



## Danny "Dan" Ward

July 12, 1942 - September 20, 2024

Danny "Dan" Ward, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully on September 20, 2024, in Iowa City, Iowa, at the age of 82. Born on July 12, 1942, in Fairfield, Iowa,

Dan graduated with the Ollie High School Class of 1960. He furthered his education by earning an AA Degree from Grand View University in Des Moines, showcasing his commitment to lifelong learning and personal growth.

After college graduation, Dan worked for several years at Rockwell, where he gained a reputation for his strong work ethic and amiable nature. Dan returned to his roots in 1978, taking great pride in continuing the family legacy as a third-generation farmer. He also shared his expertise with others as a paint salesman, always ready with a warm smile and helpful advice.

An avid Iowa Hawkeyes fan, he rarely missed a game and could often be found cheering on his favorite team with the same passion he brought to every aspect of his life. He was also a member of the Eagles, where he contributed to the community and enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow members.

His two beloved cats were a source of joy and companionship, and his love for animals was evident to all who knew him. Dan's hobbies included scrolling on Facebook, connecting with friends and family, and sharing in the collective experience of the digital age. He also looked forward to bowling nights.

Dan was a devoted family man, deeply loved by his wife, Helen Ward, and their children, Julie (Ed) Baker, Tami (Phil) Drish, and Mike (Heidi) Ward. His role as a grandfather and great-grandfather was one he treasured, sharing in the lives of his grandchildren, Andy (Libby) Drish, Abby (Scott) Drish, Hazel Ward, Madeline Ward, Ed (Briahanna) Baker, and Wil (Amy) Baker, as well as his great-grandchildren, Liam, Nova, Hazel, and Eleanor Baker, and Lila Drish.

He is survived by his loving sisters, Shirley Wolf and Marshia (Bob) Hunter, who will miss his laughter and presence at family gatherings. Dan's life was enriched by the company of his many nieces and nephews, who will carry forward his legacy of kindness.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, who instilled in him the values of hard work and compassion, and his brother-in-law, Fred Wolf, with whom he shared many cherished memories.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the Prairie View Church near Ollie, Iowa with pastor Steven Lamb officiating. The Fremont Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. an hour before service time at the Prairie View Church on Wednesday with Dan's family present to greet relatives and friends. Memorials may be made to the family.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **25.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Prairie View Church  
27131 Iowa 78  
Ollie, IA 52576-8657

## Memorial Service

SEP **25.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Taylor Bardsley and Elizabeth Johnson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Danny "Dan" Ward.



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**Taylor Bardsley and Elizabeth Johnson** - September 24, 2024  
at 05:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Danny "Dan" Ward.



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September 24, 2024 at 10:32 AM



“ Michelle Ward planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Danny "Dan" Ward.

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**Michelle Ward** - September 24, 2024 at 10:32 AM

KS

“ We will really miss Danny in the BARBER SHOP. He would stop everyday at 3:45 before going to the Richland Library (aka Outfield) to make sure he had any headline news to report and confirm that it was correct !! Last winter on his journey to Richland he got stuck on the gravel road and by the time he walked back to the Barber Shop he looked like a frozen POPSICLE !! A kind Customer of mine lended a helping hand and got him back on the road only to send him straight home!!! Thats the beauty of living in a small town... we all care... We will miss you Danny Ward... The Snakenbergs George and Miss Kitty

Kitty Snakenberg - September 24, 2024 at 09:55 AM

GK

“ Gary,Maya Frederick & the Kids purchased the S erene Retreat for the family of Danny "Dan" Ward.



Gary,Maya Frederick & the Kids - September 23, 2024 at 09:50 PM

MS

“ Mark and Jodee Striegel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Danny "Dan" Ward.



Mark and Jodee Striegel - September 23, 2024 at 07:39 PM

MW

“ *Michael, Lindsay and Leah Wide purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Danny "Dan" Ward.*



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**Michael, Lindsay and Leah Wide** - September 23, 2024 at 06:38 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Danny "Dan" Ward.*



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September 23, 2024 at 02:24 PM

MF

“ *Mrs. Carol Austin and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Danny "Dan" Ward.*

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**Mrs. Carol Austin and Family** - September 23, 2024 at 02:24 PM

SW

“ *Shelby W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Danny "Dan" Ward.*

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**Shelby W.** - September 23, 2024 at 01:03 PM

RG

“ *Ron and Mary Graeff purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Danny "Dan" Ward.*



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**Ron and Mary Graeff** - September 23, 2024 at 11:40 AM

PF

“ *I really don't have a favorite memory as they are all precious. I send my sympathy to the entire family and know you will have a lot of dear friends thinking of you. I hope that will help ease the pain of his sudden passing. He was a great man with a huge heart I was always glad to have a conversation with him and his family.*

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**Phyllis Fritchen** - September 23, 2024 at 12:36 AM

DE

*Dan was such a very nice guy he was so kind to my brother. My brother doesn't get out much then we come and get him and take him places and just be a great friend to him. Dennis is going to miss his dear friend.*

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**Diana Eckley** - September 24, 2024 at 06:49 PM