RAY HOWARD WARD

Ray Howard Ward, 56, of Hilliard, went home to be with the Lord on October 2, 2019. He was born March 2, 1963 in Washington, D.C. He grew up in St. Petersburg, Florida from 1966-1978, and then moved to Chiefland, where he graduated from Chiefland High School in 1981. He moved to Jacksonville in 1987 to attend Trinity Baptist College for a Pastoral degree, and later became an ordained minister.

He was a member of Buford Grove Baptist Church of Hilliard. Ray was a loving son, husband, father and grandfather. He was preceded in death by his father Ray Herbert Ward.

He is survived by his mother Mary A. Guptill of Chiefland; his loving wife of 36 years, Deborah L. Ward of Hilliard; sons Daniel Ward of Hilliard and Samuel Ward of Jakarta, Indonesia; daughters Rebekah Borges (David) of Hilliard and Sarah (Arthur) Pipes of Chiefland; grandchildren Blake Ward, Alice Jane Borges, Cooper Ward, Eleanor Ward, and Adelaide Borges.

The service and interment was led by Pastor Curtis Harrington on Saturday, October 5 at Buford Grove Baptist Church in Hilliard. Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, 904-879-2336.