



Cecil Ward

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Cecil Ward was born on September 17, 1932 and passed peacefully with family around him on September 6, 2015.

TSgt (Technical Sergeant) Cecil Ward enlisted into the United States Army on September 24, 1952 and was honorably discharged on August 19, 1954. It did not take him long to realize that he was in the wrong branch of service so he enlisted into the United States Air force on September 22, 1954 as an Aircraft Engine Mechanic and retired August 1, 1974. Over his illustrious career Cecil spent most of his time in California with his wife, Geneva Ward. His first assignment was at McClellan AFB CA, where he spent 2 years before being assigned to Clark AFB in the Republic of the Philippines. He also received orders to Vietnam and served in the Vietnam War where he earned many accolades, including the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Achievement. Cecil returned home and his final assignment was at George AFB CA where he retired 1 August 1974 as a jet engine mechanic. Cecil spent over 20 years in the Armed Forces and some of his awards and decorations included:

Bronze Star Medal Air Force Commendation Medal Meritorious Unit Citation Air Force Outstanding Unit Award w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters Air Force Good Conduct Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters Vietnam Service Medal

After retiring from the military, Cecil made his home in Sacramento, CA with his wife and son, Tyrone Ward. It seemed he did not have enough of what government work was like or what they put him through so he decided to go to work for the US Postal Service where he was employed for another 20+ years. Cecil had a very kind heart and if you needed it he would help you get it. He always had the view of 'might as well get what you like because you can't take it with you' and he lived modestly and put others first. All arguments are final whether he was right or wrong, and he was good at being wrong, but if you looked at it through his eyes and experiences he would actually be right. Cecil leaves behind his wife of 58 years of marriage, Geneva



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Ward, and a son, Tyrone (Gail) Ward, and sister, Helen Ward, of Baltimore, MD, the last of his siblings. Cecil also has a host of nieces and nephews that he loved so much. He will surely be missed and never forgotten.



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JC

John Caywood posted:

I was a young airman at McClellan AFB in the early/mid 60s. I worked with Cecil in the 552nd FMS engine shop. I will always remember what a good guy Cecil was. He was so nice and easy to work with, he just made you feel good. It says something that I remember him so well fifty years on. The world needs more like Cecil. John Caywood caywoodjohn43@gmail.com

February 11 at 4:39 PM

PS

Patricia Simmons posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Cecil Ward

September 15 at 8:11 AM

CD

Cheryl D. posted:

My condolences to the family. May God be with you and may loving memories fill your hearts with peace. Turning to God in prayer can be a source of true comfort. Psalm 46:1 says: "God is our refuge and strength, a help that is readily found in times of distress."

September 14 at 5:15 AM

AH

Anthony Hawkins posted:

I am sorry for your lost. I remember Uncle Cecil visiting with you and Tyrone in NC. Just knowing him helped me to join the service.

September 9 at 12:10 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Cecil by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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