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Louie L. Ward, 93, of Memphis, TN went to be with the Lord on May 1, 2019 at home surrounded by family. He was born on November 13, 1925 in Henry County, TN to Toy Tillman Ward and Mable Pillow Ward. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Trenton Ward, two sisters Thelma Iuta Summerlin and Judy Gail Ward, son-in-law Dennis Gross and granddaughter Kristin J. Ward. He is survived by his wife Marjorie L. Ward and his three children, Robert “Frank” Ward of Memphis, TN, Cathy Gross of Memphis, TN and John Ward (Renee) of Bartlett, TN as well as two brothers Lonnie Ward (Joann) of Smyrna, TN and Toy T. Ward, Jr. of Jackson, TN and sister Gerlene McBee of Paris, TN. He leaves behind 12 grandchildren, Wendy, Daniel, Cory (Allen), Amanda (Jimmy), Brad (Amy), Samantha (David), Adam, Kelli (Casey), Chris (Lauren), Brittani (Glen), Johnathan (Lauren), Kirstin (Michael) and so far has been blessed with 17 great grandchildren, Kayla, Jackson, Hannah, Jamerson, Talan, Clayton, Avery, Ally Grace, Harrison, Charlie, Adeline, Macie, Karson, Paxton, Mattis, M.J. and Andrew. Louie is a Veteran of the United States Army who proudly served his country during WWII. PFC Ward fulfilled his duty as a Military Policeman and Guard-Patrolman. He met his wife of 73 years during the war. His mother brought his military photo to a church event and asked the single girls to correspond with him. Marjorie was the only young lady to oblige Mrs. Ward's request. They were married on March 4, 1946 and relocated to Memphis, TN. Louie retired from the Memphis Defense Depot in the 80's but kept working in the family business he started back in 1969, Ward and Sons Roofing. Louie was an active member of Balmoral Baptist Church and ordained as a deacon in 1989. The life-long friendships he developed there are one-of-a-kind and cherished by his entire family. He loved traveling, camping with the Memphis Sam's chapter of the Good Sam Club and deep-sea fishing. His favorite spot was the white sand beaches on the Florida Gulf Coast and he took his family there whenever the opportunity



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arose. Louie was a great storyteller, he always had an account, joke or tall-tail to share with anyone that would listen and some that wouldn't. His grandchildren's favorite memories are all the silly songs he would teach them over the generations. The family wishes to express their gratitude to all Ward and Sons employees, friends, neighbors and nurses that prayed with, brought food, visited and tended to his needs. In Lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Baptist Collegiate Ministries of Memphis at The University of Memphis, 469 Patterson Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111, www.uofmbcm.org The family will receive friends on Saturday, May 4, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and funeral services celebrating Louie's life will be held Sunday, May 5, at 3 p.m. Arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38119 (901) 767-8930. "A Fitting Farewell for Everyone".



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LJ

Laverne D Jones posted:

My condolences. Look to God for comfort in your time of sorrow. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 He will hear your prayers because he cares about you. Psalm 65:2; 1 Peter 5:7

May 4 at 5:18 AM

PB

Priscilla Berry posted:

Loved Mr. Louie and family. His stories were always a hoot. But most of all he gave us Cathy. He will be missed.

May 3 at 2:28 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Louie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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