



Thomas L. Ward

March 11, 1954 - November 27, 2011

Ward, Thomas L. Suddenly November 27, 2011, age 57 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Barbara. Loving father of Stacey, Rebecca, and Megan Rose. Dear son of William J. and the late Eleanor. Dear brother of Dr. William S. (Patty), and Patti (Kirk) Brannock. Memorial visitation Wednesday November 30, 2011, 5-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Gathering Thursday December 1, 2011, 10 AM until the 10:30 AM memorial mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 North Territorial (at Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to U of D Jesuit High School, ATTN: Development, 8400 South Cambridge Road, Detroit MI 48221 or Donor's Choice. To share memories, please use the condolences link on this page.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas L. Ward*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss. Death is our common enemy as it affects all of us. I therefore want to encourage the family to take heart and be hopeful in the promise by God, that he will wipe every tear and no more will be any death again. Death will be brought to nothing, Isaiah 25:8 and 1Corinthians 15:28. God by means of Jesus will call and all that died will hear his voice and come out. John 5:25. We have an opportunity to see our dead loved ones come back to life again and never to die. What a wonderful moment that will be!*

Peggy - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM



“ *Wardy was, indeed, one of a kind. He lived life to the absolute fullest. My time with him at U of D, both on and off the basketball court, will always be memorable. He received too little credit for our basketball team's success; in truth, he was an important component who added toughness and non-stop intensity, along with a healthy sense of humor. And loyal--Tom exuded loyalty. I will miss you, Tom.*

Dan Hoff - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM



“ *Dr. Ward, We are so deeply sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. SJMO Pre Op Nurses*

SJMO PRE OP NURSES - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

KM

“ Dear Barb & girls- Our hearts are broken to hear of Tom's passing. Our prayers are with you and your family during this time. May you find some comfort in all the wonderful memories that you have. We wish we could be there with the family during this time. Please know that you are not alone in your sadness. We are deeply sorry for your loss. Much love XOXOXO

Kelley & John Moore - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

LM

“ Dear Barbara & Girls, We were so very saddened to hear of Tom's passing. Our condolences to all of you. Tom was a wonderful neighbor and friend. He was quick with a smile and made others feel good to be around him. We will continue to lift you up in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Lorri and Peter Mastic

Lorri & Peter Mastic - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

PH

“ Dear Barbara, I am so sorry for your loss. Although it has been many years since we were at WGCC, I considered Tom a good friend, and to hear of his passing, a big shock. Best Wishes to you and the girls.

patrick hoener - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

JC

“ Dr, Bill Ward, Rest assured that we are all thinking of you at this difficult time. All our condolences to you and your family. Jim Caralis

Jim and Barb Caralis - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

JP

“ Tom was a dear friend of ours through high school, college and the many years that followed. We know how much he loved Barbara and how very proud he was of his beautiful daughters. We will always have fond memories of Wardy and will treasure all the good times we shared with him. Our prayers and love are with the entire Ward family. Barb and Joe Petrosky

Joe Petrosky - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

PS

“ Although I only knew Tom during high school and mainly from the basketbal team, I remember his intensity on the floor (you never wanted to run into one of his "picks") and his fun-loving side off of it. I never mastered that ability to balance things at that time, and I admired that about him. From what I've read here, he apparently carried these qualities over to a successful and full life both in his work and with his famiily and friends. Nice job, Tom! You and your family are in my prayers.

Paul Sabourin - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

MD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Tom, Barb, Stacey, Beckey, Magen..My deepest sympathy..Our families were very close when our kids were young at Western. When we were up north at the Bear you and I took all six kids to the hole-&-one contest in strollers. the wives thought we were locked in our rooms..nice try..I would feed your kids while you tried & you would feed mine while I tried..We both agreed that we would not spend more than 100 bucks to get an ace..Both of us failed..To Stacey..want to go swimmig in Cabo..whoops..Lost you for moment in the surf..But Im captain of the swim team..In the ocean there is no captain..to Beckey & Magen..You girls are the heart & souls of your parents, friends, & family. Always be for them. To Barbara..I will never forget the good times and the bad..you are a wonderful and caring individual..Your family will always be a part of mine. All our love, Mike, Mchelle, Erica, Derrick, & Leah... God Bless You

Mike Dunville - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

SB

“ Dear Dr. Ward; My deepest sorrow for your pain. I can only hope that you know how sad I am for your loss. Even though we have not worked together for many years you have remained special in my heart as a great employer and wonderful example of how life should be spent. I am sure that Tom watched and learned from you also. With many warm thoughts, Sandy

Sandy Benedict - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

JW

“ My most sincere sympathy to the entire Ward family. Tom was one of a kind. I am fortunate that all of my mermories of Tom will bring a smile to my face. We shared many good times. God Bless you all.

