  
(504) 945-8750

## Funeral Mass

FEB 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My professor at Tougaloo in the 1970's and a life long influence. Rest, Dr. Ward, you left us courage , you left us love, you left us the beauty of a life well spent in service to the Culture and devotion to humanity.

Deborah LeSure Wilbourn - February 24, 2025 at 04:42 PM

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“ Dr. Clarissa Myrick-Harris White planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Jerry W. Ward Jr..

Dr. Clarissa Myrick-Harris White - February 22, 2025 at 03:03 AM

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“ Dr. Clarissa Myrick-Harris White purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Jerry W. Ward Jr..



Dr. Clarissa Myrick-Harris White - February 22, 2025 at 03:03 AM

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“ I was truly blessed to have Dr. Jerry W. Ward, Jr. as a professor at Tougaloo College my Freshman year and being from the MS Gulf Coast he made sure to check on each of us to see how we were doing at the 'Loo and that we were successful and thriving to be our very best.



One instance I recall as an example of this was when a Hurricane George was coming inland and would heavily impact our hometown area and most of us from the Gulf Coast, this was our first time away from our families when a storm hit. Naturally, we all wanted to pile up in vehicles and get home out of deep concern of our families safety. When we report for class at 8:00am he knew our minds weren't on what the syllabus had planned but at home. He told us, "Do not attempt to go home!" we needed to stay on campus and wait together until we heard from our families to be sure they were okay. To know that distinctive voice and tone that he had was to know and truly have said you have the Dr. Jerry Ward experience. We did just what he said, that fatherly voice we needed away from home gave us what we needed. We sat together in Judson Cross and waited to get word from home. But that first chance we could hit the highway, we did!

He has influenced my life in so many ways and I fell more in love with poetry, African American poets, writers and African Art and not to mention my public speaking and reading to this day to various types of audiences. When people extend a compliment to me and say that I spoke well and eloquently, I think of Dr. Jerry Ward and am honored to have been a student and product of his instruction. Rest Well Dr. Ward!

My thoughts and prayers are with you, the family, during this time of sorrowful hearts.

Heaven may have claimed his presence, but our hearts claim the

*memories, forever cherished, forever missed.*

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**Veneice Barnett** - February 20, 2025 at 01:29 PM

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“ *Veneice Barnett lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ward*



**Veneice Barnett** - February 20, 2025 at 01:12 PM

RB

“ *Ruth Byrdsong lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ward*



**Ruth Byrdsong** - February 16, 2025 at 05:23 PM