



## Mr. Michael E. Ward

January 16, 1944 - September 23, 2025

Michael (Mike) E. Ward, age 81, died peacefully with family by his side on Tuesday, September 23, 2025. Born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, Mike grew up in Ednor Gardens with his parents, Craig P. and Nancy Q. Ward, and his sister, Mary Elizabeth. He was a graduate of Loyola Blakefield High School and earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Loyola College (Baltimore). A licensed CPA in the state of Maryland, he ran his own accounting practice for over 40 years, building lasting relationships. He had four children, Craig, Erin, Owen and Ryan, who he was immensely proud of and enjoyed spending time with on the golf course, on the water fishing, or out for lunch. All four children spent time working for his CPA firm and cherished the memories of him behind his desk, providing advice and helping them develop professionally. As a long-time member of Hillendale Country Club then Country Club of Maryland, Mike found joy in the competition, camaraderie, and traditions of the game of golf. He cherished

time spent on the course and the 19th hole and the life-long friendships it fostered.

Mike was deeply faithful and committed to service and community. For many years, he took

his beloved golden retriever to visit residents in local nursing homes. He was genuinely

loved by the residents and never missed a visit. He also served as a mentor to several at-risk

teens, and his impact on their lives, and their families, was evident in the wonderful

letters of gratitude he received over the years.

He was a long-time member and past president of the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick and

was honored as the D. Chester Sullivan Outstanding Irishman of the Year. As a member, he

developed many friendships with his fellow Irishmen and served alongside them to support

the Little Sisters of the Poor. He was also a member and past Exalted Ruler of The Towson

Elks.

Above all else, his greatest joy and proudest accomplishment was being a grandfather.

Known affectionately as "Gran Mike" by his six grandchildren, he was always present for

grandparents' days, sporting events, kids' Christmas parties, and anywhere his grandkids

needed him. They loved his crazy stories and life lessons.

He is preceded in death by his loving parents Craig P. and Nancy Q. Ward, and his dear

brother-in-law Michael Smith. He is survived by his sister, Mary Elizabeth Smith (Ward); his

four children, Craig Ward, Erin Bouchard (Marc), Owen Ward (Mandy), and Ryan Ward (Amy); and six grandchildren: Francie Ward, Emma and Lily Bouchard, Madelyn and Mckenna Ward, and Patrick Ward. He also leaves behind two nephews and a niece: Sean Smith (Mary), Brian Smith, and Kelly Hutton (Greg), and a great-nephew and great-niece Finn and Eva Smith.

Mike cherished his family and friends deeply. His humor, wit, and unselfish approach to conversation will be missed by all who knew him.

A viewing will be on Monday, September 29, 2025, from 4-7 PM at Mitchell-Wiedefeld

Funeral Home in Towson, MD. A memorial service will follow on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 11:00 at St. Joseph's Parish in Texas, MD. (BOW TIE OPTIONAL!!!)

Those desiring may make contributions to:  
Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Baltimore, Inc.  
PO Box 324  
Timonium, MD 21094

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Church Cemetery

101 Church Lane  
Cockeysville, MD 21030

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.  
6500 York Road  
Baltimore, MD 21212  
(410) 377-8300  
general@mwfuneralhome.com

## Memorial Mass

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Church  
101 Church Lane  
Cockeysville, MD 21030

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ I just became aware of Mike’s passing; he hadn’t answered my last email in September. Please accept my sincere condolences.

*Mike and I attended grade school together and reconnected at Loyola College. My niece worked for Mike after she graduated.*

*Mike was a life-long friend. We kept repeating old funny stories when we talked. He will be sorely missed.*

*Jim Coyle*

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**Jim Coyle** - October 19, 2025 at 12:43 PM

RB

“ We just learned of Mike’s passing this morning. Our prayers go out to Mike and our sympathies go to Craig, Erin, Owen, Ryan and Mary.

*Mike was my golf instructor/coach. More than my absolute lack of any athletic talent his attention to detail and sense of humor was primarily responsible for my 51 USGA handicap.*

*Everyone in heaven has a wider smile upon Mike’ arrival. Here’s hoping St. Peter enjoys cheap cigars. We’ll not forget the good times we had with our good friend.*

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**Regis & Nancy Burke** - October 03, 2025 at 08:55 PM

CB

“ Mike was a neighbor of mine in Wexford Garden Condominiums. My thoughts and prayers to his family.  
*Claire Blessing*

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**Claire Blessing** - September 29, 2025 at 05:01 PM

CB

“ *Claire Blessing lit a candle in memory of Michael Ward*



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**Claire Blessing** - September 29, 2025 at 05:00 PM

MB

“ *Mike Ward was our neighbor on Reuter Road. Prayers for your family. Craig, Erin, Owen, and Ryan. love and hugs. Mary Jo Guidera Bowser*

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**Mary Jo Guidera Bowser** - September 25, 2025 at 03:40 PM

FA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Family** - September 25, 2025 at 02:56 PM

EB

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Erin Bouchard** - September 25, 2025 at 02:12 PM

OW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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Owen - September 25, 2025 at 12:39 PM