



David Wayne Ward

July 9, 1957 - October 21, 2023

Surrounded by his loving family on October 21, 2023, David Wayne Ward, 66, was called home early by our Lord Jesus Christ at 3:31 p.m. Throughout his battle with pancreatic cancer, Dave remained resolute in his dedication to God, family, friends, and hard work.

Born on July 9, 1957, he spent the majority of his life in the Mayo/Edgewater area, where he made friends, raised a family, and through his undeniable determination, built two successful businesses, Taurus Enterprises and Chesapeake Spas.

He was the patriarch of the family, a “salt of the earth” type who loved his family, hugs, his country, freedom, fireworks, fast bikes, fast cars, hard work, lacrosse, and his lawn mower.

Whether you came to him for a hug, advice, or a favor, he was the type that would leap at the chance to help. He was a charitable, loving man who used his prosperity for the greater good. He was humbled by God’s love for him and showed it through his involvement in the growth of Edgewater Bible Church, where he served as an elder and leader of a weekly Bible study.

David is survived by his beloved wife of 11 years, W. Gayle Ward; his children, Adam David Ward (wife Jennifer), Adele Ward Lerner (husband Billy), April Reene Slater, Daphne Christine Ward, and his step-son John Vincent Baumgarten III (wife Alyssa); his siblings, Bobby Ward and Bea Ward; and his grandchildren, Alexis Ward, Hudson Ward, Cutler Ward, Gabrielle Slater, Xander Slater, Bryndle Ward, Elijah Ward, and Chase Valdes. He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Beatrice Ward, and three siblings, Richie Ward, Billy Ward and Joy Ward.

The family would like to invite everyone to join in Dave's Life Celebration on Friday October 27, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 2 Pythian Dr.; Edgewater, Md. 21037.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made in honor of Dave's granddaughter, Alexis's non-profit organization, The Charlottesville Cardinals, dedicated to making rugby more inclusive for athletes with disabilities.

Donation Information

Paypal: @cvillecardinals

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Venmo: @cvillecardinals

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Checks: made out to Charlottesville Cardinals Unified Rugby
Addressed to 931 Spruce Street Apt A Philadelphia PA 19107

Tribute Wall

JN

“ I am deeply saddened to learn today of the loss of another great man! David was an honest hard worker that made efforts to help everyone. Ive known David for years but got to know him better in the last few. We connected a couple months ago, he liked to talk business and politics and told me he had cancer. I wish I could call him one more time! Many prayers to his family during their time of grief. With deepest sympathies, Judy

Judith Neighoff - December 02, 2023 at 06:04 PM

NA

“ David Wayne Ward

Nancy Arduengo - November 03, 2023 at 09:39 AM

JK

“ In memory of David Ward

Jerry and Betsy Klinken - October 30, 2023 at 09:28 AM

ST

“ I am so saddened and was shocked that David has passed on. I know that he loved the Lord and I know he is being celebrated and so happy right now to be with Jesus. I want to say what a wonderful person he was 30 years ago when I had my little baby and I was single him and his wife walked me through my entire pregnancy and supported me when nobody else did I have great affection for this man. He was funny he was smart we used to work with the real estate agent that had a business called so and back and David used to call it second cell it was so funny but we were successful and had a wonderful team. Anyway I know that he's in heaven I can't wait to see him someday with my family I am so sorry for the loss of this wonderful man too his wife and family children but we'll see him again. Susan love Susan

Susan Turner - October 28, 2023 at 01:56 PM

WA

“ Every night when the stars shine bright, we'll know you're setting fireworks off in heaven! Dave, you will truly be missed by all \nAl & Wanda

Wanda - October 27, 2023 at 07:40 PM

TS

“ No words can express how we feel for your loss, we pray that you and your family may find peace in comfort in God always daily!! Big HUGS and LOVE!

