



Donnie A. Ward

December 21, 1923 - October 27, 2011

Donnie A. Ward, 87, passed away on Oct. 27 at Golden Age Manor in Stevensville.

Funeral services celebrating the life of Donnie will be held on Friday, Nov. 4 at 1:00 p.m. at the Dey Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, 2506 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, with Pastor Arne Swanson officiating. Burial will follow the service at North Shore Memory Gardens in Hagar Shores. Visitation with the family will be held on Thursday evening from 5:00 until 8:00 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice at Home or to Golden Age Manor. Please share memories and photos at www.florin.net.

Donnie was born on Dec. 21, 1923 in Green County, Arkansas to Willie E. Ward and Mary Elizabeth Goff. He came to Michigan in 1942 and worked at several jobs before going to Whirlpool in 1947. Donnie retired from Whirlpool after 33 years of service. He married Wilma Cates in 1946. She preceded him in death after 46 years of marriage. Donnie enjoyed working on his farm on Britain Ave. and traveling to the Grand Ole Opry.

Donnie is survived by his sisters-in-law Barbara Ward of Benton Harbor and Ann Ward Headly of Paragould, Arkansas; many nieces and nephews; and his special friends, Muriel Elkins, Marjorie Muirhead and Margaret Morgiotta.

In addition to his wife, Wilma, he was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Mary Ward; his sister Nora Seay; and by his brothers Robert, Johnny, Lonnie, Barney and William.

Cemetery Details

North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N
Coloma, MI 49038

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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