



## James Erwin Ward

October 5, 1956 - September 3, 2020

James "Jim" Erwin Ward, age 63, of Salisbury passed away Thursday, September 3, 2020 at his residence. Jim was born October 5, 1956 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio to the late James Everett Ward and Sandra Marie Smith Ward.

Jim was a proud retired Navy Veteran of 20 years. He served two tours of duty, with his first tour being the Vietnam War. After serving in Vietnam, James traveled the world including stops in the Philippines where he met his beautiful wife, Alicia Salceda Overo. James and Alicia went on to start a family having two daughters, Janet and Jennifer. From there the family traveled to the likes of Hawaii, Norfolk and San Diego which was his favorite, where he was assigned to the USS Duluth.

After serving his second tour in Iraq, James retired as a Hull Tech 1st Class and settled down in Salisbury, NC where he opened the US Naval Recruiting office at the Loflin Center. In retirement he loved anything dealing with the outdoors, loved guns, had a passion for Harley Davidsons and loved watching movies.

Those left to cherish his memories are his wife Alicia Ward; daughters Jennifer O. Ward of Charlotte and Janet M. Nance; brother Randall G. Ward (Nancy) of LaGrange, Oh.; sister Jerieka A. Ward of Oberlin, Oh; grandchildren Ronald (Trey) Watkins III, Ashlyn S. Britt, Sydney D. Britt, Aaliyah S. Watkins, Milana M. Nance, David Nance Jr., Alissa C. Nance and Jacob S. Nance; great-grandchildren Selena Weaks, Khelani D. Lawson,

Sophia M. Escobar, William D. Escobar and Bonnie C. Orr.

A graveside service will be held at Salisbury National Cemetery 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 17, 2020 with Military Honors provided by the US Navy and the Rowan County Honor Guard.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Ward family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP **17**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Salisbury National Cemetery  
501 Statesville Blvd.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Erwin Ward.*



September 14, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Erwin Ward.*



September 13, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ *I will Miss my Jimmy  
My Brother, Friend ,love you & Miss you  
forever.r.i.p.  
Always joking ,Smiles ,loving  
Till we are together again Fly with the Angels  
💔💜🥹#1Sister. Ricki*



**Jerieka Ward** - September 12, 2020 at 01:03 PM

SH

*To my dear friend,  
I am so sorry for your loss of your brother.  
Think of the good times you had and cherish your memories ✨  
You will see him again.  
Know that our hearts 💖 and thoughts and prayers 🙏 are with you and  
your family.  
Love you bunches.  
Sharon and Mike.*

-----  
**Sharon Hoffman** - September 15, 2020 at 10:26 PM

  
Jerieka  
Ward

*Ty, I love you guys 💜💔😭*

-----  
**Jerieka Ward** - September 17, 2020 at 12:06 AM

DY

“ *I grew up with Jim in LaGrange, OH. What a wonderful man. He will  
be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.*

-----  
**Diane York** - September 11, 2020 at 07:01 PM

DV

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss. He sure was  
loved and treasured and will be missed.  
Dolores Robinson Volk*



-----  
**Dolores Volk** - September 10, 2020 at 07:47 PM

  
Jen  
Ward

*Yes he will truly be missed. We thank you so very much Delores Volk.*

-----  
**Jen Ward** - September 13, 2020 at 10:44 AM