



Martin 'Chip' Ward

March 3, 1953 - January 13, 2022

Martin 'Chip' Ward, age 68, passed away on Thursday, January 13, 2022.

Chip was born March 3, 1953, the son of the late Martin Ward and Mildred Cronin. He was an avid golfer and a big sports fan, frequently picking squares in football pools. Chip enjoyed celebrating holidays throughout the year (especially St. Patrick's Day) and had a strong work ethic, working up until the very end. Above all, he was a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife Nancy; children Jen (Steve) Hodsdon and Josh (Nicole) Ward; grandchildren Payton, Delaney, Annabella, and Matthew; and by his siblings Mark Ward, Joanne Ward, and Matthew Ward.

He was preceded in death by his brother Michael Ward.

Memorial visitation will be 3 – 5 p.m. Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S Milwaukee Ave, Lake Villa, IL 60046. A memorial service will follow at 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Please consider a contribution in Chip's memory to the American Lung Association.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 18. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Martin 'Chip ' Ward*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Martin 'Chip ' Ward*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Condolences to your family. I grew up with Chip in Hampton Falls. We graduated in the same class together. I remember playing as kids at the house in Hampton Falls before it was torn down got highway expansion. Rip my friend.*

Warren Barker - February 02, 2022 at 01:35 PM



“ *My Dear friend Chip.
I will always remember what you said to me after losing a loved one.
Which you were.
You said, always live your life to celebrate the one that left us.
Here's to your life that was spent bring laughter to other. Your life
was our blessing, you shall never be forgotten.
Your auld Scottish pal.
Doogie*

Doogie Clark - January 25, 2022 at 08:49 AM



“ *A truly nice guy, the epitome of the word class. I already miss him.*

Dave Mattea - January 18, 2022 at 08:51 PM



RD

So sorry to hear the news. My condolences to all.

Rosemary Decie - February 05, 2022 at 07:57 AM



JW

“ *So many happy memories during this time of sorrow.
I will smile when I grill as Chip loved to grill out.
I will ouhh and ahhh when I see fireworks, as he loved to have his own display.
I will laugh out loud when I see green carnations, as Chip loved to pass them out on St. Patricks Day wearing his (silly) hat!! (His favorite Holiday)
I will feel happy when I see Christmas lights. (his Christmas lights on his roof and a huge tree).
I will feel joy when I see a pinto horse. (all the times he would help me up on Patch, probably not wanting to, but doing it anyway for his little sister)
I will enjoy the first strawberry of season (as his first job at Pelton's picking berries to buy a bike to ride to his job and he would treat us to ice cream, sharing what he had).
I will still eat Frozen Pudding ice cream the first time I go out for a cone, as it is his favorite.
So many memories, so sad he is gone too soon.
Sending love to all, Joanne, Chips little sister.*

Joanne Ward - January 18, 2022 at 11:30 AM



“ *Met Chip probably 12 years ago at our favorite watering hole: Emils. We both had interests in sports and golf and we were both in the corporate world years prior. He was a classy individual and on the golf course a fierce, without showing it, competitor. Obviously he will be missed including his St Pat's day shenanigan's. While he is gone now his memory will not be. Yes, my condolences. Charles Sund*

Charles Sund - January 18, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martin 'Chip ' Ward.*



January 18, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martin 'Chip ' Ward.*



January 18, 2022 at 08:24 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martin 'Chip ' Ward.*



January 17, 2022 at 07:23 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Martin 'Chip ' Ward.*



January 17, 2022 at 06:50 PM

MA

“ Nancy, family & friends. At this time of sorrow, I am unable to speak as words of comfort are needed most. Please find comfort in knowing that warm thoughts are sent. Love Brother Mark

Mark - January 17, 2022 at 05:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martin 'Chip ' Ward.



January 17, 2022 at 04:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martin 'Chip ' Ward.



January 17, 2022 at 10:12 AM

TJ

“ The Johnsons purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of Martin 'Chip ' Ward.



The Johnsons - January 16, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Martin 'Chip ' Ward.*



January 15, 2022 at 03:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martin 'Chip ' Ward.*



January 15, 2022 at 02:53 PM



“ *To Nancy and family,
Our heartfelt sorrow goes out to all of you at this difficult time! Chip will always be remembered for his hearty laugh, smile, New England accent and friendship for over 30 years.*



Passing of a loved one leaves a heartache no one can heal but our memories and love for them lives within us and never forgotten. 💕💕

Ken and Kris Tworek

Ken and Kris Tworek - January 15, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Martin 'Chip ' Ward.*



January 14, 2022 at 10:14 PM



“ *Chip made "THE BEST" mashed potatoes...soooo creamy and perfectly plated with a pork roast! A wonderful man gone too soon. Love and Hugs*

Marge - January 14, 2022 at 07:04 PM