



## Russell J. Ward

December 20, 1942 - July 22, 2016

Russell J. Ward, 73 of Kankakee, died July 22, 2016 at Presence St Mary's Hospital in Kankakee, IL. Russell was born Dec. 20, 1942 in Kankakee to Joseph and Pearl (Tofari) Ward. He married Gail Clayson Petrussek Oct 1, 2010.

Russ served in the U.S. Army from Oct 1966 to July 1968 and drove a tank in the 7th Infantry Division in Korea. Upon returning from his service to his country, Russell worked locally for Pepsi as a driver and repairing soda machines. He then worked for Shapiro Developmental Center in maintenance retiring in 2008. Russ loved motorcycles and was a Harley man!

He is survived by his wife Gail of Kankakee, one step daughter; Amy (Chad) Michaels of Kent, WA, one grandson Eli Michaels of Kent, WA, 2 Aunts; Carol Tofari of Aroma Park and Josephine Mosier of Sun Prairie, WI, numerous cousins and nephews as well as his 2 dogs Harley and Rex. Russell was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Visitation will be Thursday July 28, 2016 from 11am – 1pm at the Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel followed by a 1pm funeral at the funeral home officiated by Deacon Patrick Skelly. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the family.

Schreffler Funeral Home and its staff are honored to serve the Ward family.

Please sign his online guestbook at [www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 28. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-2421  
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUL 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Russell J. Ward*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *You don't know me Gail, I'm very sorry for your loss, I worked many hours in housekeeping years ago with Russell. He was very kind & shared some humor to make the time go by. You'll be in my prayers. Ethel Guynn*

**Ethel Guynn** - August 12, 2016 at 09:32 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Russell J. Ward.*



July 28, 2016 at 06:46 PM



“ *MANY YEARS AND A LOT OF COFFEE I WILL MISS THAT AND YOU MY FRIEND JERRY*

**JERRY DAVIS** - July 26, 2016 at 08:51 PM

RC

“ Gail, It is very sad to hear of Russell's passing. He was a great friend and he will be greatly missed.



Ronald Cole - July 25, 2016 at 06:26 PM

KW

“ Gail , we are so sad to hear of Russell's passing. I wish we could be there for you and the family. Know how much we love you and are thinking of you. May the love of God give you strength and peace now and every day. Kay and Dan Walkley and family

Kay Walkley - July 23, 2016 at 09:50 PM

  
Pamela  
Zeedyk

“ When Russ and my husband worked at Pepsi, they enjoyed each other's company. They would frequently tell anecdotes of their experiences, and have everyone entertained.  
Pamela and Allen Zeedyk

Pamela Zeedyk - July 23, 2016 at 08:35 PM

PF

“ My condolences to the family on the passing away of your loved one. True comfort comes in knowing that death does not come from God. For He (God), promises to do away with death forever.( Heb 2:14; Isaiah 25:8)

pfl - July 23, 2016 at 05:32 PM