



# Larry Ward

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**L**arry Barton Ward, 73, died peacefully at home on 4/9/24 after a 2.5 year battle with glioblastoma. A Charlotte native born to Mary Kate Ward and Jack Henry Ward on 1/22/51, Larry married his high school sweetheart Jane Seay in 1974; June 22, 2024, would have been their 50th wedding anniversary. A graduate of UNC Chapel Hill, Larry was a huge Tar Heel fan who enjoyed lifelong bonds with his brothers from the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. After graduating in 1973, Larry pursued a career at Martin Marietta Aggregates, where he retired after 40 years as the Vice President - General Manager of the Charlotte district. Larry worked hard and played hard, with a passion for live music and record collecting, golf, flounder fishing at the Outer Banks, and traveling to Isla Mujeres. He led a self-proclaimed wonderful life, and his legend will live on forever through all who loved him.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Seay Ward, two children Tanya Ward Keeter (Buck) and Larry Barton Ward Jr (Kara), and his two loving sisters, Kay Rainwater and Brenda Blackwelder. He also leaves 7 grandchildren that loved him dearly.

A celebration of Larry's life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5, 2024 at Trinity United Methodist Church with reception to follow. Donations can be made in Larry's name to the Glioblastoma Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, at <https://glioblastomafoundation.org>, or to Trinity UMC, 6230 Beatties Ford Rd, Charlotte, NC, 28216.

James Funeral Home in Huntersville is assisting the family.



# Events


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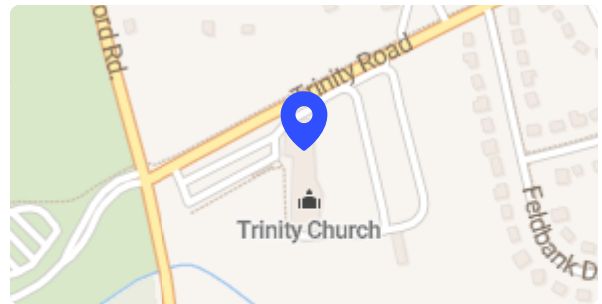
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## Celebration of Life

 **Sunday, May 5, 2024**

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET


 **Trinity United Methodist Church**  
6230 Beatties Ford Rd, Charlotte NC 28216-2106

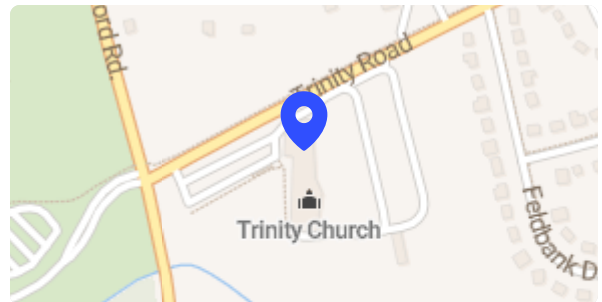


## Visitation

 **Sunday, May 5, 2024**

 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET

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# Tribute Wall

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**Doug Ranson** posted:

Jane .. I'm so very sorry to hear about Larry .. not sure how I missed hearing about it but the world lost one of the good guys for sure .. he would have been awarded "best smile" ever if there ever was a contest for that .. I've lost track of you as we have gone where our life has taken us and I'm sorry about that too .. but please know I have nothing but fond memories and ironic chuckles of the shenanigans that our early years though high school brought .. again I am so very sorry you and your family have had this happened and hope all can find peace while facing this .. R.I.P. Larry ..

May 8 at 9:58 PM



**Donald Renaldo** posted:

Jane, I am so sorry to read about Larry's passing. It has been a long time since we shared some fun and laughter at the Wells Fargo Golf Tournament which is going on this week. I have such fond memories of the laughter and joy we shared. I miss both of you but my thoughts and prayers will always be with you. Please take care of yourself and thank you for your years of friendship. Donald P Renaldo, MD

May 6 at 3:54 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Ward family.



May 3 at 1:53 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Ward family.



May 3 at 5:20 AM



**Henry Batten, Concrete Supply Co.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Larry.



May 3 at 5:20 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Ward family.



