



## Donald Gene Ward

March 25, 1933 - March 14, 2018

Donald Gene Ward, 84, of 564 Harry Pipher Road, Towanda, PA, Sheshequin Township, passed away peacefully Wednesday evening, March 14, 2018 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Donald was born in Portland, OH on March 25, 1933 the first of six children to Charles Edgar Ward and Kathleen Jackson Ward. On August 21, 1955, he married the former Anna Troise at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in Little Italy, NY, NY. Donald served in the U.S. Navy from February 15, 1952 to January 9, 1956 during the Korean War. Donald was employed as a millwright for the Lowe Paper Company in Ridgefield, NJ for 35 years and was later employed by Chin-Am in Paterson, NJ as maintenance supervisor for 10 years until his retirement. In 1989, Donald and Anna moved to Bradford County, PA to make their home. Donald enjoyed the outdoors, caring for his property and was an avid hunter.

He was a member of Towanda American Legion Post No. 42, Beirne-Webster VFW Post No. 1568, Towanda Beagle Club, Towanda Gun Club, Monroeton Rod & Gun Club and the NRA.

His family includes his wife of 62 years, Anna Ward, 5 children; Keith Charles Ward (Bonnie) of Oakridge, NJ, Kevin Scott (Dianne) Ward of Towanda, Scott Edward Ward of Hamburg, NJ, Deborah Ann Kearns of Towanda, Amy Kathleen (Ian) Roberts of Roaring Branch, PA, 9 grandchildren, Deven, Jacqueline, James, Jessica, Keith Jr., Kara, Kaitlin, Megan and Skyler, 4 great grandchildren, 4 sisters; Donna (Howard) Larkins, of Portland, OH, Barbara

(Ronald) Miller of Florida, Shirley (Fred) Rose of Ohio, Charleen (Dave) Garver of Fort Wayne, IN as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, Donald was predeceased by a sister, Gloria Rebecca Wolfe. The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. The funeral service will be held Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Edward Michelini, pastor of SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Towanda officiating. Burial will follow in the Towner Hill Cemetery, Rome Township, PA with Towanda American Legion Post No. 42 according full military honors. The family suggests that contributions may be directed to the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation, Inc. 641 S Street N.W., Washington, DC 20001 in memory of Donald Gene Ward. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Towner Hill Cemetery

Rome Twp., PA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 20.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home  
217 York Ave.  
Towanda, PA 18848  
(570) 265-2272  
[info@bowenfuneralhomes.com](mailto:info@bowenfuneralhomes.com)

## Service

**MAR 21.** 10:30 AM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Gene Ward*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Donald Gene Ward*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Donald Gene Ward*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Donald Gene Ward*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Donald Gene Ward*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *My family and all of Niemiec Smith & Pellingier and 1st Abstract Agency are very sorry to hear of your loss. Don was a great guy. Unfortunately I will be unable to attend. Please accept our deepest sympathy in this most difficult time. Our hearts go out to you and your family and you will be in our thoughts.*

*Frank J. Niemiec*

Frank Niemiec - March 20, 2018 at 02:52 PM



“ I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad and hisband of so many years. I hope you get through this heartache with all the great memories you have made all these years. My memories are so vast it would be hard to pick out just one that would fill that spot. He was loved here no matter the distance and I hope it was the same in the other end. I'll close now by sending all my love to all of you and hope your day goes as well as can be expected, I LOVED MY UNCLE WITH ALL MY HEART AND ALL OF YOU. WISH I COULD HAVE BEEN THERE FOR EACH OF YOU. AGAIN I LOVE YOU!!!

Pamela Ballard - March 20, 2018 at 04:53 AM

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Thank you so much Pam.

Amy Roberts - March 21, 2018 at 07:09 PM

KB

“ So sorry for your loss Amy prayers



Kandy Bailey - March 19, 2018 at 05:34 PM

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“ Amy Roberts lit a candle in memory of Donald Gene Ward



Amy Roberts - March 19, 2018 at 01:34 AM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Gene Ward.*



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March 19, 2018 at 01:30 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss.. Don will be missed dearly. RIP Donald*



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**lisa ward** - March 18, 2018 at 06:59 PM



“ *Howard and Donna Larkins & Family purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket for the family of Donald Gene Ward.*



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**Howard and Donna Larkins & Family** - March 18, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ *ROBIN SCHANBACHER lit a candle in memory of Donald Gene Ward*



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**ROBIN SCHANBACHER** - March 18, 2018 at 09:59 AM

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“ Please accept our deepest sympathy.

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**VFW Post 1536** - March 18, 2018 at 08:31 AM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty* was purchased for the family of Donald Gene Ward.



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March 17, 2018 at 01:25 PM

MF

“ *Don Ward the man the myth the ledgend.He had more stories then Walt Disney. I loved to hear. But how he loved his family, he gleamed with pride. Were my favorite stories. A proud Sailor and his dogs ment so much to him. Rest In Peace my friend.*

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**McGuinness family** - March 17, 2018 at 09:30 AM

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“ *Claire (Martin) Holton-Lizon lit a candle in memory of Donald Gene Ward*



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**Claire (Martin) Holton-Lizon** - March 17, 2018 at 09:18 AM

KW

“ *Keith Jr., KaraAnne and Wyatt Arthur and Lisa Ward purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Donald Gene Ward.*



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**Keith Jr., KaraAnne and Wyatt Arthur and Lisa Ward** - March 16, 2018 at 01:42 AM