



"Jr Ward" Newell Ray Ward Jr.

August 9, 1954 - October 7, 2020

Newell R. Ward, Jr age 66, of Golden, MO died on Wednesday, October 07, 2020 at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield, MO. JR was born in Kansas City, MO on Monday, August 09, 1954 to the late Newell R Ward, Sr. and Wanda (Jarvis) Ward. He graduated from Pierce City High School in 1973. JR was married to Cindy Little on Saturday, May 26, 1973 at the family farm in Wentworth, MO. He retired from EFCO where he was an estimator of windows. Jr always enjoyed being outdoors, mowing, and any handy man activity. He also enjoyed wood working and feeding/watching wildlife with family and spending time at home. One of his favorite activities was watching Alaskan shows on television. Jr and Cindy were able to travel to Alaska in 2011 and very much enjoyed this trip. Before moving to the lake, he attended church at First Baptist Church in Monett, MO. He was a member of the Decatur Lodge #400 in Pierce City, MO and was Chairman for The Village of Emerald Beach.

Surviving are the following: his wife, Cindy of the home; two sons, Chip (Crystal) Ward of Phoenix, AZ and Chris Ward of Granite City, IL two brothers, Laverne (Kathy) Ward of Rogers, AR and Melvin Ward of Wentworth, MO; and four grandchildren, Collin, Cierra, Chelsea and Cailey.

The family will receive friends at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on Saturday, October 10, 2020 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Masonic services will follow beginning at 8:00 PM. Private family burial will take place at a later date.

Due to COVID 19, the family asks that you social distance and would appreciate the wearing of masks.

Memorials may be made to Decatur Lodge #400 in care of the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Lakin Funeral Home
501 N Elm St.
Pierce City, MO 65723
(417) 476-2626
lakinfuneral@suddenlink.net

Masonic Services

OCT 10. 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *"Jr Ward" Newell Ray Ward Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ *Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of "Jr Ward" Newell Ray Ward Jr..*



December 09, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ *Cindy & Family, very sorry to have learned of Junior's passing. Prayers to all of you. I enjoyed working with him (& you) @ EFCO in Monett, & also talking with him anytime in & around Monett or Pierce City, MO. Especially liked his witty humor during each conversation. Pierce City's "Howdy Neighbor Day's" won't be the same by not seeing him there. God Bless*



Brenda Woods - October 16, 2020 at 03:21 AM



“ *Cindy, so sorry to see this. Thoughts and many prayers.
Anita (Taylor) Conway*

Anita L Conway - October 14, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ *Cindy I am so sorry. My heart goes out to you. Jr will be missed. I am praying for comfort and strength for you.*

Stacy Norris - October 12, 2020 at 03:25 PM

GW

“ *The first time we met Jr, we were struck by his quiet demeanor. He quickly warmed up and over the past couple years, we learned first hand what a man of decency and integrity is like. Jr. and Cindy exhibit a work ethic unlike any we've ever seen. Jr. was constantly working around Emerald Beach Village and helping others -- often behind-the-scenes and unrecognized for his "above-and-beyond" efforts. We will miss this dear man so much, but are so thankful for the example of a life well lived. He was obviously devoted to his family and friends, as well as truth and morality. And we loved his wicked sense of humor, too! Cindy & family -- our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Jr. left a void in so many lives that will never be filled. We wish we had known him longer!*



Gayla & Steve Weatherford

Gayla Weatherford - October 12, 2020 at 10:54 AM

MP

“ *So sorry for your loss Cindy & Melvin. I always thought a lot of "Pops" Jr as I referred to him. May God be with you.*

Mark Porter - October 12, 2020 at 10:44 AM

BA

“ *Cindy I am so sorry. I hadn't heard about Jr's passing until now when I saw the post for his obituary. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Beverly Anderson - October 10, 2020 at 10:25 PM



“ *Sorry to hear. Thinking of all the family.*



Betty Jarvis - October 10, 2020 at 09:13 AM

CA

“ Jr will be greatly missed by the Village of Emerald Beach. He was always there to help when someone needed it. Our condolences to the Ward family during this time.

*Village of Emerald Beach
Cathie Arnold, Secretary*

Cathie Arnold - October 09, 2020 at 11:23 AM

BS

“ Wonderful man, he will be missed, so sorry for your loss

Becky Sullivan - October 08, 2020 at 09:35 PM

DJ

“ Cindy, I am so sorry to hear this. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dorothy Jonez - October 08, 2020 at 08:49 PM

LM

Cindy, Bruce & I are so sorry about Jr. We're thinking of you! We love you! We are here if we can do anything to for you!

LeeAnn Mettlach - October 15, 2020 at 07:02 PM

TS

“ When I came to the estimating dept. at EFCO, Jr. Ward was the first to welcome me. His motto was "Can you do these quotes the other way, faster"? He and his wife Cindy were the mainstays of the department and I know that estimating would have never functioned as smoothly were it not for them. He had a great sense of humor and a firm grasp of reality. Rest in peace, Junior.

Tony Schatz

Tony Schatz - October 08, 2020 at 12:18 PM