



Thomas A Ward

June 6, 1927 - January 24, 2020

Thomas A. Ward, age 92, of Crown Point, passed away on January 24, 2020, five years and one week after the passing of his beloved wife of 64 years, Sue Ward. He was born June 6, 1927. He was a navy veteran, having served in World War II in Japan. He graduated from Western Kentucky University and also received a degree from Indiana University. As a Hilltopper, he had many successes running track, finishing one season as state runner-up. His passion for sports pervaded the rest of his life, evident in his years as a devoted coach and teacher at Gary Lew Wallace High School. He golfed and spent countless hours with his best friends at Youche Country Club, where he was a member for over 40 years. A loyal fan of the Chicago White Sox and IU men's basketball, he often enjoyed the games with the company of his family.

Tom was a vibrant, colorful character whose influence will continue to be felt by the many people he impacted, especially in the family who survived him. His quick-witted humor and lively nature made him a memorable figure, but it's the legacy of his boundless love for his wife and family that will make him unforgettable.

He is preceded in death by his parents Alan and Gladys, his wife, Sue Ward, his daughter Carol Ward, and his grandson Ryan Ward-Knipp. He is survived by his sister Jane Sosh, his son Scott Ward (Shawnee Bergman), his granddaughter Sarah Otero (Ben), his grandson Thomas Vanderplough (Josh

Bostic), his dearly loved great-grandchildren, Julian Ward-Knipp, Maria Otero, and Lauren Otero, and his honorary family member Victoria Vingua.

Tom had a habit of passing on wisdom to most of those he met and often did so in the form of clever common sayings. So do him a favor and, as he used to say- don't take any wooden nickels, keep your powder dry, and- a bit less colloquial- don't change lanes on the highway.

Friends are invited to visit with Tom's family on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point from 10 am until the time of the funeral service at 11 am. At rest at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



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“ Feel free to join family and friends at Innsbrook Country Club tomorrow evening (same day as funeral service) from 6-8pm to share memories! Dinner and lots of funny stories and happy tears included.

Thomas AI - January 28, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas A Ward.



January 28, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ My husband, Bill English and my mother, Avis Akers taught with Tom at Riley Elementary School. I have an oil painting Tom did in 1965 of a small village in the winter time. Kay English

Kay English - January 28, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas A Ward.



January 27, 2020 at 09:51 PM



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January 27, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ *Tom Ward was my father's BFF - John Wendt. They shared a lot of laughs and great memories and now they are together once again. Renee Nerney (Wendt).*

Renee - January 27, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas A Ward.*



January 27, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ *Deepest Sympathy to all Thomas's family*

Terry G Kegebein - January 27, 2020 at 01:08 PM