



Melba Priscilla Ward

December 16, 1942 - February 21, 2021

Melba “Priscilla” (Cox) Ward, age 78, passed away on February 21, 2021 at Shore Regional Hospital at Easton. She was born on December 16, 1942 in Louisiana, the daughter of Ralph H. Cox and Melba C. (Silcox) Cox.

Priscilla and her older sister Cynthia Cox Goff grew up in Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida. Priscilla graduated from Suwannee County High School at age 17. She graduated from Florida State University with her degree in education in 1964 and later receive her master’s degree in education in 1980 from John’s Hopkins University. Priscilla’s first teaching position was at Normandy Village Elementary School in Jacksonville, Florida. In 1965, she met Lt. Trenwith (Tren) Rockwell Ward (US Naval Acad. Grad) and they were married on May 21, 1966. Over her teaching Career, Priscilla founded the Magothy Cooperative Preschool in 1974 which is still in operation. She taught first grade, third grade, and pre-kindergarten at several different schools. Her last position was at Germantown Elementary School in Annapolis, MD as the pre- k teacher. She was Anne Arundel County Teacher of the year in 1997 and was one of the top 10 finalist for Maryland State Teacher in 1997. Priscilla was an active member of Magothy United Methodist Church and then at Kent Island United Methodist. In her later years, she continued to do the baby basket ministry for new babies at church and took great pride in putting together beautiful baskets. Priscilla was an extremely loving and giving woman who was a great inspiration to her husband, children, grandchildren, friends, and the many children she taught throughout the years. She will be greatly missed!

In addition to being predeceased by her parents, she is also predeceased by her son David Rockwell Ward.

Priscilla is survived by her husband Tren Ward, her daughter Jennifer L. Ward Treff, her son Matthew R. Ward, her son- in -law Gregory A. Treff, her daughter -in- Law, Sherri Ward and her four Grandchildren, David Ralph Treff, Ryan Nathaniel Ward, Benjamin Gregory Treff, Jacob Harrison Ward,her sister Cynthia Cox Goff and brother-in-law Charles Goff.

A memorial service will be held at Kent Island United Methodist Church in Chester, MD on Friday, February 26, 2021 at 11 AM.

Events

FEB **Memorial Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Kent Island United Methodist Church
2739 Cox Neck Road, Chester, MD, US

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 26 at 10:51 AM



“ Priscilla taught next to me at Freetown Elementary. One year, she had my son, Corey, in her class. He was a handful, but I never heard Priscilla's voice - only that of her TA. Often! The Freetown gang has had several reunions over the years, and it was always more special when Priscilla could attend. What a sweet, funny lady! She will be truly missed...

Kathy Russo - February 27 at 09:15 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melba Priscilla Ward.



February 24 at 06:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melba Priscilla Ward.



February 24 at 11:18 AM



“ When I moved to the Eastern Shore, and began teaching Sunday School at Kent Island United Methodist Church, I remember one of the first couples I met were Priscilla and Tren Ward. They would bring their grandson, Ben, to my 2nd grade Sunday School classroom, and later began teaching the 5th Grade Sunday School class. What a delightful couple! Priscilla will be sorely missed.

Sharon Richter - February 24 at 09:24 AM



“ Priscilla and I worked together as Kindergarten teachers for Summer School at Germantown Elementary School many years ago. As a new teacher at the time, I learned so much from working with her and watching/admiring how she just loved every single one of our children. I took that life lesson and continue to love each and every one of my students 29 years later. Now I have the pleasure of working with her son, Matt. My deepest condolences are being sent to her family. Please know that she was so loved by everyone she touched.
Carrie Mitten

Carrie Mitten - February 24 at 07:27 AM



“ Priscilla was such a great southern lady. She pitched in at bake sales and Esther Circle fundraisers at KIUMC and loved our annual luncheon at Fisherman's Inn. I know she greatly loved her family and the love of her life, Tren. She shared many stories about her grandsons over the years and always counted on her Circle friends to pray with her for her family's needs or challenges. We will all miss her very much.

Lila Holmes - February 23 at 09:43 PM



“ So enjoyed her hospitality for our Esther Circle meeting!
Still remember all the compliments as a teacher!
She will be missed.

Jane Sparks - February 23 at 10:53 AM