



Jack Ray Ward

September 4, 1944 - October 14, 2021

On Thursday, October 14, 2021 Jack Ray Ward passed away at Ussary-Roan Texas State

Veterans Home. His loving wife and best friend, Janice, was with him by his bedside.

Jack was born September 4, 1944 in Kennett, Missouri, to Curtis and Margie Ward

(Hicks). Jack was the youngest of four children. Jack attended Columbia College in

Columbia, Missouri and received an associate of Arts degree in 1975 and a BA in

Individual Studies in 1978. In 1985 he attended US Army Sergeant Major Academy and

achieved the Master Sergeant designation, in 1986 he received the Command Sergeant

Major designation.

Jack took great pride in his military career. He enlisted in the United States Army

August 12, 1962. Jack served two combat tours in Vietnam, 1967-1968 and again in

1970-1971. Jack spent six years on recruiting duty in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and St

Louis, Missouri. He was stationed in Europe for seven years and in El Paso,

Texas at Fort Bliss for five years. Jack served in a variety of military occupations, Squad Leader, Platoon Leader, 1st Sergeant, and Sergeant Major at the Battalion level, Brigade level and Division level. He retired as Command Sergeant Major in 1991 after 29 years of active duty. His decorations include Bronze Star Metal, two Legion of Merit Medals, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, and Army Achievement Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three Bronze Star Medals, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and seven Good Conduct Medals.

Jack met Janice Stein in Austin, Texas in 2004, they were married in 2005. They later moved the DFW metroplex and in 2016 moved to Lubbock, Texas. After retiring from the US Army, Jack had a fast moving career with Geico, and later RPI, traveling all over the United States helping dealerships with insurance and warranties. Jack served as deacon and business manager at Crossway Baptist Church from 2008-2016.

Jack was the quintessential "Car Man" . He loved everything about them! He loved spontaneous road trips, driving all over the country with Janice and the "girls" Crissy (a schnauzer) and Ginger (a yorkie). Jack loved his puppies, he also had a black lab named Bubba that he would feed popcorn, and a standard poodle, Gracie who thought she was

his lap dog.

Jack was a lifetime member of the Lubbock VFW post 2466. He made many good friends

playing an active role in the VFW. He also thoroughly enjoyed his "Market Street

Geezers" coffee group whom he would meet every Monday morning at 9am sharp!

Jack is survived by his wife Janice Ward (Stein) and his 2 children Steve Ward and

Melissa "Missy" Garcia. Jack was preceded in death by his parents Curtis and Margie

Ward, and his brothers Darrell Ward and Glen "Goose" Ward, and his sister Bonnie

Dodson.

A family viewing will be held Thursday, October 28th, from 10-11am at Sanders Funeral

Home, 1420 Main St. Lubbock, TX 79401. A public visitation will be held Friday,

October 29th, from 5-6:30pm with VFW military honors. A memorial service will be

held on Wednesday, November 3rd at 2pm at Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery,

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, Texas 75211.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the VFW Post 2466. PO Box 3126,

Lubbock, TX 79452-3126.

Cemetery Details

Dallas Ft Worth National Cemetery

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT **29**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Graveside Service

NOV **3**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM.

Dallas Ft. Worth National Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack Ray Ward



Sanders Funeral Home - October 27, 2021 at 11:46 AM

DR

“ Des Moines State Radio purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jack Ray Ward.



Des Moines State Radio - November 01, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Sanders Funeral Home - October 28, 2021 at 11:16 AM

MP

“ Jack Ward was the consummate soldier leader: precise and exacting in accomplishing any mission, caring and compassionate for the needs of his soldiers, and always professional in bearing and deed. Jack understood the value of a handshake, an encouraging word delivered at just the right time, and a smile and pat on the back for a job well done. It is an honor and a privilege to have known Jack as my First Sergeant and my friend, and we mourn his passing. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Janice and family on this remembrance of his life.

Mark Palen - October 28, 2021 at 08:47 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sanders Funeral Home - October 27, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ 62 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sanders Funeral Home - October 25, 2021 at 05:51 PM

ST

My Rock, Thanks for always being there. R.I.P Dad. I'll see you again some day. Keep a chair for me. miss ya.

Steve - June 29, 2023 at 08:45 PM

SW

I miss you Grandpa, been thinking about you everyday and every night, i been taking care of my daddy he misses you very much and he loves you too. I been working hard at my work and been helping out with my workers, hard working gal! i love you grandpa hugs and kisses. miss Livvy.

Steve Ward - June 29, 2023 at 09:21 PM

JC

“ Jo McGrath, Dan Curtis & Duane Curtis purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Jack Ray Ward.



Jo McGrath, Dan Curtis & Duane Curtis - October 22, 2021 at 03:38 PM