



Richard Kyle Ward

May 19, 1956 - July 19, 2021

Richard “Rick” Kyle Ward, loving companion, son, father, grandfather, and friend passed away on July 19, 2021, after battling ischemic cardiomyopathy. Rick was born on May 19, 1956 in Provo, Utah to Bill and Betty Ann Allen Ward. He grew up in Las Vegas, Nevada, which he referred to as his hometown. Rick also lived in Oregon and then in Sandy, Utah, where he passed away surrounded by his father, daughters, and the love of his life Angie. Rick was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served his mission in Tokyo, Japan from 1975-1977, where he witnessed and participated in many miracles that lead to lasting friendships. He held several church callings throughout his life and served in the Jordan River Temple for 7 years and in the Draper Temple for 4 years.

Rick attended the University of Utah. He was a successful realtor and builder but reported that his job as the Osco Drug “ad guy” was by far the most enjoyable job he had.

Rick married Joanne Brown, who blessed him with 2 beautiful daughters. He later married Donna Sudbury and was blessed to be a father figure to her 5 children.

Rick met the love of his life, Angie, 5 years ago and bragged about her constantly. He often reported that he never felt alone in their relationship and that being sealed to her for all eternity was the happiest he could imagine himself being in the life here after. He was so grateful to have that opportunity. Angie has 8 children of her own, who Rick also loved.

Rick is preceded in death by his mother, Betty Ann Allen Ward, and his sister Rachel Ward. He is survived by his two daughters: Rachel (Collin) Ward Peterson and Jennifer (Kelly) Ward Argyle, 6 fantastic and wonderful grandchildren, Alex, Johnny, Kate, Milo, Jude, and Maggie, his eternal companion Angie, her daughter Lori (Ryan) Liller Hacking and their sons Luke and Evan, Angie’s 7 other children, his father Bill Ward, his 4 brothers: Kelly (Diane) Ward, Randy (Robin) Ward, Kenny Ward, Russell Ward, his father brother Elbert, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Rick found joy in collecting hot wheels cars and handed them out to those that he loved and to strangers in hopes of brightening their day. He owned 4,000 at one time. He expressed hope that he will be remembered when hot wheels cars are seen by those who knew him. In lieu of flowers, use provided hot wheel car at the funeral to put in his casket, on his grave, give to a child, or hold on to “if you’d like to be haunted.”

Rick wanted it known that he enjoyed his life immensely. He valued his relationships more than anything and often spoke of the little moments he had with “the people in his world” that brought immense joy and satisfaction to his life.

He expressed special thanks to his medical people at IHC (the mothership) and to his hospice care providers who made the last several months of his life not only bearable, but enjoyable. He also expressed special thanks to his caregivers specifically his father, Bill, his companion, Angie, and his brother, Randy. They provided endless comfort to him over the last 6-7 years of his life.

He will be buried at the Larkin Cemetery (1950 E. 10600 S. Sandy, Utah 84092). Funeral Services will be held on Monday, July 26, 2021, at 11:00am (a second viewing preceding at 9:30 am to 10:45 am). A viewing will be held on Sunday, July 25, 2021, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 9636 South 1700 East, Sandy, UT 84092.

Finally, Rick wanted to express a final sign off to his family and friends, stating, “All is well.”

Cemetery

Larkin Sunset

1950 East 10600 South

Sandy, UT, 84092

Comments



“ It was my privilege to know Rick in our Sandy Utah East Stake. I always appreciated his enthusiasm for life and his friendliness. He was friends with many in our Sandy neighborhood and introduced me to several including, Monsignor Robert Servatius, the Priest at Blessed Sacrament. With a new friendship formed, because of Rick, our Sandy East Stake and Blessed Sacrament came together and jointly performed the Messiah. I have admired Rick and his parents (and other family members for many years). We send our love and gratitude for the promise of the resurrection. Greg and Lorraine Dahl

Greg Dahl - July 25, 2021 at 06:19 PM



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Rick Ward,

What a great man, I met Rick at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Missionary Training Center in September of 1975. He was in the group ahead of me going to Japan. We became friends quickly, as does everyone with Rick. We also became companions later in the Tokyo 2nd Ward in Kichijoji Japan. We worked hard and had fun. One week during companion planning we were setting goals. We had been companions for several weeks, had set and attained goals in many areas from Japanese study, to tracting hours. This week we wanted to add a couple of goals that we could easily attain. Rick suggested we make a goal not to smoke or drink for the entire week!!! (Yes, we made the goal!!!) Rick is a lot of fun.

Rick told me a few stories about him translating Japanese/English for President Gordon B. Hinckley. After translating the first time President Hinckley often sought Rick out to translate for him. Rick said, President Hinckley would speak a lot of words in English that he did not know in Japanese, but, the Japanese word would "Just come to him" as he was translating.

