



Rich L. Ware

May 10, 1958 - June 11, 2021

NORTH AUGUSTA, SC – Funeral Services for Rich L. Ware, 63, who entered into rest June 11, 2021, will be conducted Saturday, June 19, at 2 pm from the Posey Chapel, Bishop Stephen Noble officiating. Interment will be Monday, June 21, at 11 am in the Fort Jackson National Cemetery with Veterans Honors. The Saturday chapel service will be webcast on Mr. Ware's memorial website at <http://www.poseyfuneraldirectors.com/obituaries/permalink/10010336/LTWebcast>.

Rich was born into a military family and lived many places around the world. He and his family had recently moved to North Augusta from their 15-year home in Martinsburg, WV. Rich was a decorated retired veteran of the United States Army, having served throughout the world in many wars and conflicts. After retiring from his military service, he continued to work as a civilian with the U.S. Army in Military Intelligence at the Pentagon until his recent retirement. In total, he served his country for 32 years. Rich was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and family was his focus. He was an excellent father to many of his own and to 79 foster children over 15 years. He also found joy in making others laugh and spending time travelling with his sweetheart of 20 years, Debbie, whom he met in his travels to England. Rich was preceded in death by his father, Joe Ware, and a son, Jason Newland.

Surviving family members include his loving wife, Debbie Ware; sons, Jeremy, Ben (Giulia), and Donté Ware; daughter, Jemma Beach; grandchildren, Jackson, Everlee, Ella, and Grayson Beach; mother, Mary Lea Ware; brother, Mike Ware; nephew, Alex Ware; and niece, Madison Ware.

Pallbearers will be Alex Ware, Ben Ware, Mike Ware, Greg Justus, Scott Montgomery, and Lee Brady.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to Saturday's chapel service.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta is in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry at www.PoseyCares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Ave
North Augusta, SC 29841
(803) 278-1181
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Service

JUN **19**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

Burial

JUN **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, SC

Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Rich L. Ware



Posey Funeral Directors - June 16, 2021 at 02:34 PM

DW

My dear , sweet Rich was the kindest, sweetest, most generous man I have ever known. He was definitely a giver. Always helping others. We had 79 foster children in our care over 15 years and I hope they all remember him fondly. He was such a fun person to be around. I'm so blessed to have had 22 years with him. He will always be the love of my life. He made us all so happy and our family was the world to him. He knew he was very loved, I'm thankful for that. The suddenness of his passing was the hardest to accept. I know we will be together again. I love you sweetheart. ❤️

Debra Ware - August 25, 2021 at 12:23 PM



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Rich L. Ware



Posey Funeral Directors - June 14, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ *Rich L. Ware*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *When I first met Rich, I was in the USAF, in Athens, Greece, and he became part of my "crew." He was a great guy, very humble, even though he was very good at his work. He was a great help to our mission. That was in the late 80's. I met Rich again in 2004. This time, I was in Iraq (now with the Army). Rich had long retired from the Army, and was working with a DOD contractor. It was a nice surprise for us to cross paths, and better still that a teammate and I were able to help Rich with a project he was leading. Ultimately, the work we were able to help Rich complete led to the development of equipment used to save 1000's of GIs. He was, what they call in the business, a "Silent Warrior" and a great one at that.*

LF - August 19, 2023 at 08:05 PM



“ *Rich L. Ware*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM

RK

“ Some of the things our family remembers most about Rich Ware: he volunteered to take on responsibilities at church when someone was needed. He planned and organized well.

Rich loved to play games and was quite competitive. We played Pictionary with a group of friends in Greece. Rich had to get his partner to guess "South America." He drew the continent and pointed to it. His partner said, "Argentina!" Rich pointed again. "Brasil!" From there the guesses were predictable. Rich would circle the entire continent. Another country would be named. Rich put 2 circles. Another country. Rich circled the continent again and again... When the answer was revealed, his partner said, "You know I don't know much about geography!" The interplay was priceless. Another time, he was listening to some music on the radio. A contest question came up & Rich knew the answer so he called in. He was the right person with the right answer! (Yea, Rich.) Then the DJ asked him what station Rich was listening to. Rich told him that he had no idea. He had just chosen a random station because they were playing a song that he liked.

When we lived in Tennessee, I called his home. The phone picked up. Rich said, "Hi." I answered. Rich: "How are you?" "Okay. Home are you?" "We're fine here. What can I do for you?" I was part way through my question when I heard, "We aren't here right now so you can leave a message." And then the answering machine beeped. I didn't know whether to laugh or groan. But now, every time we tell the story, we laugh.