May 3 at 5:08 AM



**Fulcher Family, Sealevel, Nc** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Ward family.



May 1 at 7:45 AM



**Shelia B.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Larry.



April 29 at 2:12 PM



**Shelia Bryenton** lit a candle in honor of Larry.

Larry was an outgoing, fun-loving, wonderful Father and loving husband. He lived life to its fullest. He had a successful career, worked diligently to be the best he could be. He was a caring and thoughtful individual. He will be sorely missed. Rest in Peace Larry, you fought a good fight and finished your race..Love to all the Ward family members! Shelia and Alan Bryenton.



April 29 at 2:08 PM



**Brant Hart** posted:

Jane, so sorry to hear about Larry. He and I were in a Freshman English class during our first semester at UNC. I didn't see much of him after that, but I'm thankful that I knew him. My prayers go out to your family.

April 28 at 9:28 AM



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DH

**Dean Hardy** posted:

Larry and I worked for Martin Marietta for nearly 40 years and at one time had offices across the hall from each other, and ironically lived at opposite ends of the same street behind UNC Wilmington. Larry was was my ROCK when tragedy struck my family in 1983 and I couldn't have made it without him. We were promoted and moved to different parts of the country for several years but worked together again for 13 years at the end of our careers. We worked for an incredible boss along with Mike Jones and were affectionately known as the Three Amigos. We didn't get to spend much time together after retirement, but I will always treasure the memories we made over the more than 50 years. It breaks my heart that my fellow Amigo is gone. Gloria, Rob and I will continue to pray for Jane, Tanya, Bart and all those beautiful grandchildren!

April 22 at 8:48 AM

NS

**Nancy Shaw** April 23 at 10:48 AM

I had the privilege of being the suite attendant for The Martin Marietta Suite at The Bank of America Stadium for Carolina Panthers games for 10 years over those years we had so much fun on game days ! Larry & Jane & their family made me feel like family and the Martin Marietta family made me feel like I was a part of them also! I have never met such kind down to earth honest truly caring group of people! They cared for each other, looked out for each other, and truly loved one another. Companies no longer are like that unfortunately. I think of all of you often and wish the world was more like you these days ! Larry was a one of a kind person who can never be replaced or forgotten. I love Jane and her family more than I can say . Thank you for making me feel a part of your lives. ♥

SH

**Susie Overcash Hillman** posted:

Larry, Jane and I went to high school together. It was so great to visit with them at our 50th reunion. My heart breaks to hear of his passing. Prayers lifted for Jane and their family. Susie O. Hillman

April 11 at 2:54 PM

MB

**Myra Billings** posted:

Larry was in our graduating class of 1969 at North Mecklenburg and he and Jane are dear friends of ours!! We had such fun celebrating our 50thClass reunion a few years back!! Sat near Larry in quite a few classes and learned quickly what a kind and sweet guy he was. Jane, we are holding you in our hearts and prayers. Love,Myra & Steve Billings.

April 11 at 1:13 PM



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DM

**Dan Myers** posted:

Larry was a childhood friend. We both grew up in "Long Creek" just south of Huntersville, NC. Larry was my sister Claudia's age, North Mecklenburg class of 1969. I'm three years younger. Our house was always a "hang out" kinda place. I'm sure because of my older sister. I thought Larry "hung the moon!" One of the kindest people I've ever met. He always had time for his friends, even at the time, a little kid like me. Sending up Prayers for Jane and family!

April 11 at 8:39 AM

MJ

**Michael Jones** posted:

Larry and I worked together at Martin Marietta for almost 30 years, and I was truly fortunate to have had that relationship with him. We enjoyed so many good times at outings over the years, and I will always treasure those memories. Larry and Jane were truly made for each other. Jean and I send our prayers to all of the family at this time. I will miss him.

April 11 at 8:01 AM

DO

**Donna Railey He=On** April 12 at 10:37 PM

Sorry Jane for your los g

BA

**Ben Atwater** posted:

Larry was my Pledge Brother at Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and Jane was the Fraternity Sweetheart. I feel like we all grew up together during those heady college days, and have remained close ever since. I loved this fine man. Prayers for Jane, Bart and Tanya and family.

April 11 at 4:35 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Larry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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