Jim White - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

MF

“ Our deepest condolences to the entire family. Tom Ward was a good friend of mine and for that I am forever grateful. From the days at U of D High to WMU and beyond Tommy was a force in my life. He always attacked life at full speed. From selling "Go Bird Go" bumper stickers at Tiger Stadium to becoming a very successful automotive representative. He was a true friend to many and was always there for those that needed help. We will miss you Tom. The Fenberts

Mike Fenbert - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

CN

“ Dear Barbara and girls: I want to convey our deepest and heartfelt condolences and sympathy in the sudden passing of Tommy. May you always keep your fondest memories in your hearts to get you through the hard times. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers as you travel tthrough these hard and trying days. God bless to you all. Love, Cindy & Chuck Norrow

Cindy Norrow - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

SH

“ May I offer sincere condolences to Tommy's whole family. How can I forget our days together at the High? Tom and JC always made me wish that I had been born Irish so as to be able to enjoy life like it appeared they did. Eternal rest and perpetual light old friend.

Steve "Heiny" Heinrich - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

MM

“ I am deeply saddened to hear the news of Tom's passing. Even though we have been out of touch for many years I still have very fond memories of our basketball days at St. Valentines with his brother Bill and Mr. Ward as coach. I always appreciated his friendship and great sense of humor as we continued our journey at U of D High. My heartfelt condolences to the entire family. You are all in my prayers. Mark McDonald ' 72 Mark McDonald ' 72

Mark McDonald - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

RM

“ Dear Barb & Girls It is so sad to hear about Tom, he was a good man and a friend. I can remember interviewing him when he joined Western in 1981. We played a lot of golf together and had many laughs. One of the great stories about Wardy, is his three beautiful daughters and his new Red Cadillac. I think of that one every time I see a Red Cadillac going down the road. His family was always in his heart. May he rest in peace and God Bless His Family. Ray & Barb Madden

Ray Madden - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

BP

“ I met Tom at UDHS, and like so many others I remember his smile and his wit. Our world is a little darker today with his passing.. My sincerest condolences.

Bob Pociask - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

MJ

“ *Very, very sad news. Knowing Tom since our WMU days and beyond, he will indeed be missed. Wardy, memories are bringing a smile to this old friend's face, even during these difficult moments. God Speed, Sir. Linda and I send our thoughts and prayers to Barbara and the girls, Bill & Patty and the entire Ward family.*

Mike Jones - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

JV

“ *We were saddened to learn of Tom's passing. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends. We knew Tom since high school and shared many good times together. He always had a smile - Barb and the girls - God Bless You and keep you during these difficult times.*

Janet and Dennis Voltattorni - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

JB

“ *Tommy - we go way back, and have had a lot of laughs along the way. From our days at St. Valentines, vacationing in Cadillac (with your 6 egg breakfasts - until you finally learned you were allergic to eggs); caddying at Western with the boys, up to our most recent years - golfing at Western with the boys. I'll never forget your unorthodox golf swing, your quick wit, or that infectious wry smile - that somehow bacame a Wardy trademark. Rest in Peace my friend. Brownie*

Jimmy Browne - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

Jl

“ I want to send my heartfelt condolences to Tom's family. I just now found out about the passing of my old high School friend. I want to share with his family, and especially his daughters, that your dad was very kind to me at a time when most were not. I have vivid memories of Tom Ward sitting with this nerdy kid in the lunch room at UDHS and taking the time to talk with me and treat me with respect. He made me feel special and today I feel the loss of my old friend. It has been years since I saw or spoke with Tom, but the memories of those long ago days at UDHS immediately came back to me when I was told of his passing. May the memories of this fine man sustain you in the days ahead and may God bless your entire family and provide you with peace in the days to come. To those who believe, there is no goodbye. All the best to the entire family.

Joseph M. Fasi II - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

BL

“ Barb and Girls, I am so sorry to hear about Tom. He will be dearly missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

Brenda Liggett - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

PD

“ Dear Barb & Girls, I am so, so saddened for your loss. Wardy was so unique. He Loved his family so much and I know he was so proud of his beautiful daughters. Please know your in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this together. Please call on me if you need anything. Tommy was a good loyal friend! I will miss him!
Love, Peter

Peter David - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

MF

“ Having the pleasure of knowing Tom for almost 38 years, first as an athletic rival (Cub's v Shamrock's) and then as a close friend from our days at WMU, I'll remember Tom as a man with a huge heart, and even bigger smile. Glad to be counted among his friends. My condolences to Tom's wife Barbara and the entire Ward family. I will miss him, RIP Tom.

Mark Fronrath - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

KM

“ I am devastated by this news. I first met Tom while in grade school competing in CYO sports in which his team always thrashed us pretty good. Then on through UD as eventual teammates with much fonder memories. We have since seen each other regularly on the golf course and at many social occasions. Tom was one of a kind.....a giant heart, a loyal friend, a fierce competitor and will be missed by myself and my entire family. They all loved seeing and being with "Mr Ward" and hearing about our shared younger days. He leaves behind a beautiful family that he loved so dearly and was so very proud. Our dearest condolences Barbara, Stacey, Becky, Megan, Grandpa Ward, Bill and Patti. Godspeed Tom. Love, Kevin and Maria Malone

Kevin Malone - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

FS

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Tom was a great guy and good classmate of the class of 72. I'll say Mass for Tom this week and for all of his family and friends Fr. Bob Shafer '72

Fr Bob shafer - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM