



## Dennis W. Ward

June 28, 1941 - January 16, 2021

Dennis Wayne Ward, 79, was the type of person you could rely on for whatever you needed, whenever you needed it.

Dennis was born June 28, 1941 to Harvey Joseph Ward and Charity Marie (Farthing). He left this earth on January 16, 2021. He was raised in Swaledale, Iowa, the oldest of a large family. He had many friends and enjoyed participating in athletics in his youth. He graduated in 1959, in a class of five students, the final year before Swaledale merged with Rockwell.

He attended Iowa Teachers College in Cedar Falls for one semester. He went to work for his uncle Ed at the Conoco station in Mason City. He then took a job for the Chicago Great Western Railroad. On June 10, 1962 he married Nancy Grace (Wilson) Ward. The couple had three children, Brenda, Connie, and Daniel. In 1966 he went to work for Decker meat packing plant (Armour, ConAgra) where he worked for 38 years. During times of plant layoffs he worked for Agway, where he became a pilot and flew the company plane. He also managed the Rockwell American Legion club for a while. Dennis retired from ConAgra in 2005 but soon decided that kind of life was not for him so he joined his friend, Bud, helping with grounds keeping at the Linn Grove Country Club.

Dennis was the kind of person that was just fun to be around. He was honest, generous and kind, and had a quick wit. If you asked him how he was, he always had a one-liner ready, such as, "I'm finer than frog's hair" or "if I was any better, I'd have to be twins." He loved to play card games of all kinds and looked forward to spending time with his friends every week playing poker. He played slow pitch softball for many years. He enjoyed golfing and "a few" trips to the casino. But above all, he loved his family. There was no question that family was what mattered and he and Nancy instilled that trait in their children.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 58 years, Nancy; daughters, Brenda Campbell (Mark) and Connie Brown (Darrell); son, Daniel Ward; grandchildren, Derek Brown (Tessa), Craig

Brown (Kayla), Grace Campbell, David Campbell, Danielle Ward, and Levi “Jack” Ward; bonus grandchildren, Zach and Samantha Palmer; great grandchildren, Gavin, Dax, Harper, Warren, Ace, and Khari Brown, and one arriving very soon! He is also survived by siblings, Richard Ward (Bernadette), Lester “Pete” Ward (Lora), Opal Brass (Don), and Timothy Ward (Shirley); in laws, Linda Wilson, Beth Milbrandt (Dennis), and Allan Formanek (Patty); as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Nancy Thompson (Steve), infant David Ward, Christopher Ward (Barb); in laws, George and Dorothy Wilson; and sister in laws, Barbara Formanek and Janet Arndt (Robert).

Dennis’ family will greet relatives and friends from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm on Thursday evening, January 21, 2021, at Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel, 126 3rd St NE., Mason City. A brief prayer service will be held at 6:00 pm. Those in attendance are asked to wear facial coverings and practice social distancing.

A private graveside service will be held at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery, rural Swaledale.

# Cemetery

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**Pleasant Valley Township  
Cemetery**

Swaledale, IA,

# Events

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**JAN 21** Visitation 04:30PM - 07:00PM

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Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel  
126 Third Street Northeast, Mason City, IA, US,  
50401

# Comments

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“ Your Nationwide Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dennis W. Ward.



Your Nationwide Family - January 21 at 04:55 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis W. Ward.



January 21 at 09:10 AM

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“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Dennis W. Ward.



January 20 at 10:59 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis W. Ward.



January 20 at 06:54 PM

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“ Uncle Denny was such a kind man. Always had a smile and a kind word to say. Praying for peace and that your family finds some comfort in the memories you have.

**Pam Haukoos** - January 20 at 12:55 PM

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“ Denny was a real corker. Could make you laugh with just one of his goofy responses over something silly. Always a smile and enjoyed talking with him when I volunteered at the golf course. Always kind hearted - he even blew out the heavier snow from my driveway as a kindness. He comes from a joyful family full of love. All the Wards are wonderful and caring people and knowing them has made my life richer. I will miss seeing that smiley face around. My prayers go out to the entire Ward family.  
Bernie Eddy

**Bernie Eddy** - January 20 at 03:07 AM

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“ Robert W. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dennis W. Ward.



**Robert W.** - January 19 at 03:13 PM

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“ Deb, Heidi, Laura, Lisa & Sam purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis W. Ward.



**Deb, Heidi, Laura, Lisa & Sam** - January 19 at 08:57 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Dennis was a fun guy. Talked with everyone and laughing. He will be missed. Wendy and Ted Bonner

**Wendy Bonner** - January 19 at 05:15 AM

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“ A donation was made to the Humane Society of N. IOWA, in tribute and memory of a life well lived. . . My sincere sympathy to the family. . .from Shelley Smith Blumberg.

**Shelley Blumberg** - January 19 at 12:05 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Sending love & prayers to all the family.  
Sincerely,  
Gary & Jan Brown

**Gary & Jan Brown** - January 18 at 07:09 PM

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“ I've known Dennis for many years. His beloved daughter, Brenda, married my son, Mark Campbell. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. We shared our love of Grace and David as our grandchildren. His beautiful wife Nancy shares our love of our grandchildren. We spent many events together for our grands. Dennis always made me laugh! His humor was infectious and we spent many times laughing and loving our family together. As my son lost his father as a young adult, Dennis and Nancy and their extended family provided him with a large family Mark loved dearly. Dennis will be greatly missed but his spirit and love of life will live on in his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. May God's love and peace be with his family.

Sharon J. Campbell - January 18 at 06:34 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis W. Ward.



January 18 at 06:17 PM