



Fred Darrell Ward

April 8, 1929 - October 6, 2016

Fred Darrell Ward of Huntsville, Texas, passed away on October 6, 2016. He was born April 8, 1929, in the Washburn community, Sebastian County, Arkansas, to the late William Olen Ward and Mattie Louise (Beach) Ward.

Fred attended Greenwood High School in Greenwood, Arkansas, then joined the Army and spent two years on occupation duty in Japan. After attending classes at the University of Arkansas, Fort Smith Junior College, and Arkansas Tech University, he was accepted into the Navy Flight Training program. After marrying the former Myra Ann Joiner in 1952, he became a Marine Corps aviator, serving during the Korean War.

After his release from active duty, he received both his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Geology from the University of Oklahoma. He worked as a geologist for Damson Oil before becoming the President/CEO of Gulfstream Petroleum Corporation in Houston. He then turned his talents and attention to raising and breeding award-winning Hereford cattle through J Bar F Ranch in Normangee, Texas. He served as President of the Texas Hereford Association in 1990, was a member of both the Army and Marine Corps Reserves, and was an elder and long-time member of the North Madison Church of Christ in Madisonville, Texas. He was a caring and faithful husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who loved his family, his church, Oklahoma Sooner football, military history, good westerns, and Blue Bell Homemade Vanilla ice

cream.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Myra; his son, Steve Ward and wife Margaret of Huntsville, Texas; his son, David Ward and wife Priscilla of Bastrop, Texas; his daughter, Wendy Ward Lair and husband Craig of Little Rock, Arkansas; seven grandchildren – Sarah Ward King (James), Caitlin Ward, Nicholas Ward, Brandon Pugel (Elizabeth), Cooper Lair, and Sophie Lair; and three great-grandchildren – Jayden Pugel, J.J. King, and Abigail King.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM till 11:00 AM on Monday, October 10, 2016 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. His funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 10, 2016 in the chapel at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. There will be a graveside service at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at Liberty Cemetery in Greenwood, Arkansas.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be made to the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund or the National Stroke Association.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfmh.com

Service

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Graveside Service

OCT **12**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Liberty Cemetery - Arkansas
Greenwood, AR

Tribute Wall



“ *Fred Darrell Ward*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Myra, My thoughts and prayers are that our Lord will comfort and bless you and your family during this time of grief. Wishing you the best.*

Charles Boyd Hearn Bulldogs, class of 1948.

Charles B. Hearn - October 10, 2016 at 10:57 AM



“ *Timothy and Polly Wright purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Fred Darrell Ward.*



Timothy and Polly Wright - October 09, 2016 at 03:52 PM



“ *Penny Coxsey lit a candle in memory of Fred Darrell Ward*



Penny Coxsey - October 09, 2016 at 01:21 PM

PC

*I am so grateful to have known you, as promised I will take of Myra until she joins you.
All my love to Myra and the family.
Penny Coxsey*

Penny Coxsey - October 09, 2016 at 01:35 PM

DW

Myra and family, We are so sorry for your loss. Remember the great time we had together on your last visit with us in Greenwood. Cousin Doris & Rob Wilson

Doris Wilson - October 12, 2016 at 09:49 PM

FD

“ *From HMH Inpatient PT,OT, & ST. dept. purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Fred Darrell Ward.*



From HMH Inpatient PT,OT, & ST. dept. - October 09, 2016 at 11:14 AM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Fred Darrell Ward.*



October 08, 2016 at 02:11 PM

SL

“ *So honored to have shared grandchildren with Fred. He was a wonderful Christian man. I am so sorry for your loss. But happy for his gain.*

sandy Lair - October 08, 2016 at 09:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fred Darrell Ward.*



October 07, 2016 at 05:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Fred Darrell Ward.*



October 07, 2016 at 03:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fred Darrell Ward.*



October 07, 2016 at 01:20 PM



“ *Mr. Ward will be greatly missed. Such a gentle soul. It was an honor to have cared for him. Love is sent to Mrs. Myra and family. Carolyn Morris Thee Hospice*



Carolyn Morris - October 06, 2016 at 09:34 PM