



Kerman Earl Ward

August 4, 1943 - December 5, 2020

Kerman E. Ward, 77, of Lanexa, VA went to his heavenly home on December 5, 2020. He was born on August 4, 1943 in Bertie County, NC to the late Inez and Nathan Ward. Kerman was preceded in death by his brother, Michael Ward. Kerman served in the United States Army and then went to work for the New Kent Sheriff's Department for over 20 years, where he retired as Seargent Ward. Kerman had a passion for music, which led to the creation of the "Work-N-Progress" band. When he wasn't playing music, he enjoyed camping and riding Harleys alongside his wife.

Kerman is survived by his wife of 21 years, Debra Ward; two daughters, Holly and Kerri Ward; a brother, Henry Ward (Joyce); three stepchildren: Benjamin T. Ward Sr. (Tina), Brandi Wade (Chuck), and Brock Ward Sr. (Whitney); ten grandchildren: Travis and Connor Laisure, Ryan Hockaday (Sydney), Brooke Ward, Benjamin Ward Jr., Raegan, Court, and Ella Wade, B.A. and Kennedy Ward.

In Kerman's 77 years of life, he made a few things known for sure- he loved God, his family, and his country. If you knew him, you knew you had a friend for life.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *I remember you driving the school bus.*

Lois lipscomb - October 14, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ *RIP sweet Kermie. I will always cherish our memories together when we were just kids. See you on the other side of the Stars.* ❤️

😘 ---Joyce James

Joyce James - December 27, 2020 at 12:49 PM



“ *Steve Griffith lit a candle in memory of Kerman Earl Ward*



Steve Griffith - December 20, 2020 at 05:29 PM



“ To Debbie,

*No one will know this man as well as you do. He was also a friend of mine. Someone that was always willing to give the benefit of a doubt. He didn't judge people by the style of life they choose. He knew they choose their path, and he choose his. He led by example his own way. He held a standard of respect that you can not teach, he was born with that. I will never forget the "encounters" I personally experienced with Officer Ward. Each, and every time he showed the most professionalism as a Law enforcement Officer. I was so impressed. I made a point to, "Re-introduce" myself to him at a public / private event, Just to say thanks. He smiled at me and started telling me of all the family members of mine that he knew as friends. On both sides of my family, and my married side. The great, and not so great choices of friends. He told me very humorous stories that complimented his own personality. I will always remember him as, New Kent County Officer Kerman Ward. A person that I was proud to say was my friend.
Sorry for your loss Debbie!*

Steve Griffith - December 20, 2020 at 05:23 PM

LC

He was a wonderful person and was so helpful to me and the students at New Kent High School when I was principal. He was an awesome person and a great example for all of us.

Louise Carlton - July 07, 2021 at 12:55 PM

BW

“ Bobby Weagley lit a candle in memory of Kerman Earl Ward



Bobby Weagley - December 17, 2020 at 07:57 PM

MF

“ *Debbie, Kerman has been in our lives for as long as we can remember. He has always showed unconditional love towards my family during his law enforcement career and I am grateful for that. Later in life, our family has frequented the campground and have had a wonderful time there. We are sorry for your loss and wish your family peace in knowing that he supported the citizens of New Kent County and that he will be dearly missed.*



Mindy Fox

Mindy Fox - December 16, 2020 at 08:13 PM

MH

“ *Mike Haden lit a candle in memory of Kerman Earl Ward*



Mike Haden - December 14, 2020 at 12:09 AM

MH

“ *Prayers go out to you Debbie and the family. Kerman will be missed by a lot of people he has touch in his life. I know he was a good friend to my uncle Wayne and aunt Becky.*
Mike Haden and family

Mike Haden - December 14, 2020 at 12:04 AM

JR

“ Kerman was a fine man. I first met him when he was a deputy for New Kent and I worked for King William. Our most recent contact(s) with Karman was at the Hardee's when he and the band played music. God has now received another angel. May God Bless and comfort his family and friends. Jim and Beverly Ross



James Ross - December 13, 2020 at 09:02 PM

VB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Kerman's passing. Debbie, Henry, and all family members, you all are in my thoughts and prayers. May God wrap his loving arms around you and you feel His love for his children. Kerman will be greatly missed!

Vicki Burcham - December 12, 2020 at 08:57 PM

ES

“ We were harts broken to hear of the loss of your love one we love and will keep you in our prayers.

