



## Nicely Ward

January 3, 1933 - February 22, 2018

Nicely Harvey Ward passed away on Thursday, February 22, 2018. A viewing will be held at the Charles L. Stevens Funeral Home Inc., 1501 E. Fort Avenue, Locust Point, MD on Tuesday, February 27th from 3-5pm & 7-9pm. A service, officiated by Nicely's grandson Pastor Matthew Ward, will be held at the Charles L. Stevens Funeral Home on Wednesday, February 28th at 10am, followed by the interment in Emory United Methodist Church Cemetery, 1600 Emory Road, Upperco, MD. A luncheon will follow the interment.

Nicely was the daughter of Alonzo and Mary Harvey. She was born in White Oak, West Virginia on Tuesday, January 3, 1933. Her dad was a school teacher and her mom was a bee-keeper. Nicely was the youngest of four children. One of her most notable childhood chores was to retrieve water from the well every morning.

Academically, Nicely was a standout student. She only spent three weeks in the 1st Grade and was promoted to the 2nd Grade shortly thereafter. High School was no different for Nicely. In fact, the local elementary schools would often call upon her to be a "fill-in" substitute teacher. Despite the time commitment involved in this engagement, on top of caring for her ill parents, Nicely found a way to remain committed to her own studies. At one point in the 11th Grade, she received a report card with all 99% marks. This was unprecedented given the fact that her specific high school never gave out 100% grades.

On a Saturday in 1949, Nicely was shopping at a G.C. Murphy (five-and-dime, variety store) when she turned around to confront a man that had been following her all day. The man introduced himself as 'Eugene', and they struck up a conversation. Wanting to continue the conversation, Nicely invited Eugene to come to her house the following Saturday. Little did she know, her father Alonzo and her new acquaintance Eugene would unknowingly meet each other on a mutual bus ride. Nicely's father Alonzo, who was usually very protective of his daughters, made an exception for Eugene (who was on his way to see Nicely). With the seal of approval having been granted, Nicely quickly fell in love with Eugene. The next year, on May 12th, 1950 the two got married in Hinton, West Virginia. Eugene made two promises to Nicely upon their marriage. Promise #1: She

would never have to carry buckets of water from the well again. Promise #2: She would never have to carry firewood again.

To make good on those two promises, and to avoid the coal-mining industry, Nicely and Eugene eventually settled in Maryland's largest city, Baltimore. Coincidentally, a family member had predicted that Nicely and Eugene would have nine kids (because the two of them collectively had 9 pennies in their pants' pockets upon being engaged to be married). Though this prediction may have been hard to fathom at the time, it actually came true. The first three children they had were boys. This was followed by five girls in a row. One more boy, the youngest child Mark, was born in April of 1963. The family loved their city life and there was never a shortage of people around or things to do.

In addition to raising her nine children, Nicely served as a crossing guard for the City of Baltimore for over two-and-half decades. Cal Ripken Jr. might be known as the IronMan of the Baltimore Sports world, but Nicely was the IronWoman of her crossing guard force, having never taken a sick day in her twenty-seven year tenure. Whether it was her own children, or other people's children, Nicely's love had no end. She was everything a mother should be and more.

She is survived by her son Roger Ward and wife Joan, son Benny Ward, son Gary Wayne Ward and wife Mary, daughter Shirley Rucker and Patrick, daughter Bonnie O'Sullivan and husband Andy, daughter Gail Cox, daughter Doris Haskell and husband Jim, daughter Peggy Masing and husband Curtis, son Mark Ward and wife Cecelia, and grandchildren Patrick, Jenny, Kellie, Brian, Kimberly, Kristi, Adam, Jessica, Matthew, Joe, Timothy, Ryan, Paul, Eric (Masing), Eric (Haskell), Amanda, Jimmy, Kaitlyn, Melissa, Nathan, and twenty great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by grandsons Joshua Ward and Edward Ward. A viewing will be held at the Charles L. Stevens Funeral Home Inc., 1501 E. Fort Avenue, Locust Point, MD on Tuesday, February 27th from 3-5pm & 7-9pm. A service, officiated by Nicely's grandson Pastor Matthew Ward, will be held at the Charles L. Stevens Funeral Home on Wednesday, February 28th at 10am, followed by the interment in Emory United Methodist Church Cemetery, 1600 Emory Road, Upperco, MD.

