



Dr. Lawrence Ware

April 17, 1953 - December 13, 2021

Lawrence Ricardo Ware was the tenth child born to John Edward and Vonnie Marie Ware on April 17, 1953, in Anniston, Alabama. Lawrence accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and attended Grace Lutheran Church. There, he served as an acolyte and was frequently seen with his father cleaning the church.

He attended 12th Street Elementary School, Pine Annex, and Cobb Avenue High School where he proved to be an excellent student. While at Cobb, Lawrence excelled academically, musically, and athletically. He played trumpet (1st chair) in the marching band, sang bass in the choir, and dominated as the star point guard for the Cobb High School Panther Basketball Team. Lawrence graduated as salutatorian in 1971 and decided to further his education at Talladega College. During his freshman year, he auditioned for the student-formed, multi-genre band, "The Soulful Downbeats." While awaiting his turn to audition, he locked eyes with a beautiful, feisty, saxophone-playing "soul sister" from Greenville, S.C. Her name was Anna Ruth Jeter. The two began dating and the rest was history. In 1975, Lawrence graduated Magna Cum Laude from Talladega College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. He then went on to pursue a career in medicine and was accepted to Meharry Medical College (Nashville, TN) in the Fall of 1975. Upon receiving his Doctor of Medicine degree, Lawrence chose to specialize in Family Medicine. In later

years, he also received his certification in Laser Dermatology. During his residency, Dr. Ware trained at numerous hospitals. These included George W. Hubbard Hospital (Nashville, TN), Huntsville Hospital (Huntsville, AL), Fairview Medical Center (Montgomery, AL), Provident Hospital (Baltimore, MD), and Homer G. Phillips Hospital (St. Louis, MO). He passed his national board exams in 1979 and completed his medical training and residency in 1982. That same year, Dr. Ware was inducted as a Fellow of the Academy of Family Physicians at the annual ceremony in Washington, D.C.

On May 7th, 1983, Lawrence married his college sweetheart, Anna, in the presence of their families and friends. After an opportunity through the National Health Service Corps presented itself, the couple moved to Gadsden, AL, and established their medical practice, West Gadsden Medical Associates, P.C., and began serving the Gadsden/Etowah County community. In 1994, the pair welcomed their daughter, Lawren Brianna, into the world and began their "parenting journey." Lawrence and his family were faithful members of St. Peter Lutheran Church (Gadsden, AL) and also frequented First United Presbyterian Church (Anniston, AL).

During his 36-year medical career, Dr. Ware impacted the lives of thousands of patients and saved the lives of hundreds. In addition to maintaining his private practice, he also worked at several other medical facilities which included V. A. Hospitals, urgent care centers, Quality of Life Health Services, and served as the physician for St. Clair Correctional Facility. Following his retirement from private practice in 2016, Dr. Ware worked as a private contractor for Quality of Life Health Services until November of 2021. He was a caring and devoted practitioner who earned the respect of his patients and colleagues.

In addition to caring for his patients, he faithfully served as the Team Physician for the Anniston High School Bulldogs' Varsity Boys' Basketball

Team for 19 years (under his brother, Coach Schuessler Ware). Dr. Ware loved spending quality time with his wife and daughter. For enjoyment, he would watch TV, work in the yard, ride his John Deere lawnmower, travel to visit family, and support his favorite sports teams from his favorite spot on the couch. He was a devoted husband and father, a loving son and brother/brother-in-law, a cherished uncle and great-uncle, an adored future father-in-law and dog-grandpa, a respected doctor and colleague, a loyal friend, and a mentor to many.

Dr. Lawrence Ricardo Ware transitioned to his heavenly home on the morning of December 13, 2021, at Gadsden Regional Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his brother Gregory Lamar, his father John Edward, his mother Vonnie Marie, and his two sisters, Johnnie Sean and Laura Lee (John).

