



## William Craig Ward

November 23, 1942 - October 27, 2017

W. Craig Ward breathed his last breath and died at a good old age, old and satisfied. A beloved and generous man he played many roles throughout his life: scholar, father, teacher, coach, and many more titles could be attributed to this fine human being. As a Hill school, Tufts University, and Bridgeport University alumnus, he accomplished many academic goals including attaining a Master's Degree plus 60. As a father of 2 he cared and provided for his family always. As a biology teacher and track coach at Sleepy Hollow High School in Tarrytown NY he earned the respect and love of his students, athletes, and faculty alike. He was a friend to many over the years at the Royal Highlands community in Leesburg FL, where he passed away at home at age 74. Survived by him are his son, Brandon C. Ward, daughter, Becky L. Sturycz, and loyal companion Peggy Imig, as well as 2 brothers and 3 grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all those whose lives he touched. Online Condolences may be left at [www.beyersfuneralhome.com](http://www.beyersfuneralhome.com) Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg, FL.

# Tribute Wall

WB

“ *To the Ward Family,*

*Please accept my condolences on the death of Craig Ward. I read about his passing in the local newspaper. He was my track and cross country coach at SHHS (Class of 1971). He always had a great outlook, and was a positive influence in my life.*

*Bill Brady.*

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**William Brady** - November 25, 2017 at 03:54 PM

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“ To the Ward Family:

*My condolences to the entire family for the passing of Coach Ward. I was a member of the Sleepy Hollow High School Cross Country and Track teams in the late 70's. Yes, I know that was a long time ago.*

*Coach Ward was a great person and coach and many of my fond memories of High School involved the team and Coach Ward. I remember the times he would invite us to the house in Rockland County to celebrate the championships we won. We won several championships during that time under Coach Ward's leadership. I remember seeing Brandon and Becky at the house, they were very young at the time.*

*Coach Ward had a positive impact on my life. I would talk to him when it came time to decide upon college and other things such as applying for the National Honor Society. He was always willing to give me good advice.*

*I learned of Coach Ward's passing from my mother in the local Sleepy Hollow paper and felt I should write this condolence even if its been over 35 years since graduating from High School. It is to let you know that Coach Ward was a good person and coach and made many of my team mates and myself have great experiences while in High School.*

*Best wishes to the family in your future endeavors and keep your fond memories of Coach Ward in your mind. He will be missed by all.*

*Sincerely, Richard Ceconi SHHS Class of 1978*

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**Richard Ceconi Sleepy Hollow High School Class of 1978** - November 09, 2017  
at 12:31 PM

SO

“ *My sincere condolences to the Ward family. I will forever be grateful to Mr. Ward As a part of him will always be with me. A one of kind special person who cared about everyone. Rest in peace Craig.*



**Sanya Owolabi** - November 08, 2017 at 08:14 PM

GG

“ *Mr Ward was one of my track coaches. He always had a great sense of humor and made the sport so enjoyable. RIP Mr Ward.*



**Grace Gerdin** - November 08, 2017 at 05:42 PM

BL

“ *Mr. Ward was my track coach my freshman year at SHHS. He was a great man. My sincerest condolences to his family and friends.*



**Bill Losier** - November 08, 2017 at 05:26 PM

BC

“ *Mr. Ward was my Track and Cross Country coach at Sleepy Hollow in the '70's. He was one of those men that made a lasting impact on my life and he will be greatly missed and always remembered. RIP Mr. Ward and Thank You...*



**Bobby Case** - November 08, 2017 at 10:49 AM

JS

“ Although we never knew William, We can say this, that his son Brandon reflects the same high qualities mentioned in William's obituary. Brandon also has the wonderful hope of seeing his father again after his resurrection back to a paradise earth.

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**Jack & Deltha Sands** - November 05, 2017 at 05:52 PM

JL

“ Peggy, we were so sorry to hear about Craig's death. Jack enjoyed playing golf with him, even though he usually beat him. Craig was always a lot of fun and a very likeable guy. Please know that Jack and I are thinking about you in the coming days. We miss seeing you.

*Jack & Judy Litty*

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**Jack & Judy Litty** - November 05, 2017 at 10:25 AM

EG

“ Craig was the first resident of Royal Highlands that Bob and I met when we moved to Florida the first of April 1998. Craig took Bob under his wing and introduced him around the Monarch. Bob joined the Club right away and he and Craig would regularly play together. We were living in an RV while our home was under construction and I would often come to RH while the guys were golfing. Craig insisted that I have a key to his home so that when I was done at the pool or taking my walks I would have a place to come and relax. He kept soda or lemonade in the refrigerator so I would have something cool to drink. We have a lot of great memories of Craig and extend our sincerest condolences to his family and to Peggy. The Gravatts.

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**Emalea & Bob Gravatt** - November 04, 2017 at 08:53 AM

MW

“ *A true blessing to have had as a father-in-law!* ”



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**Melissa Ward** - November 03, 2017 at 11:15 AM