



Ernest L. Woodward Sr.

January 30, 2025

Ernest Lee Woodward, Sr., 78, passed away on Thursday, January 30, 2025. He was a self-employed carpenter and a native of Portsmouth, Virginia. He was the son of the late Virginia Lee Woodward and William Everett Woodward, Jr.

Ernie is survived by his siblings, James Everett Woodward, Barbara Ann Brown, and Brenda Joseph; his living children, Ernest Lee Woodward, Jr., and Christina Marie Gaskins; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ernie was the first to help his neighbors or anyone in need. He loved to work in his yard and keep up with his home. He was constantly cutting the grass and planting flowers to beautify his yard, but most of all he loved his family. He was a wonderful man all around, and the world was a better place with him. He will be missed by all who got to know him.

The family will receive friends in the funeral home Sunday, February 9, 2025, from 12:30-1:30 pm. Followed by a procession to Olive Branch Cemetery for a graveside service.

Previous Events

A Visitation Celebrating His Life

FEB 9. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Followed by a procession to Olive Branch Cemetery for a graveside service.

Tribute Wall

AL

“ *He was my first boyfriend when I moved to Portsmouth, Va.*

Anita Luper - December 21, 2025 at 02:24 PM

BJ

“ *For my brother:
Pennies from Heaven
I found a penny today, just laying on the ground. But it's not just a penny this little coin I've found.
Found pennies come from Heaven that's what my grandpa told me.
He said angels toss them down, oh how I love that story.
He said when an angel misses you , they toss a penny down.
Sometimes just to cheer you up, to make a smile out of your frown.
So don't pass by that penny when you're feeling blue. It may be a penny from Heaven that an angel's tossed to you.*

*Your sister
Brenda Inez Joseph*

Brenda Joseph - February 09, 2025 at 10:24 AM

LF

“ *You were the best pawpaw any girl could've ever asked for!! I certainly wish I would've gotten one more hug from you, I love you.
❤️ until we meet again pawpaw.*



Lauren Fletcher - February 07, 2025 at 10:19 PM