To cherish his memory, Lawrence leaves behind his beloved wife, Dr. Anna Jeter-Ware, his precious daughter, Lawren Brianna Ware. future son-in-law, Preston Boggs, five sisters: Vonnie M. Fleming (Lucius)(Anniston, AL), JoAnn Ware (Anniston, AL), Julie E. Ware (Anniston, AL), Mary E. Register (Perry) (Sumter,S.C.), and Negretta L. Ware-Wilson (Anniston, AL); three brothers: James E. Ware (Alma) (Selma, AL), Attorney Charles J. Ware (Fran) (Columbia, MD), and Coach Schuessler L. Ware (Kim) (Anniston, AL); sisters-in-law: Carol E. Martin (Simpsonville, S.C.), Faye D. Neysmith (Villa Rica, GA), and Sandra L. Chapman (Harold) (Simpsonville, S.C.); thirteen nieces: Michelle F. Miles (Derrick), Ericka N. Ware, Mia Jacobs Turner (Robert), Lucinda Marie Ware, Kandria J. Turner, Shana Johnson, Jenae Staples, Dr. Ashley Marie Wilson, Brittany R. Ware, Denesha M. Chapman-Means (Joenathan), Gretchen E. Hunt (Cornelius), LaSaundra R. Jeter Caldwell, and Lisa Racquel Jeter-Sutton; twelve nephews: Lucius V. Fleming, Dr. Brian S. Register (Beverly), Judge Kelvin D. Jones (Denise), Attorney Eric L. Register (Kelly), Ryan S. Ware, Gregory J. Ware (Kaleef), H. W. Lamar Chapman

(Suzette), Kelsey J. Chapman (Alicia), Damian M. Chapman (Ashley), Anthony L. Jeter (Tameca), Reginald O. Pickett (Beverly), and Victor E. S. Neysmith; twenty-eight great-nieces and nephews: Mariah, Amari, Sa'Nya, Nicole, Kierstin, Matthew, Devin, Sean, Dawson, Louis, Caleb, Kolton, Christian, Fureous, Chandler, Imani, Milan, Ethan, Malcolm, Stephen, Mackenzie, Gabriel, Makayla, Haiden, Anie'la, Lucas, Rachel, Elijah, and a host of cousins and friends.

Dr. Lawrence R. Ware will be forever deeply loved and missed. We love you so much, Lawrence!

In lieu of flowers please make a donation in honor of Dr. Lawrence R. Ware to: Meharry Medical College- 1005 Dr. DB Todd Jr Blvd, Nashville, TN 37208

LIVE STREAM DETAILS: <https://youtu.be/T-8vjEGSWdg>

Please tune in Wednesday, December 22, 2021 @ 12pm CST

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home Chapel
217 Coosa St. E
Talladega, AL 35160

Tribute Wall

BH

“ Condolences and sympathy to the family. Anna, I will continue to ask GOD to give you the comfort and strength you need at the most difficult time.

Brenda Chancellor-Henderson



Brenda C. Henderson - December 24, 2021 at 05:39 PM

MR

“ Sending love, prayers, and peace to the Ware family. May this father's brilliance and joy continue to be channeled through his family and his daughter, Brianna.

- The McKinney de Royston family

Maxine McKinney de Royston - December 21, 2021 at 11:47 PM

GJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Ware Family during this difficult time. Sending hugs and love your way. (Extended cousin of the Ware family Gwendolyn A. Terry Joyner, Baltimore, Maryland. (Ware, Gore Woodruff)

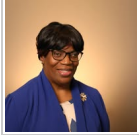
Gwendolyn A. Joyner - December 21, 2021 at 08:25 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Dr. Lawrence Ware.

