

Marvin S. Ward, age 96 of Perham, MN, passed peacefully in his sleep Thursday, July 2, 2026 at Like Mother, Like Daughter Care Home in Perham.

He was born on a farm just outside Bluffton, Minnesota, and the oldest of five children. He was the son of Sylvester and Myrtle (Brown) Ward. He grew up in the Wadena area where he attended elementary school, then high school at Maplewood Academy in Hutchinson, MN.

After graduating, he was drafted into the US Army to serve during the Korean War. While there, he corresponded with his childhood friend, Donna Arvig, and after returning home, they married on June 8, 1954. They moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan where he attended Andrews University, earning a degree in business. He worked for Social Security in Detroit and retired in 1984. Then they moved back to Perham where he worked for Arvig Communications in construction management, buying and selling cars, and heavy equipment for the company.

A favorite pastime of his was visiting different countries all over the world, going on trips with Maranatha to help with construction projects for underprivileged areas. He was a devoted member of the Seventh Day Adventist church. After his precious wife, Donna died in 2012, he had a new, state of the art, Lodge built and dedicated to her memory at the church camp.

Preceding him in death was his brother, Eugene and his wife Sandra; and his sister, Marjorie.

Surviving Marvin is his son, Bruce and wife Holly Ward; grandchildren, Kirstin, Madeline, Allison, and Carter; sisters, Cleo Forman of Alberta, Canada and Connie Wellman of Tennessee; brother-in-law, Allen Arvig and wife Carmen of Perham; sister-in-law, Janice Theodorson, and numerous nieces and nephews and friends.



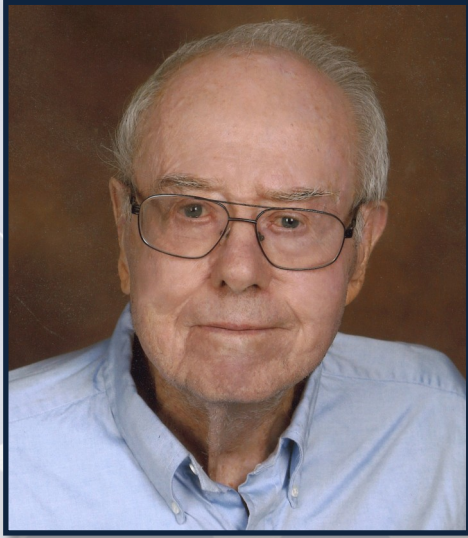
In Loving

M E M O R Y



Marvin S. Ward

May 8, 1930 - July 2, 2026



The LORD is my
I shall not want.

Shepherd;

He maketh me to
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,

He restoreth my
soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*

- Psalm 23

Time of Gathering

Saturday, August 8, 2026 at 5:00 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Schoeneberger Funeral &

Cremation Service

Perham, Minnesota

Private Family Funeral Service

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Speakers

Helen Reed

Kelvin Rudolph

Scott Ward

Interment

Perham City Cemetery

Perham, Minnesota

Bagpiper

Scott Simpson

Military Honors Provided by

Perham VFW ~ Dent American Legion

Minnesota National Guard Honor Guard