



Jack Ward

December 15, 2014

WARD, JACK

Jackie Ward, 81, beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather was called to his eternal resting place in Heaven on Monday, December 15, 2014. He entered this world on August 23, 1933 in Memphis, TX, born to Henry and Martha Ward. Jack served in the United States Navy from 1952-1956. He graduated from Adams State College with a Master's Degree in Education and he served as a teacher, principal and superintendent in the Bloomfield School District for 32 years. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Ward of Rio Rancho; his son, Marty Ward of Houston, TX; his daughter, Terry Ferrari of Bloomfield, NM; and daughter, Kristine Willingham of Tijeras, NM. Jack was also blessed with four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 20, 2014, 11:00 a.m., at the First Baptist Church of Rio Rancho, 3906 19th Ave SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124. Please visit our online guestbook for Jackie at www.FrenchFunerals.com

FRENCH - Westside
9300 Golf Course Rd NW
505-897-0300

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (MT)

First Baptist Church of Rio Rancho
3906 19th Ave. SE
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

Tribute Wall

SV

“ Dear Ward Family:

I grew up living down the street on Hare Street in Bloomfield, NM from Jack and Bonita Ward. I went to school with his children, Terri and Marty, my brother Mark went to school with Dean. He was the first superintendent of Bloomfield Schools who hired me to substitute teach in the winter of 1977. He was also principal at Bloomfield High School my senior year, 1974-75. I will miss you Jack. You were an inspiration to me as a student and fellow educator.

Stevan P. Villers

Stevan P. Villers - January 02, 2015 at 02:59 PM

SS

“ *"hi" mr. jack ward family, i love you all and i whonted to tel you all it was great being with all of you all in bloomfeild, new mexico and after me loveing mom and dad pastaway he and i would tulk on the phone and when i would come to albuquerque, new mexico we would have coffie together and tulk about the good old days and i came to the funral and saw all of you all there and on a table at the funral was a 8x10 black and white photo of all of you all in it and can i please have a photo paper copy of it? here is my address mr. steven ellis scott 600 south austin street seguin, texas 78155 and terry can you please please call me at 1-505-967-8236 so i can tel you more about the photo ok? thanks so much for allways being so nice to me when ever you see me i love you all so much! steven ellis scott,, ps i'm allways there for you to tulk to on the phone ok?*

steven ellis scott - December 30, 2014 at 12:34 PM

GM

“ I remember Jack Ward as a great person-one you could always talk to. Perhaps my best memory of Mr. Ward was as a kid. He was the man you needed to talk to in order to get a job painting the bleachers at Bloomfield High School. Mr. Ward was a great administrator. He liked the students and he had their respect. Mr. Ward was a credit to the community and made Bloomfield a better place. I'm glad I knew him. He will be tremendously missed.

Gary M. McDaniel - December 28, 2014 at 08:38 PM

TW

“ Our love and prayers for your peace and comfort in the time of your loss of a very special person in all our lives. Mr. Ward was always a pleasure to be around whether in the mountains or at work or wherever. Remembering the winter the Ellis Scott family and Webb family spent the New Year week end in Ouray, CO. Oh what fun. On the way home Jack followed us down the mountain and our tail lights froze over and he was following us and thank God, we all made it safely back to Bloomfield. We shared many hours together whether in fun, church or wherever we were. We loved those times and still miss them. We shall always have a special place in our hearts and memories for Jack and his family. He was always there when you needed him whether in fun or in time of need. We will miss you Jack. We send out condolences to all his family and may God bless each of you in a special way in this time of loss.

