



Frank C. Ward

November 4, 1941 - January 29, 2026

Frank Carlos Ward, 84, of Greer, South Carolina, passed away January 29, 2026.

A native of Greenville County, South Carolina, son of the late Jesse Frank and Edith Stewart Ward, he served in the United States Marine Corp for four years and served with the Greenville City Police Department for over forty years and retired as a Sergeant in 1999. Frank worked with the American Legion where he served for decades as a member of the Legion Media and Communications Division; served as elected commander of the Legion Department of South Carolina from 1999 until 2000. He worked with the American Legion Baseball for over thirty years, served as a coach many years with the Sevier Youth Association, and was a member of Edgewood Baptist Church.

Frank's greatest passion was growing things and passing on the legacy of farming to his children, grandchildren and many others. He loved to communicate and teach and if you ever met him even once, you knew his gift of talking.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Haynie Ward of the home; one daughter, LeDayne M. Polaski (Tom) of Charlotte, North Carolina; four sons, Dean Ward (Barbara) of Rock Hill, South Carolina, Regan Ward (Dana) of Cowpens, South Carolina, Jay Ward of Greenville, South Carolina, and Duane Stenzinger (Sarah) of Simpsonville, South Carolina; one sister, Geneva Jones of Greer, South Carolina; nine grandchildren, Phillip Ward, Daniel Ward,

Jessica Ward, Jody Ward, Kate Polaski, J.J. Ward, Ryan Stenzinger, Carlos Stenzinger and Russell Stenzinger; several great and great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 7, 2026, at Brushy Creek Baptist Church, Taylors, South Carolina.

Visitation will be held Saturday, February 7, 2026, at Brushy Creek Baptist Church following the service.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to Harold Jennings Foundation, Greenville Police Department, 204 Halton Road, Suite 600, Greenville, SC 29607 or Goodfellows Program, c/o American Legion Post 3, 430 North Main Street, Greenville, SC 29601.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Brushy Creek Baptist Church
4999 Old Spartanburg Road
Taylors, SC 29687

Visitation

FEB 7. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Brushy Creek Baptist Church
4999 Old Spartanburg Road
Taylors, SC 29687

Tribute Wall

MW

“ I am so saddened at the loss of Frank Ward. My thoughts and prayers go out to Pat, Dean, Regan, LaDane, and his sister Geneva and to the rest of the family. I miss you all. I have known him since I was in 9th grade and the in 1985 I'm very proud to say he became My father-in-law. He was an awesome Papa and Great Papa to my children and grandchildren. He loved them with all his heart and shared his knowledge and wisdom that only he could teach them. As my father-in law for 38 years, Frank C (That was my special name for him) I loved him so much. We had our own special kind of relationship. We would have disagreements and discussion about things, but that was ok, because we learned to agree to disagree about those things, most of the time. When my daddy died in 2008, I was devastated and lost without him. Frank C new the loss that I was feeling and without hesitation he stepped in and from that day forward he became like my 2nd dad to help feed that void for me. I could go to him for advice about anything and he would give me his honest opinion no matter if I liked not! I guess that's why I loved him so much he was always totally honest with me. Frank C. you will always have a very special place in my heart. I love you and will miss you.
Mandy❤️



Mandy Ward - February 07 at 03:26 PM

AS

“ To Franks family, so sorry for your loss. Frank and I worked alongside at LEC for many years and had many laughs at the LEO breakfasts. Rest in Peace my friend. Tommy Smith

A.T. Smith - February 07 at 10:17 AM

JW

“ With a heavy heart The Department of Rhode Island American Legion extends our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Frank C. Ward. May God welcome him into Post Everlasting with open arms and a “Job well done!” Rest in Peace, Comrade.

*Jim Weinreich
National Executive Committee
The American Legion Department of Rhode Island*



Jim Weinreich - February 05 at 10:19 AM

LW

“ Wishing the family all the best in the coming days. I remember Frank and wish to relay my most sincerest condolences to Patsy and his family. May he rest in peace. Lloyd Woods, NEC-Maine

Lloyd H. Woods - February 04 at 08:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank C. Ward.



February 03 at 12:52 PM

BB

“ BCBC KIDS - Ashleigh, Jamie, and Lizzi B planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank C. Ward.

