



James W. "Jim" Ward

November 23, 1922 - May 8, 2017

James W. "Jim" Ward, 94, well-known Wysox businessman of Towanda, PA passed away Monday afternoon, May 8, 2017 at the Guthrie Memorial Personal Care Home in Towanda.

Jim was born November 23, 1922 in Greeneville, Tennessee, the son of the late Thomas & Nellie Ward. Jim met his wife, Alice, at the Blue Swan sewing factory in Sayre where he also worked as a machinist. He worked at DuPont in Towanda for approximately seven years while building up his business as an insurance agent. He was able to leave DuPont and work full time as an independent insurance agent in January 1958. Jim built the Ward Building in Wysox where he moved his business in December 1968. He retired January 1985, at age 62, from the insurance business.

Jim was extremely active when it came to the inner workings of Towanda and Wysox. He started as Wysox Township secretary in July 1959 which he held for 35 years. He was a long standing member of the Towanda Rotary Club and held a position on the Board of Trustee's at Oak Hill Cemetery, Towanda. The Wysox Chamber of Commerce recognized Jim for 35 years of outstanding service within the community March 10, 1992 and as Citizen of the Year in 1994; Bradford County Officers Association presented a plaque to Jim in appreciation for his many years of service May 9, 1991 and on May 3, 2000, a bench was dedicated to him at the Scenic Overlook in Wysox.

He was a long standing member of the First Presbyterian Church in Towanda where he was an Elder and taught Sunday school. Later in life, he belonged to the Community Vesper Church of Standing Stone. In his spare time, he loved gardening, playing his musical instruments, caring for his dog "Benny" and travelling. His most memorable trip was going to the Holy land and being baptized in the Jordan River. He was also a member of the Senior Citizens Club and volunteered at TACO.

Jim was preceded in death by his younger brother Eugene Ward. He is survived by his loving wife, Alice, to whom he was married 68 years in March 2017. Linda Ginder, his only daughter, who resides in Elizabethtown, PA with her husband, Dale; and two grandchildren: Cassandra Ginder of Elizabethtown, Christopher Ginder of San Jose, CA., as well as a niece, Carol Ward, of South Waverly.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA with Rev. Robert W. Martin, pastor of the Community Vesper Church, Standing Stone, PA officiating. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Towanda, PA. The family suggests that contributions may be directed to the Bradford County Humane Society, P.O. Box 179, Ulster, PA 18850 or to the Salvation Army Service Unit, 218 Main St. Towanda, PA 18848 in James W. Ward's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

100 Oak Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
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Service

MAY 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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