



Donald Randolph "Randy" Ward

May 21, 1948 - October 1, 2020

Memorial Services for Donald Randolph "Randy" Ward, 72, of Tyler, will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 2:00 PM in the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703.

Mr. Ward, a Christian, was born on May 21, 1948, in Orlando, FL. He passed away on Thursday, October 1, 2020, at home after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Ward served in the US Navy from 1970 until 1976. He graduated from Florida Technological University (now UCF) in 1974. He was a real history buff which was complemented by his phenomenal memory. His attention to detail was matched only by his sense of humor. He had careers in both the insurance industry and law enforcement. He retired from the Orange County Florida Sheriff's Office Court Services in 2011. He and his wife Mary moved to Tyler in 2012.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ferris Ward, mother, Eileen Ward and brother, Dee Ward. He is survived by his loving family, including wife and best friend, Mary Ward, brother and sister-in-law, Jim Lindsey (Linda), nephew, Bill Parker (Nita), Texarkana, great-nephew Will Parker, Mesquite, and best little companion, cocker spaniel, Oliver.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to St.

Jude Children's Research Hospital, P. O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929
or Tunnel Two Towers Foundation, 2361 Hyland Blvd., Staten Island, NY
10306-3100.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Randy was usually the first face I saw as I entered the office area. He always had a greeting of the day and smile for me. A truly nice guy. I am sad to hear of his passing. Rest in Peace.

Scott Chase - October 07, 2020 at 01:13 PM

HM

“ Pictured just as so many of us remember him. It was always such a pleasure to visit with Randy. Rest in Peace, my friend.

Henry Miazga

Henry Miazga - October 06, 2020 at 05:38 PM

BS

“ Mary, you and your family are in my thoughts & prayers. Randy was always helpful & such a pleasure to work with at the Courthouse.

Brenda Spears - October 06, 2020 at 03:38 PM

PA

“ Mary, I am so sorry for your loss! Randy was such an amazing person to work with! We shared many laughs and I loved listening to his stories and talking about guns, training, and hunting. He was always a great sounding board when I was frustrated at work and had great advice! I drank a lot of green tea and I remember him coming into the courthouse one day and handing me an 11 pack of green tea. It was an 11 pack because he tried one and spit it out. He said, I always saw you with this stuff and figured I would try it. How do you drink that stuff? It tastes like \$^#! I laughed so hard and thanked him for the tea. The look on his face was priceless! I have often thought about Randy and wondered how he was. This was not the news I wanted to hear. Randy will be sorely missed! Rest in peace my friend! I will see you again!!

Paul S. Anderson

Paul Steven Anderson - October 05, 2020 at 10:16 PM

MD

“ Rest in Peace Randy thank you for memories during are time together at the courthouse it was pleasure to serve with you God Bless. Amen

Michael Doby - October 05, 2020 at 08:47 PM

RM

“ Hi Mary,
My heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time. May you find the strength to face tomorrow with the love that surrounded you yesterday.
In Prayer,
Rosa Munoz
Orange County Sheriff's Office

Rosa Munoz - October 05, 2020 at 04:07 PM

RK

“ Rick and Kathryn purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald Randolph "Randy" Ward.



Rick and Kathryn - October 05, 2020 at 03:51 PM

BB

“ Little did I know when we sent the peace plant is was Randy's favorite plant. God speed and peace be with you and Mary. We had so many good times on vacations and will cherish the memories forever. God has a new angel and I know Randy will spread his wings with the wind and rise above all. I am so glad we could be with Mary during this difficult time. Much love and God's peace be with the family.

Love, Butch & Cathy

Butch Baker - October 05, 2020 at 03:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Randolph "Randy" Ward.



October 05, 2020 at 02:25 PM

TA

“ My dearest friend, from the moment I met you I knew you were a special person! The parties were always great as you and Mary stayed late to help clean up, snack and chat. I will miss you but I know you will be an asset to heaven! Love Tammy

Tammy - October 05, 2020 at 02:24 PM

CA

“ I remember bugging Randy! He had a tight cubicle in the front entrance of the office and when I needed to get something in his area, my big hips would get in his way!!! He would get a little upset but then I would make him laugh. He really did like the spanish "Quesito" dessert I would bring.