BCBC KIDS - Ashleigh, Jamie, and Lizzi B - February 03 at 12:52 PM

LF

“ Lisa & Johnny Spencer and Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Frank C. Ward.



Lisa & Johnny Spencer and Family - February 02 at 04:43 PM

FW

“ Our hearts go out to Pat and the entire family for the loss of your dear Carlos. I have many fond memories of Carlos growing up and when he went out of his way to visit me in El Paso. My family and I are praying for your peace and comfort at this difficult time.

Fred Ward, Mary, Candi and David

Fred Ward - February 01 at 02:36 PM



GM

“ Rest in peace Frank. You were one of Greenville PD's finest. Gary McLaughlin

Gary McLaughlin - January 31 at 09:28 PM

EH

“ So many memories of Sgt. Ward, I'm so thankful that I got to see him a few months ago at the Old PoPo breakfast, he will be missed by all, God bless his family and friends

Elizabeth Holland - January 31 at 02:05 PM



“ The Ward family was our next door neighbor. Frank and Pasty always treat us 4 girls as their own. I have so many memories of the Ward family. Pasty, Dean, Regan, Jay, LeDayne, Duana and all the grands, I'm so sorry for your lost. Frank was a wonderful man, husband, father and a friend to me! My heart hurts for all of you. May God hold each of you in the coming days. I love you all!!

Debbie Staton - January 31 at 01:33 PM

JF

“ James, Willie Mae, Fred, RuthAnn & Family. purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of Frank C. Ward.



James, Willie Mae, Fred, RuthAnn & Family. - January 31 at 10:22 AM

JF

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James, Willie Mae, Fred, RuthAnn & Family. - January 31 at 10:22 AM

AS

“ Sorry to hear this Regan always loved your Dad and Mom. Prayers are with you.
Angela S.

Angela S - January 30 at 11:01 PM

JB

“ Frank was a great friend and great supporter all the years I was the Sheriff of Greenville County. Rest in eternal peace my friend.

Johnny Mack Brown - January 30 at 08:34 PM

MC

“ Praying for the family during this difficult time.
Marlene D Cureton

Marlene Dill Cureton - January 30 at 06:11 PM

MC

“ Marlene Dill Cureton lit a candle in memory of Frank Ward



Marlene Dill Cureton - January 30 at 06:06 PM

RW

“ Sergeant Frank Ward was my supervisor for about 5 years. He was more than he was a personal friend. I have so many memories of Frank. He loved the Police Department and his family. Wife Pat and Children. If he shook hands with you, better hold on. A former Marine and you knew it. RIP my Brother.

Rick Woodall - January 30 at 05:28 PM

KD

“ Kevin & Beth Davis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frank C. Ward.



Kevin & Beth Davis - January 30 at 05:17 PM

KD

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DW

“ Frank took me under his wing when I was a new rookie on the Police Department. I learned a whole lot real quick with Frank. He was patient and compassionate with me. I became a better cop because of him. I treasure the years I was blessed to know him and his precious wife Pat. I'll see you on the other side Frank!

Dennis W Weathers - January 30 at 02:11 PM

DH

My deepest condolences to Patricia, the entire family and Frank's many friends. Prayers for you all as you grieve.

Dolores Hemming - January 30 at 05:16 PM

GG

My prayers and condolences for the family and friends

Gail Gibbs - February 01 at 11:51 AM

CG

Gail Gibbs from the ALA sorry for your lost, prayers and condolences to your family and friends 🙏

Catherine Gail Gibbs - February 01 at 12:00 PM

BB

Carlos was a classmate of my sister-Mary Jo Breazeale & friend of Lamar Breazeale & my family from Edgewood Baptist Church. I was 5 years younger and one Sunday morning, my family drove off and left me at church. Carlos found me and took me home with him & Geneva. He was a blessed man.

Becky Breazeale Bagwell - February 02 at 12:09 PM

HF

I did not know Carlos very long, but my experience with him was rewarding. I enjoyed speaking with him, and even more, listening to his stories. My wife and I are praying for his family, that God would pour out His comfort upon them.

Howard Foster - February 07 at 09:43 AM