



Lee Thomas Ward

September 24, 1964 - October 17, 2023

Lee Thomas Ward,

59, of Indianapolis, passed away unexpectedly on October 17, 2023. He was born September 24, 1964 in Fayetteville, North Carolina to Thomas J. and Donna (Rhinesmith) Ward. Lee was a graduate of Scecina Memorial High School, and received his Associates Degree from Ivy Tech University, Terre Haute. He married Kathy R. Gentry. Lee was a paramedic/firefighter for Plainfield Fire Department for 17 years where he was well respected and a Paramedic Preceptor involved in the training of future paramedics. He was an avid fisherman, an Indianapolis Colts fan, and loved spending time with his nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Simon the Apostle Catholic Church, 8155 Oaklandon Road, with visitation from 11:30 a.m. until the time of service.

Lee is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Kathy R. Ward; parents, Deacon Tom and Donna Ward; brother Paul (Cammy) Ward; sister, Therese (Tim) Bath; nieces and nephews, Mary, Andrew, Jacob, Ella, Anthony, Elizabeth, Patrick, Catherine, Nathaniel, Jessica and McKenzie; mother-in-law, Carolyn Gentry; sister-in-law, Sherri (Phil) Cave; and brother-in-law, Greg (Kristina) Gentry.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hoosier Burn Camp, 109 North Street, Battleground, IN 47920 or online at www.hoosierburncamp.org and/or Pike Fire Just Cause, 4881 W. 71st Street, Indianapolis, IN

46268 or online www.pikefirejustcause.org. Final arrangements and care are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Simon the Apostle Catholic Church
8155 Oaklandon Road
Indianapolis, IN 46236

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

NC

“ My thoughts are with the entire Ward family. I met Lee many years ago when I worked with his sister in Indiana. He was a kind and compassionate individual. My condolences to you all and may you find comfort in your memories and faith.

Nancy Capretto (Allmon) - November 16, 2023 at 03:53 AM

RL

“ I am so sorry to hear about Lee passing on. I was shocked when Laura called and told me. I always enjoyed talking to Lee and I thought his "firehouse chili" was very good. When I eat chili it will cause me to reflect on the good times I had with him at the firehouse. I have only heard good comments about his patient care as a paramedic.

I apologize for not being at the funeral, but Karen and I had already committed to help Lifeline Christian Mission at a fall festival in Avon.

Ron and Karen Lydick

Ron Lydick - October 22, 2023 at 01:35 PM

KN

“ Kathy - very sorry to read about Lee's passing. I wish we would have kept in better contact with each other - we always had a GREAT working relationship and friendship at PFD.

With all my sympathy/

Kevin Neese and family

Kevin Neese - October 21, 2023 at 08:43 PM

SF

“ Our thoughts and prayers this week to the entire Ward family. Scott and Megan

Scotty Flanders - October 21, 2023 at 12:39 PM

BS

“ I worked with Lee at various EMS and fire service throughout indy. Lee was a big guy with a big heart always with a smile and willingness to help. Godspeed Lee.

Bruce Sallee - October 21, 2023 at 12:50 AM

MF

“ Got to know Lee while on Decatur TWP Fire, always had interesting conversations, and funny moments. One instance was he was bringing a picture of Micky Mouse to add to the wife's decorations for the kids bathroom, he went to the neighbors house by mistake, thinking it was our house and just walked on in without knocking, and needless to say the neighbor was a little shocked, Lee realized he was in the wrong house, said sorry left and came on over red face and all. But Lee bringing the picture for the wife to use in the kids. Bathroom meant a lot to her. This is the kind of individual he was he will be greatly missed every time we saw him at Applebee's. We still laughed about that moment. Our condolences to Kathy and family. Mike & Sherry Faulkner

Mike & Sherry Faulkner - October 20, 2023 at 10:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lee Thomas Ward.



October 20, 2023 at 11:52 AM



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



October 20, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lee Thomas Ward.

October 20, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ I worked with Lee at a couple different EMS agencies over our careers. May the Four Winds blow you safely home. Stand easy my friend, we've got the watch. Rest In Peace. 🚓🚒🇺🇸

Gregory Maddox - October 19, 2023 at 06:05 PM



“ Nice guy, worked with him when i first got in EMS. RIP

Joe - October 19, 2023 at 05:12 PM



“ David & Eleanor Williams lit a candle in memory of Lee Thomas Ward



David & Eleanor Williams - October 19, 2023 at 02:31 PM

NA

“ Lee was such a great guy. He was on the Decatur Twp Fire Dept with us and went boating with my ex- husband and I. He was always trying to make everyone. Rest High in Heaven my friend.
Love and prayers to his wife and family.



Nancy Ailes - October 19, 2023 at 01:28 PM

JS

“ Joshua S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lee Thomas Ward.

Joshua S. - October 19, 2023 at 01:05 PM