We know that Heavenly Father will be with you and comfort you. Rich will watch over all your trials and be proud of your accomplishments, we are sure.

It was a blessing to know him.

Randy and Arliegh Kovacs

Randy and Arliegh Kovacs - June 19, 2021 at 03:08 PM

TL

“ To the Ware family - my deepest sympathy goes out to you! Rich was a great man and consummate professional. He & I worked on the same team within DAMO-ODG for years. He taught me so much... He will be deeply missed. May he rest in eternal peace. God bless him & your family!



Tracy Lobo

Tracy Lobo - June 19, 2021 at 02:09 PM

JW

“ Rich and I (John Ware) are cousins and I have so many wonderful memories to share that I could not even begin. Suffice to say Rich has always been a key member of our family. I have been diagnosed with ALS and recently shared how my disease was progressing. Rich saw my post and was so concerned he drove down to Ocala, Florida to see me and check out how I was doing. A few days after his visit we we heartbroken to hear what happened. We are so broken hearted but take solace in knowing we will see each other again. Rich you were an amazing man and the world is a better place for having you in it. RIP until we meet again!

John Ware - June 19, 2021 at 11:40 AM

DB

“ I can't share many memories of Rich because we only met a handful of times, However, the first time I met him I knew that my sister would always have an anchor in a storm, a strong shoulder to lean on and warm arms and love surrounding her, and my word she has certainly needed it! I wish we could be there to support you all at this dreadful time. I'm glad that Debbie, her children and grandchildren have each other to hold and I'm sure all her friends and her church will help to take care of them all. We are not there in person but our hearts are with you as is all our love. Rest in peace Rich, you will be desperately missed X Donna, Graham and Sam

Donna Baldwin - June 19, 2021 at 06:19 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rich L. Ware.



June 18, 2021 at 06:51 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rich L. Ware.



June 18, 2021 at 08:04 AM

PG

“ We are so very sorry to hear the sad news, he was such a lovely man, we will hold hold him fondly in our hearts.
Love from Uncle Peter and Auntie Catherine. Barnoldswick.
England.

Peter Green - June 18, 2021 at 06:03 AM

Caryl
Sinfield

“ Three things that say "Rich Ware" to me: red truck, Ronnie Milsap, Donald Duck orange juice. Many years have passed since we were at DLI and then in TX; fond memories.

Caryl Sinfield - June 17, 2021 at 03:10 PM

RT

“ Robin S Tafilowski lit a candle in memory of Rich L. Ware



Robin S Tafilowski - June 17, 2021 at 12:00 PM

MD

“ I am extremely grieved to learn about Rich's passing. I hired Rich at DAMO-ODG and he was always the consummate professional and colleague. I do not have the words to adequately describe what a loss this is to his family and friends. You have my deepest sympathies and prayers. May he rest in peace. God Bless You All.

Michael Dulak - June 17, 2021 at 08:43 AM

BB

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Rich and I served in Det Athens in the 80s - he was truly an inspiringly good person. Smart, kind, diligent, accepting and devoted to service. I think of him very fondly from those days. I can only imagine the tremendous impact he's had on so many people since then and it makes me sad that he won't be able to carry on.

Bo Begole - June 16, 2021 at 08:06 PM

WS

“ Rich always made me feel good about myself. He was my friend. So saddened to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. Love you Rich. Wade and Heidi Selman

Wade Selman - June 16, 2021 at 08:23 AM

YF

“ Your DAMO-ODG family! purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Rich L. Ware.



Your DAMO-ODG family! - June 16, 2021 at 08:21 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rich L. Ware.



June 15, 2021 at 10:44 PM

NO

“ *What I enjoyed most about Rich was his upbeat attitude. He was always happy and go-lucky, full of joy. I enjoyed hearing his stories about his family and foster children. He has touched so many lives and will be greatly miss.*

Nannette Ortiz - June 15, 2021 at 11:26 AM

IO

“ *Izzy and Nannette Ortiz purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rich L. Ware.*



Izzy and Nannette Ortiz - June 15, 2021 at 11:21 AM

SM

“ *We both have so many good memories of Rich. We will miss him immensely. We can only imagine your pain at this time. May God comfort you, Debbie, and the entire family.*

Scott & Valarie Montgomery - June 13, 2021 at 06:40 PM

SM

“ *Scott & Valarie Montgomery purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Rich L. Ware.*



Scott & Valarie Montgomery - June 13, 2021 at 06:37 PM