



Rodney (Rod) Kent Ward

November 1, 1941 - February 19, 2026

Rodney (Rod) Kent Ward was born November 1, 1941, in Camp Hill, PA, and passed on February 19, 2026, at his home in Derby, KS. Rod graduated from Cumberland Valley High in 1959, where he excelled in athletics and was a championship wrestler, qualifying for a medal at the state level. In 2007, he was inducted into the Cumberland Valley High School Wrestling Hall of Fame. Rod loved his classmates and had stayed in constant contact with many of them. He actively attended many reunions for the Class of 1959. After high school, he attended Loch Haven University and then later joined the Army and served his country from 1962 to 1965. His Army service took him to Korea, where he mastered valuable skills as a communications operator. After his release from the Army, Rod married his beloved Carol on October 29, 1965. They began their married life in Florida, where Rod began his career with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). While on assignment overseas, Rod and Carol welcomed their first child, Bryan Kent Ward, on May 7, 1967, in Lubumbashi, Shaba Province, Zaire, Africa. They welcomed their second child, Beth Ann Mullins (Ward), on November 7, 1970, in Harrisburg, PA. Rod's service in the CIA took him all over the world, across four continents: Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and the Far East. After a long and distinguished career with the CIA, Rod retired to the Harrisburg, PA, area to reconnect with his family and friends. While retired, Rod earned his commercial driver's license (CDL) and drove tour buses. Carol often joined him on these trips, and they loved to share anecdotes of their travels. Rod and

Carol eventually moved to Pinehurst, NC, where they lived out their retirement until moving to Kansas to be closer to their son, Bryan, and grandchildren, Morgan and Sydney. While in Pinehurst, Rod and Carol lived a full and active life, playing golf, entertaining friends and family, and taking an active role in their church. Rod also enjoyed running marathons, including six Marine Corps Marathons and the Chicago Marathon. He was known in Pinehurst for his training runs around town and was dubbed the “Marathon Man” in the local paper. Rod was also very active in the Republican Men’s Club of Moore County. Rod also enjoyed bluegrass music, playing guitar, volunteering in the community, traveling to see friends and family—as well as traveling to exotic places all over the world, including Greece, Australia, New Zealand, and more. He often sang for children in the community and was praised for his beautiful singing voice. Rod was known for his fierce intelligence, keen political insights, patriotism, and unwavering devotion to his faith, family, and freedom. Rod is survived by his daughter, Beth Mullins (Ward), and his grandchildren, Morgan and Sydney Ward. He is preceded in death by his wife, Carol, and his son, Bryan. Service details are as follows: The memorial service will take place Friday, March 13th, at 12:00 p.m. at Kreamer Funeral Home, 618 E. Main St., Annville, PA 17003. A graveside service will follow at 1:30 p.m. at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, 60 Indiantown Gap Rd., Annville, PA 17003. Details for the livestreamed memorial service to follow.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Indiantown Gap Road
Anville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc
618 E. Main Street
Anville, PA 17003
(717) 867-4811

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney (Rod) Kent Ward.*



March 11 at 12:41 PM



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

March 11 at 12:41 PM



“ *Rodneys obituary does not include our parents, Paul A. Ward and Dorothy Shultz Ward of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.*

Paul A. Ward, Jr., Rodneys Brother

Paul Ward, Jr. - March 07 at 08:41 AM



“ *So sad the last time I can remember seeing Rod and Carol along with Beth was sometime in the 1980s, when I was just a preteen at there cabin off where is Bridge Road Mechanicsburg PA. Before they sold it and moved to North Carolina..I guess he was my second cousin. RIP Rod and Carol... Dwayne Smith..*



Dwayne - March 06 at 07:45 PM

SW

“ 2 files added to the album *Memories*



Sydney Ward - March 04 at 09:53 AM

LW

“ *Rodney was also preceded in death by his older brother, Raymond Ward, and he is survived by a younger brother, Paul A. Ward Jr. who both loved him very much at one point in time. Rodney was my favorite uncle as a teenager. I do hope that he is finally resting in peace.*

Lisa Ward - March 04 at 09:39 AM

JK

“ I had just moved into Camp Hill, PA in the summer of 1954 and got a paperboy route. Rod was the first kid I met in the neighborhood as he also had a route and we would pick up and put our newspapers together at the same dropoff.

Our birthdates were one day apart in November.

We went to the same high school, in the same grade, attended many of the same classes and on the same bus until we graduated in 1959.

Taking different military service, collegiate and career avenues after graduation, we eventually reunited at another classmates fish camp in DE with several other high school classmates that had remained good friends enjoying retirement, fishing, eating the catch and many crabs. Told some stories, drank some adult beverages and enjoyed each others company. Time passing as it does, those that remain no longer enjoy those days of remembrance but still, on rare occasion, get together and recall the fish tales of the “Bay City Boys”.

We are all going to miss Rod, his presence, his perspectives on geo/political events and the many wrestling, golfing and service stories he provided during our gatherings.

In his grip.

God rest his soul.

Jim Koozer

Jim Koozer - March 03 at 06:12 PM

DS

I'm saddened to hear of Rods passing. I met him and Carol here in Pinehurst while working on their bathroom renovation. They were a fun couple and I enjoyed their stories of life together along with many adventures. I cherish the friendship and spiritual example they shared. I will miss Rods emails but look forward to continuing our friendship in Heaven.

Darrell Starr

Darrell Starr - March 10 at 03:24 PM