



Anthony 'Tony' Ward

December 6, 1942 - January 16, 2021

Anthony J. Ward passed from this life into eternal life with Jesus Christ, his savior, on Saturday, January 16, 2021 in Owasso, Oklahoma.

Anthony was born on December 6, 1942 in Brooklyn, New York, the son of Francis L. Ward and Antoinette M. Cirillo.

Tony has over forty-five years experience in Intelligence, Security and Law Enforcement. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Tony served as a Senior Criminal Investigator and Special Agent with the U.S. Army and the Federal Government. He also served as a Military Intelligence Agent working in Counterintelligence and Special Operations overseas. Tony served in the Vietnam War in 1967 and '68 as well as several oversea assignments. Tony has extensive expertise in counter terrorism and hostage negotiations. This includes a Presidential appointment to the Critical Collections Committee to Combat Terrorism. He has served as a guest instructor and lecturer at the FBI Academy on international terrorism and hostage negotiations as well as working with multiple foreign government agencies on terrorist activity.

After retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer 4 in the U.S. Army, Tony worked as a Special Agent with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in the Inspector and Auditors office. From there, Tony transferred to the US Department of State where he was Regional Security Management Officer for the Construction Security Management Division of the Foreign Building office. In this position, he covered all Sub-Saharan Africa, all of East Asia, the Pacific, as well as a portion of the Middle East. He managed a budget of \$53 million dollars and

over 200 Top Secret American security personnel. His responsibility included the safety of American citizens and U.S. Government facilities from terrorist, criminal attacks, and electronic monitoring.

After his service with the federal government, Tony moved to Lake Kiowa, Texas where he was elected Texas Constable in Cooke County. His area of responsibilities covered 450 square miles and required both law enforcement and civil processes. He served the people of Texas for eight years and then retired to Owasso, Oklahoma. Tony married his best friend Linda Haug on December 20, 1992.

In retirement and throughout his life, Tony was well known for his story telling and his love of cooking and feeding guests. He will be greatly missed.

Tony is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Thomas Ward; brother in laws, Mike Haug, Dennis Murphy, John Butler and Jerry Jaeckel.

Tony is survived by his wife; Linda Ward, of the home, two children; Carl Ward and daughter-in-law, Cherie of Sykesville, Maryland and Monique Tribolet and son-in-law, Scott of Isle of Palms, South Carolina; four step-children, Kim Boysel and son-in-law, John, Chris Condren and daughter-in-law, Michelle, Kelly Condren and daughter-in-law, Stephanie, and Nikki Long; ten grandchildren; Daniel, Brooke, Lexi, Dylan, Dane, Kaitlin, Jack, Cianna, Jaide, and Rachel; sisters, Joanne Kennedy and her husband John, Rosemary Jaeckel, Barbara Murphy, many loved nieces and nephews; and his beloved Uncle Nick Cirillo and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial contributions in Tony's name to St Judes Children's Hospital at stjude.org/donate

Services for Anthony will be held 11:00AM Thursday, January 21, 2021 at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery Pavilion in Fort Gibson, OK with Military Honors.

The family of Anthony Ward has entrusted his care, services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall



“ *Anthony 'Tony' Ward*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Vito Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Anthony 'Tony' Ward.*



Vito Family - January 22, 2021 at 10:33 AM

SL

“ Tony, You were a man with many talents one of which was opening you home and always making Dean and I feel like a family member. Your kindness and help throughout the twenty years I’ve known you has always been appreciated. You were a GREAT man and I have no doubt you are now in heaven a place those of us you left behind long to be. I’m sure Dean was there to greet you. I look forward to meeting you again in our Heavenly home we we will no longer have to say goodbye.

Linda, I will forever treasure the memories I’ve made through the years with Papa Tony. He was truly a Great man. I will hold him in my heart and keep you and each family member in my prayers as you journey through the process of grief. Tony has left some very big shoes to fill and his loss was so unexpected. Please know I am here for you if you ever need a listening ear or if I can be of help in any way. I pray you will find peace in knowing Tony is in the presence of God and that you will sense God’s presence during your time of need.

Always,
Sarah Loyd

Sarah Loyd - January 21, 2021 at 07:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Anthony 'Tony' Ward.



January 20, 2021 at 03:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony 'Tony' Ward.*



January 20, 2021 at 02:16 PM



“ *My dad was a great man, father, grandfather, husband, friend, and patriot! He was a super hero in our eyes and to many others who knew him. He loved his family and friends. He loved telling a good story, he loved to talk about cars, he loved to cook and he was a true patriot! My father had no regrets and lived life to the fullest. Dad/Grandpa may you Rest In Peace! You will be missed and are truly loved.*

Love, Carl, Cherie, Dylan and Lexi xo

cherie ward - January 20, 2021 at 07:57 AM

“ I cannot say enough good things about Tony. He was absolutely great. I recently moved to Tulsa with my fiancée and almost 1 year old son. Because my parents & grandparents live hours away, he said he and Linda took us under his wing. Talking cars, politics, and life and eating one of his famous Italian home cooked meals are some of my best memories. Don't forget about the meat and BBQ. There is no denying the man had a talent with cooking and put a smile on everybody's face. He will be truly missed. We are so lucky to get to know him this past year. My fiancée was disappointed our son would not be able to get a pic with Santa for his first Christmas. With the help of Mrs Claus (Linda), we were able to arrange a date with Santa and meet him. Memories we will never forget! Do not forget to celebrate the life of Tony. We mourn his loss so much because he made such an impact on our lives and the lives of many, even if we knew him for just a short time! What a great man! I just wish I got to pick his brain a few more times.



CB

“ My husband and I have known Tony for a few years. We were part of the "Old Geezer's Club" as Fluffy would say. He made me laugh and believe it or not, taught me something about politics. He would come over and do some work on some car he had just bought. Ray enjoyed his visits and they helped each other with problems with whatever car each one was working on. We will miss Tony very much. It made me proud to know him. I know the angels in heaven will enjoy his cooking. May his family find peace and know that he is with God doing good things. Ray and Cheryl Bender

cheryl bender - January 19, 2021 at 08:20 PM

FP

“ Well Butch. I'm finally at a loss for words. Even though it has been over 40 years since we last met on our hang out on Terrace Pace in Brooklyn. I'm still going to miss you. We had great times that I will always remember. A thank you for that.
RIP Butch till we meet again

Frank Pesce - January 19, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony 'Tony' Ward.



January 19, 2021 at 05:42 PM

PG

“ *RIP Tony....one of our classmates from 1960 Massapequa High School*

Marion (Pat) Birkbeck Garrett

pat Garrett - January 19, 2021 at 01:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anthony 'Tony' Ward.*



January 19, 2021 at 08:21 AM

TR

“ *Such sad news to hear. He was always so welcoming and very humble. He opened his house to me for years and I felt the love that Carl so eloquently expressed. My prayers to the entire Ward family. Although 30 years have passed, I think of you often Carl. You're a giant man of compassion and I miss you. Hope to see you again soon. Terry Rodesky*

Terry Rodesky - January 18, 2021 at 08:17 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony 'Tony' Ward.*



January 18, 2021 at 06:57 PM

LB

“ *Dear ward family. I'm so sorry for your loss! I met Tony only twice at family functions, but he left me with a warm welcoming impression. An honest man with honest expressions, a rare human commodity, in today's world! No doubt he's cooking for someone in heaven. It was my privilege to know him! So long friend. L. Booth*

L Booth - January 18, 2021 at 06:15 PM