# Cemetery

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## Emory United Methodist Church Cemetery

1600 Emory Road  
Upperco, MD, 21155

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 03:00PM - 05:00PM

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**FEB** **Visitation** 07:00PM - 09:00PM

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**FEB** **Service** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Charles L. Stevens Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 27, 2018 at 01:06 AM

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“ My Condolences & Prayers To The Family.....



**Glo McCrary** - March 08, 2018 at 06:52 PM

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“ Patrick and Family. So sorry to hear of your Grand Mom's passing. May she rest in peace in the love of God. Phil Kelly

**Phil Kelly** - February 28, 2018 at 10:59 AM

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“ Patrick and Family. I was so sorry to hear of your Grand Mom's passing. May she rest in the warmth of God's love. Phil Kelly

**PHIL KELLY** - February 28, 2018 at 10:36 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about your Mom :( She sure was a sweet and precious lady. We will miss her!

**Neighbors Family** - February 27, 2018 at 08:00 PM



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**The Neighbors Family** - February 27, 2018 at 07:59 PM

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“ Gail and family,  
So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was a sweet woman. I really enjoy talking with her. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Debbie O'Donovan



**Debbie O'Donovan** - February 27, 2018 at 05:57 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nicely Ward.



February 27, 2018 at 10:28 AM

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“ 101 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Charles L. Stevens Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 26, 2018 at 06:42 PM



“ Danny Thompson and wife, Drema Thompson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Nicely Ward.



**Danny Thompson and wife, Drema Thompson** - February 26, 2018 at 06:33 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Ward's passing. She was a special lady. I remember her at the corner of Riverside and Fort Avenue crossing us kids across the street on our way to school. Thanks to Peggy and Curt, I was able to have her attend my birthday lunch last year. My heart goes out to the Ward family. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.



**Sharon Krenzer** - February 26, 2018 at 06:29 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nicely Ward.



February 26, 2018 at 06:00 PM

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“ Marian Malecki-Bruce lit a candle in memory of Nicely Ward



**Marian Malecki-Bruce** - February 26, 2018 at 11:23 AM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nicely Ward.



February 26, 2018 at 10:34 AM

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“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Nicely Ward.



February 25, 2018 at 03:39 PM

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“ Betty Thompson Saunders and Steve Saunders purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Nicely Ward.



**Betty Thompson Saunders and Steve Saunders** - February 25, 2018 at 11:43 AM

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“ Mary Cox lit a candle in memory of Nicely Ward



**Mary Cox** - February 24, 2018 at 09:13 PM

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“ Mary Jane (Fitzpatrick) Mann and family purchased the My Soul Lives On Blanket for the family of Nicely Ward.



**Mary Jane (Fitzpatrick) Mann and family** - February 24, 2018 at 05:25 PM

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“ Dear Ward Family-

My condolences to all of you in the loss of your wonderful mom, grandmom, loved one. She was one of the kindest, wisest women in our neighborhood. May your warm and wonderful memories of her help you through your grief. Sincerely, Adrienne (Thompson) Scally

**Adrienne Scally** - February 23, 2018 at 07:44 PM



“ Roger, Benny, Wayne, Shirley, Bonnie, Gail, Doris, Peggy, and Mark, My love and prayers are with each of you during this difficult time. Aunt Nicely leaves me with many precious memories throughout the years. The most prominent memory being love, her love of family, her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, her Sunday School children, her school children she cared for during her tenure as crossing guard and most importantly her love for God. May you continue to feel her love now even as she rests in Heaven. Love, Mary Jane Mann

**Mary Jane Mann** - February 27, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ My condolences to the Ward family. I just heard of her passing. I'm so sorry. She was such a nice person. Hugs and prayers go out to the family during this difficult time.

**Winnie Wicklein** - March 03, 2018 at 11:53 PM