



Dennis Wayne Ward

February 4, 1947 - March 11, 2023

North Myrtle Beach...

Dennis Wayne Ward, age 76, passed away Saturday, March 11, 2023.

Dennis was born in Kingsport, TN, son of the late Mason and Georgia Ward. He was born and grew up in Kingsport, TN and graduated from Dobyms-Bennett High School. He was also a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. Dennis earned a Master's degree from East Tennessee State University in City Management and achieved his Certified Professional Engineering License. He worked for the City of Kingsport in many capacities over the years. He served in Public Works, as well as Assistant to the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Acting City Manager and Interim Police Chief. He also chaired the City's Planning Commission and was a member and Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport. Dennis was an active member of First Presbyterian Church and served as a Deacon and was on the Board of Elders. After his employment with the City of Kingsport, Dennis entered the private sector and worked with the engineering firm Barge, Waggoner, Sumner, and Cannon. While there he progressed to Vice President and Manager for the Tri-City Offices. After retirement, Dennis and Debbie moved to sunny North Myrtle Beach.

Dennis was a very honest and caring man who loved spending time with his

family and friends. He was a loving father to his children and grandchildren. He kept in close contact with all of them, especially Susan who received "Good Mornings", "Nighty-Nights" every night and texts throughout the day. Andy recently moved from Kingsport to North Myrtle Beach. He is a loving son and has been a huge help with the family and the household. Dennis maintained many friendships from Pre-School and enjoyed close relationships with them throughout his life. Dennis was an avid golfer and a member of Ridgefields Country Club. He was also a collector and a restorer of antique cars of which he owned several and a longtime member of the Kingsport Antique and Rod Club. He was also a devoted VFL (Vol For Life). He enjoyed spending his retirement years at the beach with his loving wife. Dennis will be remembered as a fantastic husband, father, grandfather and good friend to all.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother-in-law, Thomas H. Finger; and one nephew, Jeremy Frye.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Deborah F. Ward of North Myrtle Beach; son, Andrew J. Ward of North Myrtle Beach; daughter, Susan A. Smith (Morgan) of Charleston, TN; two grandchildren, Dylan Joseph Ward (Lawrence Korges) of Cedar Rapids, IA and Jessica K. Smith of Charleston, TN; one brother-in-law, Dwayne Frye (Ramona) of Knoxville, TN; a sister-in-law, Carolyn Finger of Lenoir City, TN; and several special nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 PM Thursday, March 16, 2023 at Southern Palms Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends immediately following the service at the cemetery. Pallbearers will be Kenneth Baldwin, Randy Bledsoe, Scott Finger, Jim Gray, Larry Johnson, David LaRue, Fred Rogers and Wayne Burchette. Honorary Pallbearers will be Special Nephews: Trevor Finger, Joshua Frye, Jonathan Frye, and Jordan Frye.

Memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association at www.heart.org
or to the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation at www.helpfightra.org

Please sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Southern Palms Memorial Gardens

5000 Highway 17 South
North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

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North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dennis was a great guy. He was a customer of ours for a long time. We were just talking about him the other day. Debbie from all of us here at Don Hill please accept our condolences and prayers that Gods peace and love surround you and your family at this time*

Chris Fink - March 16, 2023 at 09:12 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dennis Wayne Ward.*



March 15, 2023 at 11:42 PM

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“ *Thinking of everyone during this tough time. Thankful to be part of his family & shared good times at Aunt Georgia & Uncle Mason's home. My earliest memories of him have his head under the hood of a car, hard to believe I'm sure! He's loved by many & accomplished so much during his life. I'll think of him on the Greenbelt with many friendly people with dogs & so much beauty. He lives on through Andy, Susan, Dylan, Jessica & the love of sweet Debbie! Prayers from Kingsport-Debby Range*

Debby Range - March 15, 2023 at 08:59 PM

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“ *Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May fond memories and earnest prayer bring comfort for family and friends at this time.*
Isaiah 41:13

Kathryn - March 15, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis Wayne Ward.*



March 15, 2023 at 03:24 PM