



## Alvin Virgil Ward Jr.

November 29, 2018

Alvin Virgil Ward, Jr., age 77, was born June 21, 1941 and died November 29, 2018. He was a fifth generation Arkansan, born in Little Rock to parents, Alvin Virgil Ward and Bessie Johnson Ward. He was a lifelong resident of Little Rock.

He is survived by two sons, Alvin Ward III (Robin) and Robert Ward, of Little Rock; stepson, James Chatom of Alabama; grandchildren, Anna Lee Ward and Colin Ward; sisters, Janice Johnson of North Carolina and Anita Daugherty (Dr. Joe) of Jacksonville; brothers, Larry Ward of Little Rock and Gary Ward (Joan) of Cabot. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, five great-nieces, one great-nephew, one aunt and numerous cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, his ex-wife and mother of his children, Sandra Byers.

Alvin was raised in the Hillcrest neighborhood of Little Rock. As a youth he attended Pulaski Heights Christian Church in Hillcrest. He attended Pulaski Heights Elementary, Pulaski Heights Junior High, Little Rock Central High, and with the closing of the schools, he attended T.J. Raney High and was a member of the first and only graduating class of Raney in 1959. After high school, he served in the Arkansas National Guard.

At an early age, Alvin began working with his dad in the family business, State Printing and Publishing Co. located on South Hayes Street, then a dirt road (now University Avenue) where he learned from his dad the art of printing, and thus began his one and only career. The business moved to West 12th Street around 1950, where he and his dad were later joined by his brothers, Gary and Larry. They continue to own and operate the business today.

Alvin was a kind, hardworking and generous man who loved his family and friends. He loved to hang out with friends, visit the race track, work on anything mechanical and playing and watching golf. He was known for his good looks, often being compared to Steve Martin with a full head of white hair. He loved banana popsicles, Coca Cola and barbecue. He will be missed by all.

Special thanks are extended to his special friend, Lee Adams, for all her help and support, and to his special friends for their hospital visits. Thanks also to the staff of Cabot Health and Rehab and to Arkansas Hospice.

Visitation will be Sunday, December 2 from 2-4 p.m. at Little Rock Funeral Home, 8801 Knoedl Ct. (NW corner I-630 and Barrow Rd.). The graveside service will be Monday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m. at Roselawn Memorial Park in Little Rock.

Arrangements by Little Rock Funeral Home, (501)224-2200. Alvin's online guestbook may be signed at [www.littlerockfuneralhome.com](http://www.littlerockfuneralhome.com).

# Events

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**DEC**   **Visitation**   02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Little Rock Funeral Home

8801 Knoedl Ct, Little Rock, AR, US, 72205

**DEC**   **Graveside Service**   10:00AM

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Roselawn Memorial Park

2801 Asher Ave, Little Rock, AR, US

# Comments

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“ Thoughts and prayers are with the Alvin Ward Family. Alvin went to school with my dad William (Bill) Adkins and then several years ago moved across the street from my Parents. He always had a kind word, and would wave when he saw me if I was visiting my parents. When my dad got sick he came over and cut the grass, and told me what a big yard dad had. He would laughingly say you missed a spot when he saw me mowing. and usually I had as I do not keep dads yard near the standards dad and his generation had for it when he was taking care of it. I remember before Alvin got older and it was more difficult to do things he used to always be working on one of the cars. He seemed to love machinery.  
Robert remember the good memories your dad loved you.  
Darrell Adkins

Darrell Adkins - December 03 at 04:28 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



holly - December 03 at 12:42 PM

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“ I will miss his kind manner and wonderful sense of humor. Our friendship spanned many years. He was loved by both myself and my family. Though miles apart we shared the ups and downs via phone calls and every year he would contact me to watch Kentucky Derby and see who could pick winner- When 9-11 occurred He called and when Astronaut tragedy occurred he called then On March 1, 2018 he called and our conversation started with my asking how he was and very matter of factly, he said “ well I’ve been diagnosed with stage IV cancer and it has spread to my bones, I had heart surgery and clot in my leg.” Stunned, I traveled to Little Rock to see my dear friend and saddened by his weakened state yet he wanted to take me to his favorite barbecue place and kept saying he wanted me to see a scenic area he had found. That is how he was, always putting himself last; minimizing his condition and hopeful to get better. I am going to miss him the rest of my life and grateful to God for knowing such a great person. He fought hard to live because he enjoyed people and life. His family has truly been there for him and he often expressed to me how much he appreciated that.

“Lee Lee” - December 02 at 09:52 AM

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“ RIP old friend plenty of memories horse races dog races and way back when in HS and golf courses always had a good story for got about pool halls ur buddy Butch

**frank atkinson** - December 02 at 09:45 AM

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“ Being in the printing business myself and doing business with Alvin over the years has been a joy to me. Every time I stopped by his shop to take or pickup a project we would always talk and visit for awhile....talking just about anything and the older times in our business. He was gentleman, soft spoken and very kind. I will miss my friend, but will cherish the memories always.

Leon Brockinton

**leon brockinton** - December 01 at 02:38 PM

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“ I have worked with Alvin for quite a few years in the printing business he was a great person to work with and a lot of fun to be around Bill Bailey

**Bill Bailey** - December 01 at 12:27 PM

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“ Buntaine Cousins purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Alvin Virgil Ward Jr..



**Buntaine Cousins** - December 01 at 11:06 AM

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“ My Uncle Alvin was the sweetest man and I miss him already.



holly - December 01 at 10:43 AM

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“ Rest in peace old friend. I grew up with Alvin and remember shooting pool with him at their print shop on 12th and at Lowber's Rec Hall. We graduated together from Raney.

Danny Snyder

Danny Snyder - November 30 at 01:17 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alvin Virgil Ward Jr..



November 30 at 12:31 PM