



SMG Vernon Lee Ward Sr. U.S. Army Retired

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SMG Vernon Ward Sr., U.S. Army Retired, 78, passed away on February 14, 2015 in Lakewood, WA. He was born on June 16, 1936 in Memphis, Tennessee to Matthew and Emma (Lacey) Ward.

Vernon proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, retiring as Sergeant Major. He went on to become an educational specialist for the military civil service. He retired in 2013 having served 50 years combined in the military and civil service.

Vernon was strong willed and could be stubborn, but was always there to lend a hand or listening ear when needed. He was a charter member and actively involved in the Tacoma Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, serving for many years on the scholarship committee.

He was also a connoisseur of music styles from Jazz to Rock n Roll, but especially loved the Blues and yearly attending the Monterey Jazz Festival since the 1960's.

He is survived by his two sons, Vernon Ward Jr. and his girlfriend Emma Jones, and Keith Ward; sister Tosha; three grandsons, Vernon Ward III, Isaiah Hodges, and Cameron Keith Ward. Vernon was preceded in death by his Parents, brother Tommy, sister Louise and his beloved Roselyn Johnson.



Events


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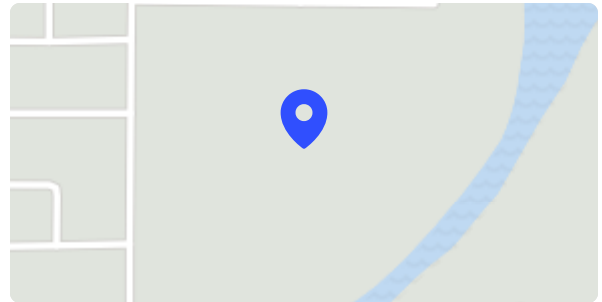
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Memorial Service

 **Friday**, February 27, 2015

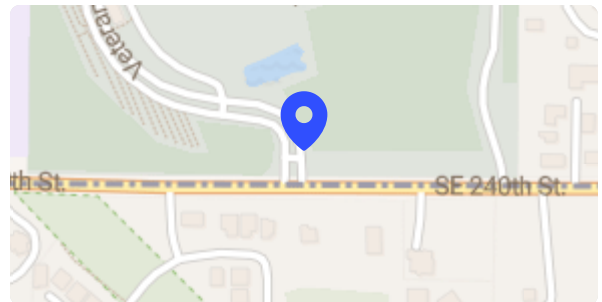
 2:00 PM PT

 **Mountain View Valley Chapel**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, La WA



Cemetery Details

 **Tahoma National Cemetery**
18600 Southeast 240th Street, Ke WA





Tribute Wall

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TB

Tyiqua Bowie posted:

Dad, as I like to call him, I will truly miss you and all your Kappa ways and sayings!!! You really liked to keep me straight. Tyiqua Bowie

February 26 at 11:55 AM

LW

Lindsey Willams shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Bro Ward, I will miss you dearly. You have been a friend, a mentor, an uncle, a partner in crime, and a Brother. Your opinions, love of high school football, signature laugh, and concern for our youth will always stay with me. The service, dedication, and consistency you provided the Tacoma Alumni Chapter of which you were a charter member will be forever in your debt. Nupe, I will see you on that Golden Shore and save a spot for us all in the Chapter Invisible. Forever Yours in the Bond, Bro Lindsey Williams Tacoma Alumni, Kappa Alpha Psi



February 26 at 2:14 AM

DH

Derrick Harris posted:

Brother Vernon Ward, I will miss you as I continue my earthly journey. Many times when our paths have crossed, you have always had a smile and kind words.. I appreciated that and was looking so forward to seeing you next month. The Master Planner had another plan. You will be always remembered when I think of the Great Pacific NW.. Will see you on that Golden Shore !Yours in the Bond, Derrick Harris Phoenix Alumni Chapter (W) Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.

February 22 at 4:11 PM

BJ

Bro Scott Jackson posted:

My dear friend and colleague, Brother Vernon Ward, will be sorely missed for his big heart and selfless service to the Tacoma Alumni Chapter. I've never laughed & fellowshipped harder than when we were together at our retreats. Godspeed my friend!

February 20 at 6:25 AM



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CM

Colonel (Ret) James A Manning posted:

My Brother, Educational Colleague and Friend SMG (Ret) U.S. Army Vernon Lee Ward, Sr. will be greatly missed for his caring humor and inspirational leadership in our beloved kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. We met so many years ago that I can't truly say. Once that we had met our friendship grew to be boundless. I will miss his laughter and his fidelity. You have reached That Golden Shore, Rest in Eternal Peace.

February 19 at 3:09 PM

JM

Jl Moseley li posted:

Brother Ward was my big brother when I crossed the burning sands. I will remember his hearty laugh and his uncanny ability to simply whatever issue the fraternity was battling. Here's to Brother Ward.

February 19 at 7:27 AM



Media

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Tacoma Retreat w/Vernon



Memories only last if you share them

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



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