



Dempsey Lee Ward

July 14, 1971 - February 16, 2012

Dempsey Lee aka D.L.Ward, Jr. was born in Los Angeles,, CA to the parents of Barbara Ward and Dempsey Lee Ward, Sr. on July 14, 1971. He attended Inglewood High School and graduated from Washington Prep High School. He went on to earn his Associate Degree in Management from Southwest College. He gave his life to Christ and was baptized by the late eminent Dr. Lonnie Dawson, Pastor of New Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, and Compton, CA at the early age of 12 years old. He sang in the youth choir and participated in the youth outreach programs.

D.L. achieved an award from the Inglewood police department for his heroic stand against gang violence when he testified in open court, unafraid, when he was assaulted and robbed. After that time he was placed in the Inglewood police department cadet program. He also earned honors at Washington Prep High School for 3 years of service in the ROTC program.

As a young man D.L. was nicknamed Guy and because of his unique talent to logically decipher complex issue and persuasiveness that lured you into his way of thinking his mind process was deemed "GuyLogic"

D.L. began his work experience at the age of 15 years old when a store manager recognized his talents, skills and ability to communicate at a mature level of understanding, organize and delegate work assignments. From that point D.L.'s career began to soar. He started at Mervyn's department store where he swiftly moved up in rank to management and then moved to Marie Callendar's Restaurant and earned his title as restaurateur. He relocated to

Oklahoma City, OK and remained in Oklahoma until he encountered something he could not talk his way out of, an Oklahoma tornado. While on the phone with his mother as the tornado raged D.L. stated "I'm not Dorothy and I do not have a dog name Toto and I am not trying to see the wiz, I am out of here!" One month later D.L. found himself in San Antonio, TX where he continued his work history working for Starbucks.

D.L.'s infectious smile, laughter and joy shall remain with us forever.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751, 407-695-CARE (2273).

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB **22**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PA

“ *Wow the short time i knew you will last forever. My heart is sad i have no words*

pastor michael albert - February 27, 2014 at 01:04 AM



“ *My heart is broken. I had no idea. Rest in peace, Dee, my first love.*

Philip (Elijah) Yecke - July 13, 2012 at 10:39 AM



“ *Philip (Elijah) Yecke lit a candle in memory of Dempsey Lee Ward*



Philip (Elijah) Yecke - July 13, 2012 at 10:38 AM

AN

“ *Hey DI buddy*

Girl you miss a big one this time. Even through i know you where there watching over me and saw this amazing weekend still wish you where phycally there with me. We alwas talk about going down to fort laderdale and doing it big and girl we did it big this time... DI I miss you so much that words cant describe and i think about you every day... i know you watching over me and will send me happiness and joy to my life again... i miss you friend

anonymous - March 13, 2012 at 03:38 AM

LE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



lety - March 09, 2012 at 11:10 AM



“ lit a candle in memory of Dempsey Lee Ward



February 27, 2012 at 09:28 AM



I miss you cousin. Rest in the arms of Jesus!

February 27, 2012 at 09:32 AM

SE

“ Stephanie M. Ellis lit a candle in memory of
Dempsey Lee Ward



Stephanie M. Ellis - February 22, 2012 at 06:00 PM

RE

“ *Regi E. lit a candle in memory of Dempsey Lee Ward*



Regi E. - February 22, 2012 at 05:19 PM

DC

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



David Canales - February 22, 2012 at 02:25 PM

RE

“ *Randy Ellis lit a candle in memory of Dempsey Lee Ward*



Randy Ellis - February 22, 2012 at 01:53 PM

RE

“ 6 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Randy Ellis - February 22, 2012 at 01:51 PM



“ *Vivian Busse lit a candle in memory of Dempsey Lee Ward*



Vivian Busse - February 22, 2012 at 01:48 PM

MF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Matthew Fassl - February 22, 2012 at 09:58 AM

AL

“ I don't know this family personally but I have heard of the battle and struggle this man and family has had to go through. Please know each of you have been in my thoughts and prayers. I could not imagine the pain and confusion each of you must have endured over the past several weeks, but ask for the Lord to see you through this difficult time.

Amanda Legg - February 22, 2012 at 07:45 AM

MF

“ You are in our hearts and prayers. May the hand of God comfort you in a way that only He can.

Mom Mary & Williams Family - February 21, 2012 at 07:32 PM

GM

“ We deeply send our blessings for your loss. We will continue to keep the Ward and Jenkins family in our prayers. If there is anything that we can do, please dont hesitate to let us know. Be blessed and we love you.
Bishop Eunice Jones and members of God's House of Miracles

Gods House of Miracles - February 21, 2012 at 07:17 PM

GM

“ Gods House Of Miracles sent a virtual gift in memory of Dempsey Lee Ward



Gods House of Miracles - February 21, 2012 at 06:32 PM

GM

Although we know God makes know mistakes, He allowed him to be with you for a little while because He knew what was best. Our prayers go out to the Ward and Jenkins family that He may provide peace in your time of sorrow. Just know he suffers no more. Be blessed and we love you

Bishop Eunice Jones and members of God's House of Miracles.

