



Joey Keith Ward

January 3, 1958 - May 2, 2017

Surrounded by those who love him, Joey Keith Ward passed away on May 2, 2017, after his fight with cancer. Joe, as he was more often referred to, was born in Little Rock, Arkansas on January 3, 1958. He grew up the third in the family of five, the second son of Dale F. Ward and Melba Bearden Ward. After early years in Little Rock, Detroit, New Orleans, Fort Lauderdale, Joe graduated high school at Rickards High School in Tallahassee. He went on to dabble in two years of college, only to become a top salesman at Monks Copiers and then for 16 years at Lewis Digital, where he was the Government and Educational Account Manager. At Lewis he not only found success and a career he enjoyed, but a second family.

Joe's passion was nature and photography. He spent many hours taking pictures of St. Marks Wildlife Refuge and its various landscapes and animals. The pelicans were a favorite of his and their skillful, nature-engineered soaring. His other passion was people and giving us his heart without reserve. Joe is survived by his mother and father, Dale and Melba; his sister Teresa; brothers Kevin and Bradlee; nephews Scott Andrew Ward and Dale William Ward, nieces Ashley Nicole Ward and Tammy Shelby; sister-in-law Cheryl Ward; former wife and dear friend Laurie Rudasill Hays, and many close and loving friends; and he is preceded by his older brother Dale F. (Scott) Ward, Jr. A memorial service will be held Friday, May 5, 2017 at 6pm at the Dorothy B. Oven Gardens Manor House in Tallahassee. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent in Joe's name to either American Cancer

Society at www.cancer.org or to the Friends of St. Marks Wildlife at <http://www.stmarksrefuge.org/support.htm>. Soar on, Joe.

Scotti Thompson is assisting the Ward family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 5. 6:00 PM (ET)

Dorothy B. Oven Park
3205 Thomasville Road
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Tribute Wall

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“ To Joe's family. I am very sorry for your loss. I didn't know Joe all that well and has been years since seeing him but the few times we were around each other, what a delight (I grew up w/ Laurie Rudasill). Always a smile and always a laugh . I know he will be missed by so many.

Kim Albritton

Sebring, FL

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