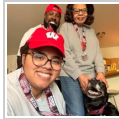


December 21, 2021 at 09:30 AM



“ *Deepest condolences to Dr. Jeter, Lawren, and the entire family. Dr. Ware was an awesome Dr. and community leader. Rest from your labor and keep on smiling. There was never a time that I saw you and your family that you were not smiling. Thank you for your many years of service. Many prayers and blessings for strength in the days to come Dr. Jeter.*

Valarie Byers - December 20, 2021 at 09:47 PM



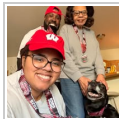
Thank you so so much Mrs. Byers. We appreciate you more than you know!

Brianna Ware - December 21, 2021 at 07:19 PM



“ *The Carmichael, The Bowie, The Jones and The Dunn families send our Condolences and prayers to the Ware families. Remembering Lawrence as we all grew up as neighbors. Keeping you always in our prayers.*

Pearl Carmichael-Dunn - December 20, 2021 at 11:50 AM



Thank you so incredibly much!

Brianna Ware - December 21, 2021 at 07:19 PM



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Carolyn Satcher - December 19, 2021 at 04:28 PM

CS

Dr. Lawrence Ware at Cobb Avenue High School Alumni Reunion with his classmates of 1971. Dr. Lawrence Ware 6th person from the left between classmate in black dress and violet dress.

Carolyn Johnson satcher - December 20, 2021 at 06:52 PM



Thank you so much!

Brianna Ware - December 21, 2021 at 07:20 PM

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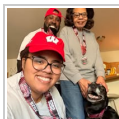
Carolyn Satcher - December 19, 2021 at 04:26 PM

BW

“ *I met Dr. Ware when I was employed at (HNJH) Riverview. He was always very nice and friendly. He also I'm told was a wonderful and caring doctor. That says to me that he was also a wonderful and caring human being. You, the Family have my earnest and sincere condolences. May GOD grant you all peace, understanding, and love, now and in the days ahead. GOD bless you all. Brenda Williams & Family*



Brenda Williams - December 18, 2021 at 03:41 PM



Thank you Mrs. Williams. We appreciate you so much!

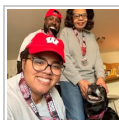
Brianna Ware - December 21, 2021 at 07:20 PM

KM

“ *Dr. Jeter, Brianne & Family,
Our sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy . It is our ongoing prayers that God grant you all strength and comfort during this difficult time today and always. May He comfort and keep you. My sons and I appreciate your kindness shown always as neighbors.*

Kathy, Dee & Jay Moorer

Kathy Moorer - December 16, 2021 at 11:08 PM



Thank you so much Moorer family! We love and appreciate you!

Brianna Ware - December 21, 2021 at 07:23 PM

EF

“ *My Thoughts and Prayers are with the Ware Family on the loss of Lawrence. Praying that Our Lord and Savior sustains each of You in the days ahead.*

E. Dean and Martha Frederick

E. Dean Frederick - December 16, 2021 at 05:51 PM

SD

“ *The DeRamus family sends our sincere condolences to the Ware family for the loss of Dr. Lawrence Ware. We are honored to have known and spent time with him and his family in the past years. We pray that God gives you the peace and comfort that surpasses all understanding. We love you!*

Andre', Sonya, Raven, Kamaria and Ahmad

Sonya J DeRamus - December 16, 2021 at 05:15 PM



Love you guys so incredibly much! We appreciate you more than you will ever know.

Brianna Ware - December 21, 2021 at 07:22 PM

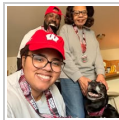
MB

“ *Dr. Jeter and family,*

I am thinking of you and the family and praying during this difficult time. I think of the both of you and the kindness shown to me when I was in nursing school and a single parent. I will never forget the generosity shown and I will forever be grateful. Now may the peace of Christ be with you. Know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. God has you in his loving care.

*Love you,
Marilyn Bougere*

Marilyn Bougere - December 16, 2021 at 01:47 AM



Thank you so very much Mrs. Bougere! God bless you!

Brianna Ware - December 21, 2021 at 07:22 PM