



Jan Darcy "J.D." Ward

December 12, 1954 - January 5, 2023

Jan Darcy "J.D." Ward, 68, of Asheville, passed away January 5, 2023.

She was born on December 12, 1954, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Stanley A. and Jo-An (Dankel) Ward.

She moved to the Asheville area with her family in 1971 and tested out of high school at age 16. She then went to technical school and started a long career as a Surgical Technician in 1972.

As a surgical technician, J.D. worked for Mission Hospital until 1984, Asheville Orthopedic Associates and finally the Orthopedic Surgery Center. While at the Orthopedic Surgery Center, J.D. worked exclusively for many doctors including Dr. Bruce Minkin. She retired at the age of 65.

J.D. loved arts and crafts including attending arts and crafts shows around the area. She enjoyed collecting collectibles. J.D. loved shopping and listening to music. She traveled extensively in the United States including the low country, and in Europe and Ireland. She was an avid reader and had a large library at her house. She was a gardener, despite the objections of her apartment leasing group, and enjoyed watching the birds who would visit. She was an excellent cook and baker. She was deeply loved by all who knew her and will be missed by many.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her brother, Jon Bradford “Brad” Ward (Kyra); a niece, Kyra Darcy Ward and many friends and colleagues around the world.

The family wishes to thank Stonecreek Health and Rehabilitation for the exceptional care and compassion that they showed J.D. and the family during this difficult time. The peace of mind that everyone, from the Director of Nursing to the staff, gave to her family was second to none.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry, 20-20th Street, Asheville, NC 28806 or online at www.abccm.org/donations. If sending a check, please put in the memo “In Memory of J.D. Ward” and include a note of who to notify that this donation was received.

Previous Events

Family will Receive Friends

JAN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care
304 Merrimon Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 252-1821
info@morrisfamilycare.com
<http://www.morrisfamilycare.com>

Cryptside Service

JAN 7. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Ashelawn Gardens of Memory
901 Aiken Road
Asheville, NC 28804

Tribute Wall



“ *Jan Darcy "J.D." Ward*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *JD was a wonderful person and I enjoyed working with her. We were so lucky at OSCA when she decided to work full time. Joyce Clements*

joyce clements - January 09, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Sometimes you have a friend that no matter how long it had been between the times you saw them, when you were together again, it was like no time had passed. JD and I spent so many hours together in the OR and away from work. In the latter years, we were at different places of work...but when we saw each other, it was like no time had passed. My thoughts are with her family, who she loved so much. She will be missed by all.*

carol eder-smith - January 07, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ *I met JD when I started working at AOA 24 years ago. She was a great co-worker always eager to help. I also know how mad she would get if you forgot to tell her about a case. We have gone on trip together and had many dinners. I know how much she loved her family, most especially Darcy and how concerned she was about Darcy even in her last days. I have gone to some of the craft shows with her. She was a loving, caring and giving person - miss you JD. Rest in peace. Love Margo*

Margo Snedden - January 07, 2023 at 08:06 AM

TW

“ I was blessed not only to work with JD but to be her friend as well..we traveled to conferences together and shared many great times. I will always remember her kind spirit, wicked sense of humor and all the great times we shared..sending prayers for comfort to Brad and his family

Tommi Workman - January 06, 2023 at 08:27 PM

DW

“ JD was a wonderful person to be assigned with. She knew her stuff inside and out. I worked many a day with her at the orthopedic surgery Center and enjoyed every one of them. I was sad when she retired and I'm even sadder now. She'll be missed by anyone whoever knew her. But in lue of that I will say, I'm one of the lucky people to have met her and worked with her.

DONNIE WAID - January 06, 2023 at 03:42 PM

CB

“ To JD's family, I give you my condolences. She will always be with you in your heart. I worked with JD at Mission Hospital and at the Orthopedic Surgery Center. She was a wonderful person.

Cheryl Buie - January 05, 2023 at 10:04 PM

CE

“ so very sorry for your loss, Chris & Kathy Ellis



Chris & Kathy Ellis - January 05, 2023 at 08:18 PM

CM

“ I can even fathom the hours JD and I spent together in the operating rooms through the years. Sometimes we literally were together for 12 hours in a day helping people to feel better. She was a faithful friend, a supportive team mate and co worker, and the best scrub tech I've ever had the privilege to work beside. I will miss you so much JD. Rest in Peace in the arms of your savior Jesus. See you soon. Cindy Mc

Cindy McIntyre - January 05, 2023 at 07:53 PM

PE

“ J D was an awesome friend and co-worker. I worked with her at Asheville Orthopedic from 1985 til 2012. She was a faithful friend and and a co-worker with very high work ethics and standards. I will always treasure her smile and friendship. I had the privilege of visiting awhile Saturday morning and had prayer with her. Rest in sweet peace Precious Angel!

Patsy Edwards - January 05, 2023 at 04:37 PM

GW

“ JD was a precious friend and co-worker. We were friends for over thirty years. I will always treasure her memory and the many memories we made together. Praying for her family.

Gretchen Williams - January 05, 2023 at 02:33 PM