



Roland Douglas "Doug" Ward

January 16, 1947 - January 5, 2019

Roland Douglas ("Doug") Ward of Stevensville, MD, passed away on January 5, 2019, at Compass Regional Hospice in Centreville, MD, after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 71.

Born on January 16, 1947, in Annapolis, MD, he was the son of the late William Thomas and Gloria Phipps Ward. Doug graduated from Annapolis High School, Class of 1965, where he was a pitcher on the varsity baseball team for three years. At age 19, he fulfilled his life-long dream of becoming a professional baseball player by signing a contract with the Baltimore Orioles by veteran Orioles Scout Walter Youse. An early injury ended his career, and he began working for Katcef Brothers as a beer and wine distributor for over 30 years.

Following retirement in 2004, Doug's hobby for perfecting the perfect barbeque took off and he started It's the Pit's Barbeque and Seafood in a food truck off of Route 8 by Waterman Joe's. The business later expanded into a takeout/catering business in Stevensville, MD, and closed due to his illness in April 2018. Besides BBQ, he loved fishing and his Baltimore Orioles.

Doug is survived by his wife, Lynnette M. Rowlands Ward of Stevensville, MD; sons, William Thomas Murray Ward (Melissa) of Erwin, TN, and Ronnie Lee Bunch, Jr. of Stevensville, MD; daughters, Alexis McEvoy Orr (Nicholas

Leeds) of Fayetteville, NC, and Kaitlyn Kyger of Blacksburg, VA; as well as five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

A memorial service will be held on January 11, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester, MD, where friends and family may visit beginning one hour prior.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617, for their loving and compassionate care of Doug.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Roland Douglas "Doug" Ward* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 10, 2019 at 02:45 PM



“ *Roland Douglas "Doug" Ward* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Roland Douglas "Doug" Ward* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Roland Douglas "Doug" Ward* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

TW

“ I love ya Pop you were my friend my mentor and my hero I am honored to call you dad.
Thanks for the times we spent together and all that you taught me I will always remember you the way you were you were the strongest man I ever knew with a heart of gold. I will never forget to tell em where ya got it from. R I P.

Tommy Ward - January 12, 2019 at 02:04 AM

FP

“ Doug held a special place with all at First National Bank. He would come in dancing whistling, and always left with saying "Tell them where you got it" He was very caring and told the best stories. We would all LOVE Doug's Chili days at ITS THE PITS and would make sure Doug was the one who made it. First National Bank will truly miss this magnificent man and our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

First National Bank of PA - January 10, 2019 at 02:08 PM

BK

“ Barbie, Gary and Lord Winchester Kameika purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Roland Douglas "Doug" Ward.



Barbie, Gary and Lord Winchester Kameika - January 09, 2019 at 02:18 PM

PF

“ Pam Fallon lit a candle in memory of Roland Douglas "Doug" Ward



Pam Fallon - January 08, 2019 at 08:31 PM

JC

“ Jeannie Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Roland Douglas "Doug" Ward



Jeannie Carpenter - January 08, 2019 at 01:51 PM

CO

“ Clark O'Brien lit a candle in memory of Roland Douglas "Doug" Ward



Clark O'Brien - January 08, 2019 at 11:31 AM

CO

“ your goi g to be missed we sure had some good times

Clark O'Brien - January 08, 2019 at 11:30 AM

RF

“ *Ronnie, Kelly and Families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Roland Douglas "Doug" Ward.*



Ronnie, Kelly and Families - January 08, 2019 at 11:02 AM

RB

“ *Dad-it is a void that cannot ever be filled-may you forever rest in peace and reunite with your lost loved ones....thank you for the time we had*

LOVE YOU



Ron Bunch - January 08, 2019 at 08:16 AM



“ *Jim Ewing lit a candle in memory of Roland Douglas "Doug" Ward*



Jim Ewing - January 07, 2019 at 07:36 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roland Douglas "Doug" Ward.*



January 07, 2019 at 06:14 PM



“ *Sending our deepest sympathy to you all. Doug will be sorely missed, we always enjoyed his kind heart, pleasant smile and great conversation. He fought the battle hard may he rest in peace.*



Colleen & Buddy Thomas - January 07, 2019 at 03:27 PM



“ *Our thoughts are with Dougies family. He was a great guy.*



Melissa, Mark, Wyatt & Dustin Rousseau - January 07, 2019 at 08:51 AM



“ *Love, Thad & Cheri Gerardi purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Roland Douglas "Doug" Ward.*



Love, Thad & Cheri Gerardi - January 07, 2019 at 05:59 AM

SB

“ *Suzanne And Michael Brazerol lit a candle in memory of Roland Douglas "Doug" Ward*



Suzanne and Michael Brazerol - January 05, 2019 at 09:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roland Douglas "Doug" Ward.*



January 05, 2019 at 06:02 PM



“ *Doug was a gentle giant who touched so many people. His strong presence and soft voice will be greatly missed. I am proud to call him family!! Peace be with you my Dougie!*

Vi Wallace - January 05, 2019 at 02:21 PM

SB

The sweetest man I've ever met, I'm so fortunate to have been able to know him. I will miss him dearly.

savanna Brazerol - January 05, 2019 at 06:04 PM

TG

I Love You Doug and Will Miss You. Rest In Peace My Brother!

Thad Gerardi - January 07, 2019 at 06:03 AM