



Ward, J.T. 'Pops'

1937-2024

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Paradise~ J.T. "Pops" Ward, 87, went to be with our Lord on Nov. 6, 2024 in Denton.

Family received friends Friday, Nov. 8, 2024, at Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel in Bridgeport. Graveside is 10:15 a.m. Friday, November 22, 2024, at DFW National Cemetery. J.T. was born on April 20, 1937, to J.W. and Floy Ward in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He was a retired Systems Technician, working for over 30 years with AT&T. Pops proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps. He cherished his family deeply and was always eager to brag about them. He also loved the Bridgeport Country Club, where he spent many hours on the porch visiting with friends. Even as time passed, he still found time to pick up his clubs—though not as often as he would have liked.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Brad Caddell; his 4 sisters

and 3 brothers.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his son, Johnny Ward and wife, Jeannette of Paradise; his daughters, Laura Rhine and husband, Darrell of Alvord, Charmaine Franks of Bridgeport, and Julie Downe Wicks and husband, Carl of Rhome; his 12 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; numerous extended family members and a host of friends.

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