After translating for President Hinckley several times Rick asked President Hinckley why he always asked for me to translate. President Hinckley said, "Because, you are the only translator that translates well enough for people to laugh at my jokes." Then Rick told me, translating from Japanese/English you can not translate jokes. The cultures are too different; I always had a couple of Japanese jokes I could tell when President Hinckley told a joke in English.

Rick and I were able to have lunch together several times after returning to the USA. Rick kept track of many of the missionaries in our mission and always had a fun story about everything. I value my friendship with Rick and look forward to greeting him again. I am sure it will be a wonderful reunion.

Brad Peay



Brad Peay - July 25, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Rick Ward in Japan 1976



Brad Peay - July 25, 2021 at 03:30 PM



“ A good man. willing to help and was everyone's friend. he and I did a lot of remodeling together. Also did a lot of deeds that some people didn't know that he did. I'll miss my good friend.

Roger Heumann - July 22, 2021 at 07:50 PM



“ In March of 2020, a friend of my family, Rick Ward, reached out to me for a commission.

He and his family lived in the neighborhood where I both grew up and called home with my own family. His easy going nature made it hard not to like him. His mom, Betty and dad, Bill; lived one street over and he too lived there.

Anyway, Rick told me he was in hospice and dying. That came as a shock to hear. He asked if I would create a portrait of Jesus with a smile. He wanted to display it at the funeral, when the time came." That's what I hope to see when I cross over, not the serious expression He always seems to have in art." I told him I would, unsure how I would.

I wish I could say I had some other worldly experience in doing the piece, but I didn't. I used a variety of male faces. I was looking for beards, hair but mostly a great smile with all the expression lines. As for the background, I left it vague. I don't know what a heavenly kingdom looks like.

I kept Rick updated with my progress via text and when finished. His heart condition kept him mostly in his room in his dad's basement. He was so happy with how it turned out.

Rick died Monday before midnight. I read about it in a FB post at around 3:30 am. My heart

broke a little. He was such a fan of my artwork. I had missed doing an exhibition of my work at a library because of Covid. He suggested I do an online show, I did and dedicated it to him. He was honored.

Needless to say, I know he got more than a smile from Jesus. Bet there were hugs and back slaps, and laughter. Maybe, they even talk about Hotwheels. Rick loved them so much, he decorated his Xmas tree with them.

Anyway, I have a smaller print of Welcome Home in my livingroom and I will never look at it the same. I can only hope for the same greeting when its my time.

I'm glad to have known you in this life. You made a difference in mine.



Tamara Mulkey - July 22, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. He was always so good to me. I married his cousin: Cathi Allen, and Rick was always so positive, friendly, and welcoming. He always had a friendly smile that drew everyone to him and made all feel included. I don't know how to explain the grief I feel for his daughters and Uncle Bill and all who ever knew him. He was very kind to all of us and we will miss him dearly.

With love, Blair Collins and Family.

Blair M Collins - July 22, 2021 at 02:57 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Ricks passing. He was a good friend to me when I lived in Salt Lake.
His kindness and sense of humor will always be remembered.
Linda Lawyer

linda lawyer - July 21, 2021 at 10:42 PM



“ Rick is my cousin and I remember him always being happy to see me and greeting me with a “Hey Cuz!” Or “Hey Buddy.” He gave wonderful hugs and told funny clean dad jokes. He gave my kids matchbox cars and a homemade track. Cared about us. We love Rick and will miss him.



Jennifer Richter - July 21, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ I wish I were in heaven right now listening to you explain to my Mom how that Hot Wheel got into her casket. I love you, too, Buddy. - 'Til we meet again. .

Patty Otterstrom - July 21, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ Rick was a "One of a Kind" kind of guy..he was genuine in his friendships and with that mischievous smile you never knew what was coming. He was a jokester for sure I liked the way he Loved his Mom especially toward the end , when she was ill. Some of our grandkids also received hot wheels

A life well lived

Thanks for the Memories Rick

Michael and Marsha Peterson

M. Peterson - July 23, 2021 at 12:42 AM



“ I knew Rick when we worked together for Denis Hill at Skaggs/Osco Drug and I agree that he was a bright spot in our days and weeks. He was the "Ad Guy" because he created the layout and artwork for the print ads. Sometimes when he could get away with it, he would slip some secret message or photo in a proof that only we would know about and it would actually make it to production. Such a prankster! A few years later after I left that job my dentist wanted to set me up with a "single" guy he knew - it was Rick. We had a good chuckle over that one and actually re-connected our friendship. I'm so sorry that I lost touch over these past few years and had no knowledge of his declining health. Yes, there's one more angel in heaven - I'm just not sure they're ready for him!!!

Mary Ann Morehouse - July 23, 2021 at 02:13 PM