



## George R. Ward

December 13, 1954 - March 7, 2019

Rensselaer - George R. Ward, age 64, passed away suddenly in his home on March 7, 2019. He was born in Albany, NY on December 13, 1954, son of the late Eugene and Margaret (Dawson) Ward. He grew up in East Greenbush and attended Columbia High School where he played on the varsity basketball team as a freshman. After high school he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served for 2 and a half years and was honorably discharged.

He was the happiest person you would ever meet, always had a smile on his face, and wouldn't think twice about helping people. He was employed in a field he loved for all of his life. When he was young, he saw someone building a house in his neighborhood and decided that was what he wanted to do. He worked for many years framing houses and took great pride in his work. Outside of work, he enjoyed spending time at Stewart's, and he could tell you where every Stewart's shop was in the Capital District, and everyone there knew George. He also enjoyed reenacting Abraham Lincoln, whom he greatly resembled, hence the nickname "Abe."

He is survived by his loving children Vincent Ward Sr., Shelby Ward, Sonya Ward and Celia Ward, loving partner of many years Paula Wilson Goss, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Also

survived by his sisters Nancy Snyder, Jean (Tony) Johnson, Kitty Ward, Jackie (Wayne) Vanvalkenburgh, Jill (Bruce) Sprague, and Michelle Walter and his brothers Larry (Tina) Ward, Michael Ward, and Arthur Ward, and his sister-in-law Colleen Ward. He was predeceased by his parents, loving stepmother Anne E Ward, and brothers Joseph and Charles Ward.

He always said he “wanted to die with a hammer in his hand and work in his heart.”

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with George’s family on Monday, March 11, 2019 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 8:15am thence to The Church of the Holy Spirit, 667 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush at 9:00 am where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

To leave George’s family a message on their guestbook, light a candle, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit [www.mcveighfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcveighfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com  
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

## Service

MAR 12. 9:00 AM (ET)

Holy Spirit Church  
667 Columbia turnpike  
East Greenbush, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of George R. Ward*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 11, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ *George R. Ward*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Maureen Flynn McDonough lit a candle in memory of George R. Ward*



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**Maureen Flynn McDonough** - March 12, 2019 at 07:19 PM



“ *When I was in 6th or 7th grade, George and I used to go roller skating. He made roller skating very easy for me :) I have very fond memories of him. My prayers are with all of his family and friends.*

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**Doreen A Mannion** - March 11, 2019 at 09:28 PM

KH

“ *Kim Haberland lit a candle in memory of George R. Ward*



Kim Haberland - March 11, 2019 at 12:19 PM

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FUNERAL HOME, INC.  
(518) 489-0188

“ *47 files added to the album Life Tributes*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - March 11, 2019 at 10:00 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of George R. Ward.*



March 10, 2019 at 11:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George R. Ward.*



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March 10, 2019 at 11:43 PM



“ *George Ward was a good friend of mine and would give the shirt off his back to help someone. He was well respected and a pleasure to know. My prayers go out to George Ward's family and Paula Wilson at this sad time. RIP George and Thank you for your service.*

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**Judy LeFavour** - March 10, 2019 at 10:52 PM



“ *Sorry FOR ur loss. R.I.P. George*

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**Melissa Tobey** - March 10, 2019 at 07:15 PM



“ *George was the best grandpa and man any person could ask for he was always there and always wanted to help I remember when my moms power shut off he was there with taco Bell for us to eat even tho my mother and father are not together anymore. he was a very great man and we'll be missed some much by family and friends. Rest in peace grandpa I have to remember to keep my head strong because that's what he would want me to do*

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**Dylan Ward** - March 10, 2019 at 03:52 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of George R. Ward.*



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March 10, 2019 at 10:53 AM



“ *Growing up with George as one of my many loved older brothers was always an adventure. I always knew he was there for me, always a hug when I needed it. A protector. He would have sacrificed his happiness for mine had I ever asked. He went through tough times in life and came out an angel in the end. Love you George.*

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**Kitty Ward** - March 10, 2019 at 12:43 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of George R. Ward.*



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March 10, 2019 at 12:30 AM

DM

“ I will forever remember george’s  
Smile,Always,He would stop in at Cuginos  
with Paula and have dinner,Always have. A  
story to tell,He was a great man,Who would  
give you the shirt off his back.George you will  
be dearly missed,Rest in piece my friend.  
Danielle Maloney



danielle maloney - March 10, 2019 at 12:29 AM

DB

“ i have known george for many years he is family he always puts a  
smile on your face even if you were mad at him he will be missed i  
am so sorry for the families loss

DONNA J BILLETTS - March 10, 2019 at 12:12 AM

TF

“ So sorry for your loss



The Kenney Family - March 09, 2019 at 07:19 PM

EB

So sorry for your loss. May God bless him and welcome him with open  
arms. AMEN

Edward Broadhurst - March 09, 2019 at 10:30 PM

JW

Sorry for your loss

Joan Wright - March 09, 2019 at 11:04 PM

MB

*George was a friend back in school. We recently reconnected through FB and were planning to have a coffee together soon. I will miss having that opportunity. Such a nice man and I can see how many people's lives he touched. RIP, George.*

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**Maria Barrington** - March 10, 2019 at 09:07 AM

PF

*There is a Go Fund Me page for George by his daughter Shelby and Paula's family. Please spread the word to help his kids with the services. Thank you*

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**Paula's Family** - March 10, 2019 at 04:44 PM