



Matthew Allen Ward

December 19, 1984 - June 1, 2021

Matthew Allen Ward, 36 of Cape Girardeau, passed away Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at his mother's home in Cape Girardeau, surrounded by family.

He was born Dec. 19, 1984, in Cape Girardeau to Robert Keith Allen and Karen Nickels Ward.

Matt and Valerie Lawless were married in 2010. He was a member of Fruitland Community Church.

He was a 2003 graduate of Advance High School and graduated with a master's degree in occupational therapy from Saint Louis University. Matt served 5 ½ years in the U.S. Navy.

Matt was an occupational therapist with the VNA for the last 6 years. He was an avid Cardinal baseball fan and loved watching, teaching, and playing baseball with his son, Mason. Matt also loved taking walks, riding bikes, camping, and playing in the park with his daughter Daphne

Loving survivors include his mother, Karen Ward; wife, Valerie Ward; son, Mason; daughter, Daphne; sisters, Christa (Billy) Anderson of Jackson, Jeanie Ward-Epley of Arkansas; aunt, Barb (Chris) Ford of St. Louis, uncle, Steve (Denise) Ward of Cape Girardeau; uncle, John Nickels of St. Louis, uncle,

David Nickels of Cape Girardeau; many beloved cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Keith Allen Ward.

A celebration of life service will be Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at Fruitland Community Church with Rev. Mike Parry officiating. Visitation will be from 1:30 until the time of service.

Burial with full military honors will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to VNA Hospice, 2311 Bloomfield Rd. Suite 103, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 or Cardinals Care, 700 Clark Street, St. Louis, MO 63102.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Fruitland Community Church
6040 US Highway 61
Jackson, MO 63755

Celebration of Life

JUN 5. 3:30 PM (CT)

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6040 US Highway 61
Jackson, MO 63755

Tribute Wall

JF

“ We were saddened to hear about Matthews death. I remember him in youth at our church at CBC, he was always kind, he reminded me of his dad- he looked more like his mom, both wonderful parents. He helped us with crafts & Steve's balloon twist animals. He always liked to help. I pray his family has peace, y'all have our deepest sympathy!

Jo & Steve-Payne & family - June 07, 2021 at 12:37 PM

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“ Karen, Valerie, Mason, Daphne,

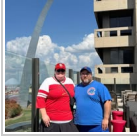
I was sadden to hear about Matt. I have been out of town and unable to attend the Memorial Service. I know he is with the Lord and visiting with his grandparents and able to see his Father once again.

I pray God's loving arms will surround you and keep you through the comings days and months and give you peace.

God Bless,

Karen McClendon

Karen Webb McClendon - June 06, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ Hey brother, I'm just writing to tell you that I'm going to miss ya bro. We went to high school together and had some good times and memories. I hated hearing about this and my prayers are with your family. I love you man and hopefully we will see each other again and may you Rest In Peace.
Jeremy Nall- Class of 2003 AHS!!



Jeremy Nall - June 06, 2021 at 12:02 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Matthew Allen Ward.



June 04, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Matthew Allen Ward.



June 04, 2021 at 06:20 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Matthew Allen Ward.



June 04, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Allen Ward.*



June 04, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Allen Ward.*



June 04, 2021 at 02:19 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Matthew Allen Ward.*



June 04, 2021 at 02:09 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew Allen Ward.*



June 04, 2021 at 02:08 PM

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“ In 2008 or 2009 Matt offered to take a group of FCC youth group kids rock climbing in Illinois. That was a very scary thought for this Mom, and I'm sure for every parent that had a child do something so dangerous. And I prayed, but also put our trust in the expertise and leader of the group. That leader was Matt. My son Greg had a great time that day, and has never forgotten Matt for teaching them and guiding them. Matt was a great mentor. Thank you so very much for participating in my kids lives.

Chris Gibson - June 04, 2021 at 11:40 AM

KJ

“ Karen & family:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I pray that God provides you with the necessary comfort, peace, and understanding at this time.

Ken Pemberton, Jr.

Kenneth C Pemberton Jr - June 04, 2021 at 10:25 AM