Tommie and Mary Webb - December 23, 2014 at 07:48 PM

 Chris McDonald

“ My sincere condolences to the Ward family. Mr. Ward was a wonderful teacher and kind man. My prayers are with you. Jimmy McDonald

Chris McDonald - December 23, 2014 at 08:43 AM

JF

“Ruth, my heart will be with you this morning and in days to come for the loss of this beautiful human being. Goodness, we had fun back in the '80's at the Desert High Wellness Conferences in Las Vegas, NM. Jack and the other Jack were the ultimate jokesters--hiding underwear, etc and generally keeping us all laughing. He has been a remarkable servant as an educator, and an individual you love to greet when he flashes that smile. I am so glad you two had these special years to brighten all our lives. He leaves a legacy that is unmatched.

Blessings to you sweet friend.
Jo Anne Fredrikson

Jo Anne Fredrikson - December 20, 2014 at 10:15 AM

PS

“Best Superintendent I ever worked for. My cousin Ricky and I had more fun in his auto mechanics class and welding class at BHS. I had him as a coach, a teacher, and as my boss when I came back to Bloomfield to teach and coach. I was fortunate to keep in contact with him over the years. What a great man! Were still giving each other a bad time over all the stuff that happened to us during our long relationship! We had the best visit at an indoor track meet in Albuquerque last year. What memories we shared!

I will miss you Mr. Ward!!!
Phillip Sategna

Phillip Sategna - December 19, 2014 at 11:09 PM

LG

“ OH that smile....the best in the world. He was my first Superintendent when I moved to Farmington. His support and care for those of us who worked for him was above and beyond the typical Superintendent. He made sure that I was able to retire when I needed to ...even when I was young and naive and couldn't even comprehend retirement. He always had a joke to share and a hug when we needed one. He promoted women and let them do the job they were hired to do...when that wasn't the norm. Prayers and warm thoughts to all the family he has left behind. He spoke warmly of each of you whenever we connected. God bless Laura Sullivan Gallegos and Art Gallegos

Laura Sullivan Gallegos - December 19, 2014 at 06:51 PM

BM

“ Prayers and Sympathy in this time of loss, Prayers for Marty and Terri and their families.
Sincerely, Brenda McDonald

Brenda McDonald - December 19, 2014 at 06:51 PM

MM

“ Mike, Deena and Aaron, Lee -- Adam, and Melinda Martinez purchased the Silver Season Bouquet for the family of Jack Ward.



Mike, Deena and Aaron, Lee -- Adam, and Melinda Martinez -
December 19, 2014 at 06:07 PM

NL

“ So sorry for your loss! He was a great man!



Nan Lasster - December 19, 2014 at 06:01 PM



“ Fields of Europe Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Ward.



December 19, 2014 at 01:24 PM

SR

“ Jack was a wonderful educator and an awesome person. He taught me to drive in an old Army car We had a ball! Later, he hired me to teach at Naaba Ani and I was privileged to teach his two grandchildren and become cousins-in-law with his daughter. He left a true mark on education in Bloomfield.

Suzanne Russell - December 19, 2014 at 11:44 AM

JB

“ Jack was such an awesome human being. When he was the hearing officer for RRPS, he would always stop in and give me a big a ol' hug. He had the BEST after-shave cologne and I would smell it the rest of the day. Going to miss that man. He was a perfect example of how a person should live their life. So kind.

Jennifer Beckholt - December 19, 2014 at 11:11 AM

DM

“ Jack Ward was a fine human and dedicated educator. Over the years of our association, particularly the dozen years I served as State Superintendent of Public Instruction, I knew Jack kept one value at the very core of his often-sought (and sometimes volunteered without being sought!) advice: the education of New Mexico students. I, among so many others, will miss him. ~Alan Morgan

Dr. Alan Morgan - December 19, 2014 at 09:33 AM

JM

“ Deepest sympathy from the Magee family. My dad, James, and my Uncle Gerald thought a lot of Jack. Although I never had the honor to work with Jack I know he did many great things for the Bloomfield School District. James Magee, Jr.

James Magee - December 19, 2014 at 08:55 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Jack Ward.



December 18, 2014 at 06:41 PM

KS

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Kristian Schmidt - December 18, 2014 at 11:03 AM