

Wheeler Springs  
Community

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### **JOHN DAVID WARD SR.**

Mr. John David Ward, Jr., age 68, passed away Friday, August 13, 2004. Mr. Ward was born April 3, 1936 in the Wheeler Springs Community he was the third child of the late Rosezena Denson and Artye King Ward.

After graduating in the 1954 class of Ralph Bunche High School. Mr. Ward enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country for eight years. Mr. Ward received an honorable discharge and thereafter gained employment with TSTI in Houston and remained for 15 years. Mr. Ward returned home to Crockett and gained employment with the Texas Youth Commission where he worked for ten years and retired in 2000.

Survivors include his three sons Phillip Ward (Sandra), of Diboll, John Ward, Jr. (Shelia) and Artye Ward (Alonda), all of Marlin; one daughter Debra Collins (Luzene), of Crockett; 23 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters La-Nora Smith (Conell), of Texarkana and Elizabeth Strange, of Crockett; sisters-in-law Dorthy Evans (James), of Crockett and Ruby Ward, of Calif.; special niece Linda Warfield, of Crockett; and a -very special cousin Freddie Marcelous, of Houston; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by his wife Carrie Ward; brother Artye Ward, Jr.; and one son David Ward.

Funeral services for Mr. John David Ward, Sr. were held Wednesday, August 18, at 11:00 a.m. in Wheeler Springs Baptist Church with the Rev. Dennis Gainers and the Rev. H.F. Scott officiating. Interment followed in Denson Cemetery in Wheeler Springs Community.

Active Pallbearers were Larry Young, Alvis Wooten, Jerome Owens, Derrick Gray, Douglas Collins and Lee Collins.

Honorary Pallbearers were Connie Smith, Jr., Byron Smith, Keith Smith, Quincy Campbell, Phillips Ward and John Ward, Jr.

**Barkley Mortuary**