The Scott's - October 27, 2023 at 07:33 PM

BL

“ Brother Dave,\n\nPeace on you and may the Lord bless you and keep you. \n\nSorry I couldn't be with you today - grandkid duty. My fond memories include when you were helping our church, Centenary UMC after it burned to the ground. If not for your assistance settling with our insurer we would have had an extremely hard time rebuilding. Then there was the time you were asked to speak at our sister church. St. Matthews UMC, when we consecrated the new sanctuary you built for them. You were so moved by the Spirit I could actually feel it. I'm blessed to have seen you a couple weeks ago.\n\nI remember your incredible faith. I remember your environmental conscientiousness when building your projects. I remember your amazing strength in adversity.\n\nYou are a child of faith and a minister to many. Rest easy brother in the comfort of the Lord. I'll catch up with you in the glory of the kingdom of God.\n\nNum 6: 24-26\n\nLove Bob

Bob Lee - October 27, 2023 at 07:27 PM

CC

“ RIP David Ward you will be greatly missed you were a great man .
God has a special Angel .

Carrie and Dorothy Richard @ Carries K-9 Clips - October 27, 2023 at 06:39 PM

CR

“ It's not gonna be the same without you my friend. My prayers go out for the family. So very sorry for this loss.

Christie Richey - October 27, 2023 at 09:46 AM

DR

“ Loved Dave always upbeat outgoing, always had a big hug for me, bike talk and Hot Rods.\n\nDonald Cecil Raulin

Donald Cecil Raulin - October 26, 2023 at 04:06 PM

YM

“ We will miss \“David Wayne Ward\”.

Your friends at American Cedar and Millwork - October 26, 2023 at 12:45 PM

LH

“ We were lucky to call David a friend. He always took time to say hi and be friendly. He made a habit of spending time with you no matter how long it been since you saw him last. Which was at the American Legion car show. We're lucky to park next to his car. He talked a while and then gave me his ticket for best card, because he didn't think he'd win. He won 2, took them to him and he was so happy. He will always be remembered. \nLucky Angels \nLinda Hull

Linda Hull - October 25, 2023 at 05:37 PM

DP

“ Dave owned property next to our family marina - Dave was tough, yet fair, always had your back, a talented craftsman, a smart businessman and someone you could count on if you needed anything. Rest in Peace Dear Friend. David Phipps

David Phipps - October 25, 2023 at 02:03 PM

RP

“ Sorry to hear of the loss of a great teammate and man. Dave was a tough defenseman who I was glad played with not against. Always would greet you with a smile and a a kind word. Will be missed.

Rick Peret - October 25, 2023 at 08:41 AM

LJ

“ Dave was there for my family in a very difficult time. He showed up at my house, called me several times a day, always checking on me, always ready to be there. He made me feel cared for, safe and protected like a father to a daughter. He loved to joke and laugh and at the same time was always ready to talk about what really matters- knowing Jesus and living for Him. I will truly, truly miss him but am also just so grateful I knew him.

Liz Jones - October 24, 2023 at 08:17 PM

RC

“ what a great guy, he was a kind and supportive Lacross coach to our son. RIP

Rocky Cumminhs - October 24, 2023 at 07:42 PM

KS

“ Granddad taught me how to properly eat Maryland Blue Crabs, it's my favorite memory with him!

Katie Stombres - October 24, 2023 at 03:57 PM

KE

“ Dave was a really great guy who always looked out for his friends and family. He will be missed by all.
Kenneth and Annetta Conley

Kenneth - October 24, 2023 at 09:59 AM

TW

“ David Ward was the type of man movies are made about, a John Wayne, larger than life character who could quiet a room just by entering it . Dave Ward simply lived life in a way few could He simply did things right, helped those who couldn't help themselves, feed the needy, fixed houses that needed care. But above all, his life taught people to just live life as God would . Dave never backed away from a challenge others would have turned away from. His Address is now a new one but Dave will live on in all of us who learned from him, those who rally to the call of the needy and those who will want to follow his memory in by being the Bible that was his life

Tammy Wolfe - October 23, 2023 at 09:35 PM

BM

“ Gayle, we send our condolences to you and the rest of the family. Dave was a one of a kind person. Generous, kind and giving. We praise the Lord for bringing y'all into our lives. May God give you peace and strength. Love you, Brian and Brenda Marston

Brenda Marston - October 23, 2023 at 08:51 PM

BO

“ Uncle Dave as my family knew him, he was kind and generous. He paid attention to friends and family. 50 yrs of small but important things to remember about him. He will always be remembered in my heart ❤️ (Aunt Brenda)

Brenda ODell - October 23, 2023 at 06:01 PM

AW

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services

A Memorial Tree was planted for David Wayne Ward - October 23, 2023 at 04:12 PM