

John William Ware, Sr.

John William Ware, Sr. was born October 27, 1926 in Pawhuska, Oklahoma to Ira C. and Mary B. Ware, the fifth of ten children.

He received his education in the Oklahoma Public Schools System. He entered the United States Army in 1945, and was honorably discharged on April 15, 1948 with an Army Occupation Medal and a World War II Victory Medal. He worked for Safeway for years before he retired on April 15, 1988.

He was a longtime member of Alaraf Temple #20 and he served as a Wishful Master of Advance Lodge #17 for many years.

John was a faithful member of Greater New Zion Baptist Church. He served as a Trustee, President of the Brotherhood for many years, and was a member of the Male Chorus.

He went on to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, John W. Ware, Jr.; three brothers and five sisters.

John leaves to cherish his memory to his beloved wife of thirty years, Bonnie Ware; two children: Larry Ware and Tracy Ware Williams (Terry); one sister, Joan Ware of Wichita, Kansas; seven stepsons: Edward Kinchion, Timothy Perry, Vernon Perry (Debra), Calvin Perry, all of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; James Dean (Rachel) of Chicago, Illinois; Michael Starks (Rhonda) of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Stephen Starks (Chamika) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; two stepdaughters: Damita Madkins and Yolanda Dean-Tyner, both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; one daughter-in-law, Linda Ware of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; three sisters-in-law: Betty Ware of California; Mae Ware of Enid, Oklahoma; Arnetta Burris of Broken Bow, Oklahoma; two brothers-in-law: Ray Burris of Broken Bow, Oklahoma; Robert Williams of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.