



John A. Ward

September 15, 1941 - December 10, 2024

Visitation for John A. Ward, 83, will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy in Tyler. A second visitation will be held Saturday, December 21, 2024, from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Oakey's Funeral Services South Chapel, 4257 Brambleton Ave, Roanoke VA with burial following at 2:00 p.m. at Evergreen Burial Park.

John passed away Tuesday, December 10, 2024, in Tyler. He was born on September 15, 1941, in Staten Island NY to John Ward and Agnes Daly Ward. John served in the Marine Corps and was honorably discharged in 1971.

He held several degrees from Wagner College, Purdue University, and Trinity University and was a professor at Minot State University (ND) and the University of the Incarnate Word (TX), retiring in 1989, and went on to be a biomedical researcher and statistician at Brooke Army Medical Center, retiring in 2015. He was a life-long runner competing in marathons beginning in 1961 with the Boston Marathon. His hobbies included photography and drawing, and he was a prolific short story writer.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Paula Kelley Ward. He is survived by his daughter, Erin Ward Byers; son Sean E. Ward; grandchildren, Angela Russo, Tony Russo, and Heather Ward Delgado; great-grand-children

Joseph and Marilyn; sister and brother-in-law Margaret and Darryl Reid; brother and sister-in-law Ed and Theresa Ward; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to an Alzheimer's or in-home hospice care organization of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Burial Park

1307 Summit Ave. SW
Roanoke, VA 24015

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

DEC 21. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Oakey's Funeral Services South Chapel
4257 Brambleton Ave.
Roanoke, VA 24018

Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John A. Ward*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 12, 2024 at 08:32 PM

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“ *Jim and Brandi Regester purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John A. Ward.*



Jim and Brandi Regester - December 16, 2024 at 12:23 PM

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“ *Donna Dargewich lit a candle in memory of John A. Ward*



Donna Dargewich - December 13, 2024 at 03:49 PM



“ 61 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 12, 2024 at 03:15 PM