



Michael Andrew Ward

October 26, 1964 - April 12, 2025

Michael Andrew Ward, 60, a longtime resident of Moses Lake, WA passed away on April 12, 2025, in Seattle, Washington, after facing ongoing health challenges with grace and strength. He was surrounded by loved ones, a peaceful passing for a life well-lived and well-loved. He was born on October 26, 1964, in Richland, Washington, to Charles Edmund Ward and Kaye Lynne Ward.

Mike was a proud graduate of Perry Technical Institute in Yakima, WA, where he earned his associate's degree in Electrical Technology. He worked as a construction electrician for the IBEW, a career he was dedicated to until his retirement in 2017. He served the trade with pride and commitment for over 25 years.

On July 19, 2003, Mike married the love of his life, Cheri Stegelmeier Ward, in Boise, ID. Their bond was one of deep love, laughter, and mutual respect. Together, they created a life full of meaningful moments, shared dreams, and great adventures.

Mike was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He had a sharp mind and a love of learning—he was the go-to guy for just about any question and knew how to fix just about anything. If he didn't know how, he'd research it until he did. He was known for his hard work, quiet strength, and generous heart.

Hunting, fishing, camping with family, and riding his Harley Davidson were some of Mike's favorite ways to spend time. He especially enjoyed baiting

hooks and riding 4-wheelers with his nieces and nephews and heading out on hunts with his brothers-in-laws—moments he truly cherished.

Mike is survived by his wife, Cheri Stegelmeier Ward of Moses Lake, WA; his mother, Kaye Lynne Ward of Moses Lake, WA; his sisters, Kim (Jason) VanLaethem of Moses Lake, WA, and Shawna (Kelly) Reeves of Kennewick, WA; his brothers- and sisters-in-law: Cody (Brenda) Stegelmeier and Cindy (Tim) Reinke of Idaho Falls, ID; Cathy Stegelmeier of Ashton, ID; Christina (Curtis) Hatch of Filer, ID; Chad (Desirée) Stegelmeier of Rigby, ID; and Curt (Britney) Stegelmeier of Ashton, ID; and many nieces and nephews who adored him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Edmund Ward; his grandparents, Carmel and Neva Ward, and Don and Naomi Ray; as well as many aunts and uncles whom he cherished.

Services will be held as follows:

Friday, April 25th – Viewing from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Kayser’s Chapel, 831 S. Pioneer Way, Moses Lake, WA

Saturday, April 26th – Funeral services at the LDS Church, 351 Yonezawa Blvd, Moses Lake, WA, beginning with a viewing at 1:00 p.m., followed by the funeral at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29th – Graveside service at 11:00 a.m. at Pineview Cemetery in Ashton, ID

Mike’s presence will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Mike's name to the Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 25. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Visitation

APR 26. 1:00 PM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
351 Yonezawa Blvd
Moses Lake, WA 98837

Funeral

APR 26. 2:00 PM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
351 Yonezawa Blvd
Moses Lake, WA 98837

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Cheri, I am so unbelievably sorry for your loss.

I know it's been a while since I've seen him, but I truly valued our time together. I got to know so many different sides of him, and he was truly one of a kind.

Siena Mayhak - April 25, 2025 at 11:28 PM

RS

“ *THOUGH MICHEAL HAS TAKIN A NEW JOURNY, HIS LEGACY OF KINDNESS, LAUGHTER AND LOVE WILL CONTINUE TO GUIDE US. WE WILL CARRY HIS MEMORY IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE TIME I HAD WITH HIM AND THE AMAZING IMPACTED HE MADE IN ALL OUR LIVES. HE WILL BE DEAPLY MISSED B UT NEVER FORGOTTEN. REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND AND THANK YOU FOR BING A BEACON IN MY LIFE, I WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN. I LOVE U.*

RONDA SWETMAN - April 25, 2025 at 01:39 PM

TB

“ *My condolences to his family during this difficult time. We grew up in the same schools, scouting environment and church. Prayers for healing. 🙏*



Todd Bohne - April 18, 2025 at 12:07 AM

DE

“ Cheri, I heard of your loss from our MLSD mates. Blessings to his memories and you during this time. I am glad you have strong support around you. God Speed❤️🙏🙏🙏❤️
Darlene Evans

Darlene Evans - April 16, 2025 at 06:18 PM

MH

*My late husband, John Heston and I were friends with Mike's parents in the 70's when Ed and Kaye lived built their home across from Cascade Grocery. My heartfelt condolences to you and your family.
Mary Heston, Ephrata, Wa.*

Mary Heston - April 18, 2025 at 08:59 PM