



## Minerva Unicey Ward

July 28, 1921 - May 7, 2024

Minerva Unicey Ward, daughter of the late Richard Fitzhugh and Julia Thompson, was born Thursday, July 28, 1921, in Front Royal, Virginia, the eldest of six children.

Minerva professed her life to Christ at an early age. She loved working in the church as a Deaconess, reading the Bible, and she cherished praising the Lord. She sent cards with her words of encouragement for many years on behalf of the church and was a longstanding member of the Harris A.M.E. Zion Church in Harrisburg, PA.

Minerva loved children and ran her own daycare for many years. She enjoyed watching the children she cared for grow to be successful adults. Minerva was a marching member of the Elks in Steelton, PA, participating in parades and activities with the group. She enjoyed traveling and lived in Virginia, California, New Jersey and Pennsylvania throughout her life. She loved to garden, watch sports, ride on the city bus, make her famous gumbo, talk on the phone with her sister and pass on her wisdom to those she loved.

On Tuesday, May 7, 2024, while at the Homeland Center, Harrisburg, PA, Minerva passed peacefully into the loving arms of God at the blessed age of one-hundred and two. She was predeceased by her husbands, Charles Ward, with whom she shared one child and Morris Atkinson, with whom she shared

two children; and four siblings, Charles Fitzhugh, Richard Fitzhugh, Mildred Giles and Florence Jett.

Minerva Unicey Ward was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She leaves to honor her legacy: her children, Charlene Saunders (Riccardo) of Harrisburg, Ty Ward (Celeste) of Harrisburg, Morris "Lange" Ward (Mia) of DE, and Doris Bland of NJ; her grandchildren, Kyle Ward, Maurice Ward (Stacy), Tiffany Ward, Terrence Martin, Courtney Anderson, Nakita Ward and Johnele Ponton; her great-grandchildren, Kaylani, Kori, Kimorah, Titan, Halo, Caprius, Brya, Mussarh and Khysir; her sister, Julia Jackson of VA; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and honorary sons, Garland Humpherries, Gary Martin, Robert "Bam" Jackson, Shawn Wilson, Larry Neely and Mike Poole.

Minerva will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

# Cemetery Details

## William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets  
Steelton, PA 17113

# Previous Events

## Flower Delivery

MAY 21. 8:30 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.  
106 Agnes St  
Harrisburg, PA 17104  
(717) 939-9950  
wallacefuneraldirectors@gmail.com  
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## Viewing

MAY 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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MAY 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Minerva Unicey Ward



Wallace Funeral Directors - May 21, 2024 at 09:15 AM

SB

“ Condolences to the family of Mrs Minvera.. As I look over the years remembering your great daycare to bring my kids. Thank you for all the knowledge you instilled me over the year, all the talks we had. RIP MY FRIEND. You will be missed.

Sharon Burhanan-Perry - June 18, 2024 at 08:50 PM

TR

“ In Loving Memory of Mrs. Ward, may you continue to rest in peace.



Toni M. Robinson - May 23, 2024 at 09:03 AM

CM

“ Sleep peaceful Queen 🙏 in Loving memory.  
Nan, Celeste and family



Celeste E Middleton - May 19, 2024 at 03:20 PM

LG

“ Love-Tier and Jana "Mildred's grandkids"  
purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the  
family of Minerva Unicey Ward.



Love-Tier and Jana "Mildred's grandkids" - May 17, 2024 at  
11:01 AM



“ I will miss you Mrs. Ward. You became a wonder full friend and then  
a "Mother" to me when I lost my Mother. When I think back over the  
years I remember all the Fridays that we went out to eat and then  
went grocery shopping. During the years we were neighbors, I came  
home to a wonderful hot cooked meal every day. I loved you then, I  
love you now and forever. I cherish these memories. I will always  
know that I have a friend in Heaven. Take care until we meet again.

Danny and Sherry Robison Holloway,

Sherry Robison Holloway - May 16, 2024 at 07:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Minerva Unicey Ward.



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May 16, 2024 at 12:33 PM



“ Vanessa Sisco & David Cozart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Minerva Unicey Ward.

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**Vanessa Sisco & David Cozart** - May 16, 2024 at 12:33 PM