I will keep you and your family in my prayer today.

Rest in peace Randy.

Master Deputy Carmen Acevedo

CARMEN ACEVEDO - October 05, 2020 at 01:17 PM

GD

“ MY DEPEST CONDOLENCES FOR ALL THE FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.

G Diaz-Pitti - October 05, 2020 at 01:15 PM

MM

“ My deepest sympathies for Mary and the Family. Randy and I shared many discussions at the Courthouse. His wit and sense of humor were always top shelf. Always enjoyed talking about guns with him. A great Man, and I am enriched to have known him even a little. Godspeed my Friend.

Mike McDonald

Mike McDonald - October 05, 2020 at 01:15 PM

AB

My most sincere sympathies to Mary and the Ward family. I am a retired deputy who had the honor of working with Randy for many years. With a smile that never stopped and a kind word for all that crossed his path, I'll treasure the great stories he could tell and the fierce love he had for Mary. Even during his cancer battle he would make me laugh commenting "eyebrows are over rated"! You will be missed greatly my dear friend. Soar high, you've earned your precious wings □ Annette

Annette Barger - October 05, 2020 at 02:15 PM

PS

“ *Deepest sympathy for Mary at this difficult time. Randy was a Warm and caring man with a great sense of humor. He was truly an asset to Court Security. RIP my friend.*

Patricia Storms

Patricia Storms - October 05, 2020 at 01:06 PM

JM

My deepest condolences for Mary. I'll miss my dear friend Randy. R.I.P. my dear forever "Sailor".

Jorge Meza - October 05, 2020 at 02:38 PM

JS

“ *You were always there for us with anything we needed, be it a word of advice or a box of sterile gloves for our courtroom. You were greatly missed upon your retirement but we knew it was very much deserved. Rest in peace Randy. I'll see you again some day. Semper Fi.*

*Master Deputy Jerome A. Cuthbert Sr.
Orange County Sheriff's Office Orlando, Fl.*

Jerome A. Cuthbert Sr. - October 05, 2020 at 12:04 PM

KP

“ Randy was a Wonderful addition to OCSO in Court Security. He always had a welcoming smile and kind word. One of my most difficult days was with Randy, As I had to tell him DEE had passed. The entire family was full of Faith which “held” them in difficult times. May happy memories help us all with Randy’s passing.

Kristin Parker - October 05, 2020 at 12:01 PM

MJ

“ Michael and Jeanie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Randolph "Randy" Ward.



Michael and Jeanie - October 05, 2020 at 11:58 AM

JR

“ Jean and Tanya Reynolds purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Donald Randolph "Randy" Ward.



Jean and Tanya Reynolds - October 05, 2020 at 10:30 AM

JR

“ There are so many memories I share with my best friend Mary. Randy was thoughtful and understanding. Mary, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Jean and Tanya Reynolds
Boston, MA

Jean Reynolds - October 05, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Randolph "Randy" Ward.*



October 05, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ *Jim, Linda, Mary & Oliver purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Donald Randolph "Randy" Ward.*



Jim, Linda, Mary & Oliver - October 04, 2020 at 02:05 PM



“ *"Your Frog" purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Donald Randolph "Randy" Ward.*



"Your Frog" - October 04, 2020 at 01:36 PM



“ *I worked with both Randy and Mary for many years in the insurance industry. There are so many memories to share. My daughter, Tammi also worked with us. I am sure so met him at the gates of heaven. Randy will be missed by many. My love and prayers to the family and especially my special friend Mary. RIP. Randy*

Dorothy Willson - October 04, 2020 at 10:29 AM

MK

I remember Randy from when we worked at the Orange County Sheriff's Office. He always had that smile on his face and he was a delight to work with. I was so sorry to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Marilyn Kaiser - October 16, 2020 at 12:12 AM