



Harry Nathan "Nate" Ward

November 7, 1940 - July 11, 2020

Harry Nathan "Nate" Ward, 79, of Mechanicsburg, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, July 11, 2020. Nate will lovingly be remembered by his wife of 52 years, Carole Lee Ward, a daughter Jamie Ward Eddy and husband Jason of Venetia, PA, a son Christian Ward of Boonsboro, MD, five grandchildren, Nicholas, Lucas, Nathaniel, Garrett, and Nolan, and many more family.

Born on November 7, 1940, Nate was the son of the late James and Helen Shober Ward of Garrett, PA. Salutatorian and Vice President of his class (1958) at Berlin Brothersvalley High School, he went on to study music at Susquehanna University, where he graduated in 1963. During his time at Susquehanna, he served as Class President, member of the Student Council, the Singing Crusaders, Marching and Symphonic Bands, Orchestra, and was an active member of the Theta Chi Fraternity. Nathan received his Masters of Music Education from the Pennsylvania State University.

Mr. Ward began his teaching career at Lemoyne Middle School in 1966. He went on to teach at Cedar Cliff High School and lastly, East Pennsboro High School (Marching Band Director), where he retired in 2003. Many of his former students attribute their success as music educators and performers to his passion for teaching and music. After retiring from teaching, Nate worked at the Horn Hospital for several years. This gave him a great deal of pleasure, traveling to numerous schools in the area, visiting with colleagues, former

students turned band directors, and making many new friends.

Aside from teaching, Nathan was quite the performer himself. Playing a “mean” trombone, Nate was a member of the New Cumberland Town Band. He also played and served as brass instructor and later, drum major, with The Westshoremen Drum and Bugle Corps, 1974-1979.

Nathan was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill, where he served on Church Council, the Arts Committee, the A&P Committee, the Trinity Brass Ensemble, and the Chancel Choir.

Nate was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing local courses, as well as annual golf trips to Myrtle Beach, SC with friends. He loved seeing his children and grandchildren in their element, traveling to spectate and enjoy many baseball games, hockey tournaments, band and chorus concerts, piano recitals and ballet performances over the years. He was one of Penn State’s biggest supporters and got a big thrill out of going to Happy Valley to see the Nittany Lions and the Blue Band. But one of his greatest joys was listening to his wife play the piano.

He touched the lives of many with his bright smile, twinkling eyes, and words of encouragement. Most importantly, he was a wonderful husband, father, pop-pop, and dear friend to many.

A memorial service will be celebrated at Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill, at a later time when we can safely gather.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Homeland Hospice, The American Cancer Society, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Concert Series, and/or Hungry for Music.

The Musselman Funeral Home is Honored to Serve the Ward Family. 324 Hummel Avenue, Lemoyne, PA 17043.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was a student at East pennsboro and fondly remember his mentorship

San Colechio - August 09, 2020 at 01:49 PM

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“ I was blessed to know Nate for many years. I first met him as my middle school band director. Then I was a student in the high school band, concert band, out and other facets of the music department. Oh, did his passion for music and precision become contagious making the band outstanding. Upon graduation from College, I had the opportunity to go back to EP to work right next door to him. We shared so much together. I treasured his smile and eagerness to always greet me each day. He was my athletic director at one time and was outstanding because that is what Nate does.. he values people's and his programs he becomes involved with. I will miss Nate. So glad I had so many great years with him and fell blessed to have called him a friend. Rest In Peace and greatest sympathy to his family.

sharon etter - August 05, 2020 at 09:23 PM

KM

“ Mr Ward was a great and caring man. I was fortunate enough to know this man first as a golf coach in high school and then later as a friend play golf with at Eagles Crossing with the E.P. GROUP. He was the band director when my daughter was in the band front. I will miss his smile and great attitude. Rest in peace my friend Ken Mundis 1971

Ken Mundis - August 05, 2020 at 01:55 PM

DL

“ I always enjoyed talking with Nate about choir, golf and practically anything else that came up. He was a true gentleman with a great wit and a hearty laugh and smile to go with it.

Sitting and singing with him in choir was always a pleasure, and I always made sure I had an extra piece of gum or candy to share with him. He is surely missed, but not forgotten. So long, until we meet again.

Don Lyman - August 04, 2020 at 04:42 PM

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“ Nate was a very important member of our Greenwood Community Brass Band.

We were, as was Nate, alumni of Susquehanna University and had many memories in common.

*Bill and Lois Yingling
Freeburg, PA*

Lois Yingling - August 04, 2020 at 03:43 PM

JK

“ I have lost a true friend and drum corps fellow drum corps member, I marched under Nate in 1978 with the westshoremens , and was a fellow member in the alumni corps

John Kelley

John Kelley - August 04, 2020 at 11:57 AM