Gods House of Miracles - February 21, 2012 at 06:37 PM

MJ

“ *Michelle Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Dempsey Lee Ward*



Michelle Jenkins - February 21, 2012 at 06:29 PM

MB

“ *D.L. was like a brother to me. He was always there for me as well as I for him. He would spend Holidays with my family and I since his family lived far from San Antonio. I was his unofficial assistant manager at Starbucks where he taught me alot. When I decided to move his response was I inspired him to change his life and move to Orlando. I miss his smile and our dancing in the store. I miss our sarcasim to the customers and our heart to heart talks together. He was a true friend to me and will always be in my heart. I love you D.L.*

michelle van den berghe - February 21, 2012 at 06:25 PM

SE

“ *A life that filled my own,
time has let you and mom go on,
I'll never forget the smiles and laughter you gave me,
That is all I will ever need.*

*Love You Uncle D, Have A Great Party Up There With Mom And I'll
See You Soon.*

Stephanie Ellis - February 21, 2012 at 06:19 PM

AG

“ *Anthony M. Grundy lit a candle in memory of
Dempsey Lee Ward*



Anthony M. Grundy - February 21, 2012 at 03:48 PM

HE

“ *Rest in Peace
" Rest in peace." how much this says, Be free of pain no more to
weep.
Find joy that never ends, possess. New life that here you could not
keep.
Rest in peace, and though we grieve, Reaching for your hand in
vain,
Our faith is such that we believe. That all of us shall meet again.*

Hobart & Paula Ellis

Hobart Ellis - February 21, 2012 at 02:30 PM

SE

“ *My Uncle Dempsey, to put it simply My mother's Favorite.....That says it all.*

Stephen Ellis - February 21, 2012 at 01:45 PM

DK

“ *DeeDee Kirkpatrick lit a candle in memory of Dempsey Lee Ward*



DeeDee Kirkpatrick - February 21, 2012 at 01:40 PM

DK

So Sorry to hear of your loss. My Love and Prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

DeeDee Kirkpatrick - February 21, 2012 at 01:47 PM

DC

“ Unforgettable D,

How blessed and fortunate to have been graced by God to have had you in my life. There is no other who has left the imprint yours has. I am who I am today in large part because of you. You shined bright as the sun, but cast your light on all who know you. And you still will.

From weekend get-a-way trips where we acted like kids, parties and bbq's with friends, tubing trips down the Comal, holidays with family or just by going overboard on a meal for a stay in movie night when it was just the two of us, I have so many very memories that will never be forgotten.

Your signature smile and character laugh will be carried on forever. Thank you so much for being a great friend and a partner in life. Your simple presense that drew out the best in all of us will be missed.

We all now have an ally looking down on us and a special soul reminding us to DANCE along the way. My life will forever be a celebration of yours.

*love you always and forever in my heart,
David*



David Canales - February 21, 2012 at 12:47 PM



David, I'm so sorry for your loss. May D's memory be for a blessing.

Philip (Elijah) Yecke - July 13, 2012 at 02:15 PM

JJ

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Know that God is still in control and he will not put more on you than you can bear. Knowing that he is the author and finisher of your faith, he will see you through. Remember that there is a blessing on the other side of through.



Joe and Parelee Jenkins

Joe and Parelee Jenkins - February 21, 2012 at 11:34 AM

PJ

“ Parelee Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Dempsey Lee Ward



Parelee Jenkins - February 21, 2012 at 08:38 AM

BP

*“ our hearts are so heavy today as we share in sorrow the passing of our Nephew Dempsey. It seems as if it was just yesterday he was a baby,overnight, he seemed to grow up,finished school,had jobs,homes.moved so far away. We will not question where God has put a period.We will cherish his memory his smile and quick wit and because of his faith we rejoice in the Lord knowing we will see him again.
Uncle Willie & Aunt Betty*



Betty Payne - February 21, 2012 at 06:05 AM

RA

“ Rest in peace to my uncle D, Randall

Randall - February 20, 2012 at 08:22 PM

JT

“ My sweet friend DL, I cherished every moment we spent together, you always knew how to brighten my day. I appreciated our time and friendship more than you could ever know. I can't wait to see you again. - Jamie

Jamie Taylor - February 20, 2012 at 08:14 PM

RE

“ No words of condolence can ease the pain of losing one's son and brother but we know that your faith will see you through this time and that you know he has simply gone home. You are all in our prayers

Randy Ellis - February 20, 2012 at 07:07 PM

RE

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Randy Ellis - February 20, 2012 at 06:12 PM

RE

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Randy Ellis - February 20, 2012 at 05:46 PM

JL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Joe Leija - February 19, 2012 at 10:56 AM

JL

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Joe Leija - February 19, 2012 at 10:53 AM