



Mr. Michael Thomas Ward

August 9, 1955 - May 31, 2017

Michael Thomas Ward, 61, of Albany died Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at Willson Hospice House. Funeral arrangements will be held Friday June 2, 2017 at 2:00PM at Kimbrell-Stern with visitation starting at 1:00PM. Dr. Charlie Rouse will officiate and interment will follow at Oakview Cemetery.

Mr. Ward was a 1973 graduate of Deerfield Windsor High School and the University of Georgia School of Pharmacy in 1978. He owned and operated his long established family business, Economy Drugs until leaving to work at Walgreens where his many beloved customers followed him. Michael was a pilot who shared his knowledge with many in the local area, teaching them to fly and enjoy his passion for flight.

He was a generous and loyal friend and neighbor who would give you the shirt off of his back.

Survivors include his sister, Patricia Ward Hoover and her husband, Alan of The Villages, FL, a niece, Misty Peebles Jones and her husband, Jeff, a great nephew, Grayson Jones and a great niece, Baxley Jones all of Lee County.

Memorials may be made to the Willson Hospice House, 320 Foundation Lane, Albany, GA 31707.

To share your thoughts with the Ward family you may visit our website at www.kimbrellstern.com

Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

200 Cotton Ave.
Albany, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Michael Thomas Ward*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. Michael Thomas Ward*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. Michael Thomas Ward*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I was friends with Mike 30 years ago, and fell out of touch when I got married, moved to Sylvester, and raised a family. Now I am kicking myself for not having kept in contact. I still think of Mike often and I wish he would've known. Mike was a teddy bear who took care of everybody around him. May he rest in peace.*

Holly Bailey - January 28, 2019 at 05:36 PM



“ *Lisa Sellars lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Thomas Ward*



Lisa Sellars - August 18, 2018 at 01:26 AM

DP

“ Mike took me into his home fed me many meals and was always there for me.
Gonna miss u big guy

Donald Peterd - August 31, 2017 at 05:13 PM

GP

“ we remember mike from carrs and elizabeths he was a big kind teddy bear of a man who tried to look after every one we will miss him gail and lynn



gail prescott - June 04, 2017 at 09:22 PM

SJ

“ There will never be another Mike. He was so giving and caring. I got to know him when I was at the bank many years ago. I would see him at different diners over the years and just sit and talk about old times. He was a icon to Albany as a businessman and respected person. May everyone who knew him be bless to have known him. I send my thoughts and prayers to the family.

Smitty Johnson - June 04, 2017 at 07:16 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Sammy Murphy was my daddy. The last time I saw Mike was at my daddy's visitation. It meant the world for him to be there especially because I know how hard it was for him. So thankful he & my daddy were so very close. We loved Mike so much & thought of him as part of our family. Praying for all of you.

Lady Harcrow - June 04, 2017 at 09:49 AM

TM

“ Mike Ward was a mentor and a consultant for me. I started working for him at Economy Drugs in the early 90's as a relief pharmacist. He gave me an opportunity to work a flexible schedule and was always willing to give advice. One thing I noticed about him was that he would help people that were in need. When I decided to start my own business I called Mike for advice and he was very helpful in the process. He always gave me encouraging words. He never told me he was sick, he just always told me that he was going to come and see me or even work a day for me (smile). We had some good times at Economy Drugs. Antoinette Boone (delivery driver) called to tell me of his passing and she also wanted to send condolences to the family. May God bless the family for I am sure that you have some lifelong memories that you will hold dear to your heart. Mike Ward, my mentor, will be missed.

Teresa Mitchell

Teresa Mitchell - June 03, 2017 at 11:49 AM

MJ

“ Mike hired me right out of high school to work at Economy Drugs. I was a young teen-age mother without any work experience but he was kind enough to give me a chance...I worked there for seven years. He was always kind and understanding willing to help in any way he could. Once I became a student at Darton College, he allowed me to work flexible hours to accommodate my class schedule. I will always be grateful for the role he played in helping me develop into the person I am today. I am blessed to have known such a good man and I pray the family will find comfort in knowing the positive impact he made in my life.



Marilyn Jones

Marilyn Jones - June 02, 2017 at 10:54 PM

DD

“Wow! What a good man. I waited on Mike for many years. He was a smart, generous, loving, caring and all those good things. Mike will truly be missed. RIP Mike until we meet again....First person to get me to eat escargot.....I truly hope Mikes family is comforted in this sad time. Few really good people in today's world but he was one of those people & will be missed by many! JD



Denise Deese - June 02, 2017 at 08:51 PM

JD

I didn't even know he was sick until today & I am truly sorry for missing his service, but I will remember all that goodness in him forever!

