

Floral and Casket Bearers
Family & Friends



-With Gratitude-

The family of Benjamin “Ben” Ware wishes to thank the community, with heartfelt appreciation, for the intentional acts of love & outpouring of kindness which have been extended during this time. *God is not unrighteous to forget your labor of love.* Ben’s spirit lives in the hearts of all who loved him. Although he may have left our sight, his love will forever surround us.

Comfort Ministry and After-Care Transitional Arrangements Entrusted To
J.E. Washington Funeral Services
2234 Glenwood Ave., Youngstown, OH 44511
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CELEBRATING THE Life and Legacy of

Benjamin Ware

1940-2026

Remembrance Ceremony
Friday, February 6, 2026
Viewing: 10am Service: 11am

Officiant
Pastor Jeffery Stanford
Second Baptist Church of Steubenville

Jaylex Event Center
2110 Glenwood Ave.
Youngstown, OH 44511



Final Resting Place
Tod Homestead Cemetery

J.E. WASHINGTON
FUNERAL SERVICES, INC.




- Order of Celebration

*Pastor Jeffery Stanford, Officiant
Second Baptist Church, Steubenville, OH*



Parting View

Call to Worship

Prayer of Comfort

Sacred Text Lessons

Music Ministry

Recognition of Public Condolences & Tributes

The Life & Legacy of Benjamin Ware. *Read Silently*

Music Ministry

The Message

Pastor Stanford

Committal Ceremony

Cortege to Tod Homestead Cemetery

Benediction



*Immediately after the interment the family and out
of the area guests will return to the Jaylex event
Center for a repast meal.*



An Ode to Ben

Our Angel in the Outfield



Ben lived his life with steady pride,
A sharp wit quick and tongue applied.
Straightforward words, no need to pretend
When asked how he was, he'd say, "I'm fine," my friend.

A hard worker, provider through and through,
Devoted to family in all he'd do.
His love ran deep, his loyalty strong,
He stood his ground his whole life long.

He loved fine cars that spoke his name
Lincolns, Benz, and Caddies framed his lane.
With cards in hand and a gambler's grin,
Blackjack, Let It Ride, Poker playing to win.

A Dolphins heart, a Yankees soul,
Those classic colors made him whole.
Win or lose, he stayed the same,
Faithful to his teams, loyal to his name.

Though his journey here has reached its end,
His spirit lives on—Benjamin, Ben.



Celebrating A Life Well Lived

The Life & Legacy Of

Benjamin Ware

Benjamin Ware, peacefully departed this life on January 27, 2026, at his residence. He was born on September 1, 1940, in Eufaula, Alabama, to the union of Oralee (Bryant) Ware and James Ware, and spent many years nurturing a legacy of love and resilience in Youngstown, Ohio.

Benjamin embraced life with a spirit of determination and kindness. He dedicated himself to the fabrication industry at General Motors, where he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues. During his impressive thirty years of service GM, he had a reputation for his robust work ethic and unwavering reliability in various roles, including assembler, repairman, and coordinator. He took pride in providing for his family, valuing his contributions in both the workplace and home.

Reflective of his character, Ben embraced life's simple joys. He was an avid sports fan, proudly supporting the MBL's New York Yankees baseball and the NFL's Miami Dolphins football leagues. His leisure time was often filled with laughter shared over card

games with family and friends, where he enjoyed the thrill of gambling, whether it be blackjack, poker, or let it ride. His fondness for travel allowed him to forge lasting memories with his loved ones, enriching their lives through shared experiences.

Benjamin leaves behind a legacy of love and strength, survived by his devoted wife, Toni Stanford-Ware; his four sons, Ivan (Mary) Ware, Anthony (Renee) Ware, Mark (Camille) Stanford, and Troy (Charley) Wallace; and his daughter, Joyce Thorn. His memory will be lovingly preserved by his thirteen grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and siblings Ransom (Mary) Ware, William (Michelle) Ware, and Dorothy Pierce, along with a score of extended family and friends who will deeply miss him.

As Ben crossed into eternity, he was reunited with his beloved parents, his brother James "Pete" Ware; and sister, Odena Harris, Benjamin will be remembered for his unwavering love for family, dedication to his work, and the joy he brought to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

We will continue to reflect upon the love Ben shared, the laughter he sparked, and the dedication he embodied. His spirit will forever remain alive in the hearts of those who loved him dearly.

Loving Shared By the Family