



Ward L. Friends

February 20, 1938 - July 7, 2023

Ward L. Friends, 85, of Annville, Pennsylvania died Friday July 7 at the Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, PA after a brief illness. Formerly of Millerton (Tioga County), PA, Ward is survived by his wife of 57 years, Dena (Seymour) Friends.

Ward was a veteran of the United States Army having served his country during the Cold War. He was a tank driver with the 4th Armored Division stationed in Germany during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

He spent most of his working career in machine construction with Powers Manufacturing, Emhart, and Black and Decker, from where he retired.

Ward was a long-time member of the Millerton Wesleyan Church. He served as a trustee and enjoyed being a part of the men's group. He also served as a volunteer fire fighter with the Millerton Fire Department, rising to the rank of Chief. In his free time, he enjoyed golf, NASCAR racing, and mowing his yard on his John Deere tractor.

Along with his wife Dena, Ward is survived by three daughters: Loretta (James) Schwenk of Annville, PA; Cindy (Charles) Kent of Millerton, PA; and Annette (Kirby) Burrows of Wendell, NC. He also leaves behind five granddaughters and one grandson, along with five great-grandsons. He was

predeceased by a sixth great-grandson, Orlando Josiah Vargas. Ward is also survived by a brother, Duane, of Mechanicsburg, PA and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at the Millerton Wesleyan Church, Route 328, Millerton, Pennsylvania. Interment will be private at the family's convenience. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully asks you to consider a donation in Ward's memory to Millerton Wesleyan Church, 5174 Main St., Millerton, PA 16936.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

Millerton Wesleyan Church
5174 Main Street
Millerton, PA 16936

Tribute Wall

CE

“ *Annette, my thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time.* ”

Chris Erwin - July 13, 2023 at 03:45 PM

SV

“ *Annette, my heart goes out to you and your family. I am so sorry for the loss of your father and keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.* ”

Sonya Veasey - July 13, 2023 at 11:29 AM

RB

“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss, Annette. Praying you and your family find piece during this time.* ”

Ryan Borcharding - July 12, 2023 at 01:12 PM

GJ

“ *Annette, I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for peace and comfort for your family.* ”

Grace Victoria Jones - July 12, 2023 at 07:59 AM

HF

“ *Annette - so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family. Your father sounds like he was quite a guy. Glad to see his John Deere mower made the obituary. :)* ”

Heather Flagg - July 11, 2023 at 05:04 PM

DB

“ *Many Thoughts and Prayers to the Friends Family. Ward was a Great and Gracious Man. Best wishes to family and Many Fond Memories. Donald Brewer representing the Brewer family Side*

Donald Brewer - July 11, 2023 at 01:42 PM

KL

“ *Cindy - my thoughts are with you and your family. Very sorry to hear of your loss.*

Kathy Lilley - July 10, 2023 at 06:37 AM

RR

“ *Candy and family of Mr.Friends, I am sorry to hear of your loss. Rhonda Rose*

Rhonda Cosmore Rose - July 08, 2023 at 11:47 PM

WP

“ *Shelby and family, we are sending our thoughts and prayers to all .*

Wanda Pilkington - July 08, 2023 at 04:45 PM

KY

“ *When I was part of the Millerton Wesleyan church, ward was one of the first people to come up and great me and made me feel so comfortable. He was a very caring man.*



Kim Young - July 08, 2023 at 04:17 PM

JJ

Ward was a great person. I know he's up there with my Dad (Arnie Jerzak) and Uncle Charlie playing the old "farm golf course", I had the pleasure of working with Ward at Emhart too. My condolences to the family.

Jeff Jerzak.

Jeff Jerzak - July 12, 2023 at 08:53 AM