JD - June 02, 2017 at 08:54 PM



“Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Thomas Ward.



June 01, 2017 at 10:08 PM

PT

“My thoughts and prayers to Mike's family. He was always willing to help anyone in need. May he rest in peace.

Pam Treadway - June 01, 2017 at 07:25 PM

Andy
Holloway

“ Was one of the kindest people I ever met, would literally give you the shirt off his back. He will be missed.

Andy Holloway - June 01, 2017 at 07:25 PM

BT

I remember growing up on Lakeridge Drive, the Wards were our neighbors. What a wonderful family. I have many fond memories of Mike and Pat. God bless and comfort Mike's family.

Bill Turner - June 02, 2017 at 10:45 AM

CM

“ Pat I will always love Mike He would do a lot of things for different people I saw for my on eyes I know he is looking down on you and the rest of your family. God has gained another Angel...Fly high Mike!!!



Cindi. Murphy - June 01, 2017 at 05:08 PM

LH

“ Lisa And Eddie Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Thomas Ward



Lisa and Eddie Hunt - June 01, 2017 at 04:47 PM

LH

“ I grew up with him. I admired him for his brilliant mind and his heart . He was too good for this world and sadly had realized he needed to get started soon on his own dreams. For one moment he almost made it to his passion and dream but he kept giving and helping others until it was too late. It hurts my heart so much he deserved a chance to give himself that long awaited road to true happiness and peace. He has , however reached a different rainbow on a peaceful path. This I know he is ok now. I will miss him more than i can explain for so many reasons. He was the brother I never had ! He was my friend

Lisa Barfield Hunt - June 01, 2017 at 04:45 PM

JS

“ I am saddened to read of Mike ' s death. I had the pleasure of teaching him in a Humanities class at Deerfield. He was an excellent student and a fine young man. Sending condolences to his sister and her family. Joanne Stripling Smith

Joanne S. Smith - June 01, 2017 at 04:33 PM

MR

“ Pat,
So sorry to learn about Mike's illness and suddenly, his death. He was a friend to everyone as was your entire family. All of you Wards will be missed in Albany.

Milt Robinson

Milt Robinson - June 01, 2017 at 03:28 PM

KA

“ *Kim Apperson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Thomas Ward*



Kim Apperson - June 01, 2017 at 03:17 PM

BP

“ *Rest In Peace, Uncle Mike...*



Brenda Paschall - June 01, 2017 at 01:37 PM

MH

“ *Love Mary Houston*

Mary Houston - June 01, 2017 at 11:21 AM

TL

“ *Tina Lindsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Thomas Ward*



Tina Lindsey - June 01, 2017 at 11:09 AM

WL

“ Mike was such a nice guy. He. Was a joy to wait on. Even though i had heard he was difficult. I waited. On him for many years at Mama Jeans . My mother and Mike was always laughing about something. He will be miss. Prayers to all

Wanda Langley - June 01, 2017 at 11:02 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Thomas Ward.



June 01, 2017 at 09:39 AM

TM

“ Tim Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Thomas Ward



Tim Murphy - June 01, 2017 at 08:29 AM

TM

There could be no finer friend than Mike. Always willing to help anyone at anytime. I feel I am losing a part of my family. I shall always consider him my brother.

Tim Murphy - June 01, 2017 at 08:37 AM

KW

“ Karen Wynn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Thomas Ward



Karen Wynn - June 01, 2017 at 08:26 AM

KW

I will miss our little talks out front of Wal-Greens. RIP Mike!

Karen Wynn - June 01, 2017 at 08:28 AM

SB

“ Salesia Beach lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Thomas Ward



Salesia Beach - June 01, 2017 at 08:22 AM

AA

“ Amanda Ashley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Thomas Ward



Amanda Ashley - May 31, 2017 at 11:21 PM

AM

“ Ashley Morey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Thomas Ward



ashley morey - May 31, 2017 at 10:43 PM



“ Rhonda Kendrick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Thomas Ward



Rhonda Kendrick - May 31, 2017 at 09:29 PM

RB

“ RIP Mike!

R. Gary Beard - May 31, 2017 at 03:33 PM