Ben & Elane



Elane & Ben Strudwick - December 12, 2020 at 06:38 PM

RA

“ Dear Debra and Family, So sorry to hear of Kerman's passing. He was a good man. Peace of Christ to you all. Ruth

ruth adams - December 12, 2020 at 01:54 PM

VH

“ Kerman was a wonderful friend and and great law enforcement colleague. He will be missed greatly. Prayers to his family.

Vern Hall

Vern Hall - December 12, 2020 at 11:16 AM

DT

“ Prayers for Kerman's family and friends, he will truly be missed 😞
May God keep all of you in his loving arms. Ron & Donna Thorne

Donna Thorne - December 12, 2020 at 12:31 AM

TT

“ So sorry to hear about Kerman, He was truly a wonderful man. Prayers for the family.



Tammy Taylor - December 11, 2020 at 06:03 PM

TT

“ So sorry to hear about Kerman. He will be truly a wonderful man. Prayers for family.



Tammy Hite Taylor - December 11, 2020 at 06:00 PM

JM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Kerman and getting to know him even better after he retired from the Sheriff’s Office. Kerman loved his family and he loved and lived life. He enjoyed music and enjoyed sharing it with others. He loved New Kent County and did a tremendous amount of work on behalf of others. Over the last few years he always seemed to have a smile on his face and I know he had God in his heart. He will be missed. RIP Kerman.

Joe McLaughlin - December 10, 2020 at 07:53 PM

GC

“ Dear family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Kerman when we went to NKHS. I know he will be missed. Cherish your precious memories.
Sending my thoughts and prayers.
Gloria Couch

Gloria Couch - December 10, 2020 at 11:27 AM

RW

“ Debbie, so sorry for your loss. We've known you and Kerman for close to 50 years, and this was shocking news. Prayers and condolences for the family.

Roger, Karen, and Kevin Webb - December 10, 2020 at 09:29 AM

NT

“ Debra I am so very sorry to hear of your loss, Kerman was a friend to so many people, he and I went to school together and even though we did not interact much in the years after, when ever we would see each other he was always friendly and kind .I only heard him play music one time but I thought he was very good. May God bless you with peace. Nancy Thompson

Nancy Thompson - December 10, 2020 at 09:04 AM

RN

“ *Richard And Teresa Nice lit a candle in memory of Kerman Earl Ward*



Richard and Teresa Nice - December 10, 2020 at 08:24 AM

SS

“ *So sorry to hear about Kerman. He will be truly missed. Prayers for family.*

sandy ward sowell - December 10, 2020 at 07:17 AM

JR

“ *John & Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Kerman Earl Ward*



John & Vickie Roane - December 09, 2020 at 09:30 PM

MM

“ *So very sorry to hear of Kerman's passing. He was such a wonderful friend to my father Buddy Crist. I will always be grateful for he and Debbie's kindness shown during dad's illness and death due to pancreatic cancer. Heaven has received another angel. May your memories of sweeter times help you through this time of loss. With Love, Melinda Crist Martin*

Melinda Martin - December 09, 2020 at 08:56 PM

DW

He loved Buddy. Now they're together in heaven dancing and singing

debra ward - December 10, 2020 at 07:48 AM

SO

Debbie, we are so sorry for your loss. Kerman always had a smile and good things to say for everybody he met. He was a wonderful friend and both of you helped us to learn the sound & video systems at church. We will miss him and our prayers continue for you and your family. WE have a wonderful Angel watching over us.

Sandy Owens - December 10, 2020 at 12:07 PM

JD

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Kerman's family. He was always a pleasure to be around. Lee and John Davis*

John Davis - December 09, 2020 at 08:29 PM

LS

“ *Prayers for you Henry on the death of your brother.*

Linda South - December 09, 2020 at 02:52 PM

HW

THANK YOU LINDA. Henry

HENRY WARD - December 10, 2020 at 11:09 PM

WM

“ *I have known Kerman all of my life and considered him to be family. He will be missed by all*

wayne malechek - December 09, 2020 at 12:43 PM

KD

“ Debra, Holly, Kerri and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Kerman was a good person who loved his family deeply and always lived life to it's fullest. We are sharing in your sadness at this time. How blessed we all were to have him in our lives.

The song is ended but the melody lingers on. – Irving Berlin

Karen P. Disse - December 09, 2020 at 10:51 AM

WH

“ Our thoughts and prayers for the family. Kerman was a kind soul. We used to like talking to him at the campground & listening to his stories. He may be gone ,but will never be forgotten.



William & Rosemary Hite - December 09, 2020 at 10:43 AM

JP

“ So sorry for your loss. We are remembering all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Judy and Glenn Palmer - December 09, 2020 at 09:58 AM