



## John Ward

March 29, 1943 - May 3, 2013

John M. Ward, of Sunizona died at home on May 3, 2013 at the age of 70. He was born in Chillicothe, Ohio on March 29, 1943 to Benjamin Ward and Emma Denight Ward. John served in the US Army during the Vietnam War, moved to Arizona in 1971 from Ohio. He was a member of the VFW # 9977 in Sunsites, Past Quarter Master for the VFW, Past President of the Printers Union of Arizona and retired from the Ash Creek School as a Computer Technician. John was an avid pool player. On July 27, 1968 in Chillicothe, Ohio he married Sharon Pauley who survives him. Also surviving are his son John of Tucson and daughter Jacquelyn (Garrett) Gracy of Avondale, Arizona and grandchildren Heather Gracy and Becca Gracy. His brother Robert William Ward and sisters Helen Malone and Sally Dray all of Chillicothe, Ohio also survive him. Preceding him in death was his parents, and two brothers Gene and Garry Ward. Military graveside rites will be held 1:00 P.M. on Friday, May 17, 2013 at the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Sierra Vista, Arizona. A Memorial Service will follow at the VFW #9977 in Sunsites beginning at 4:00 P.M. Contributions may be made in John's name to either the Charles Wm Leighton, Jr. Hospice, P.O. Box 115, Willcox, Arizona 85644 or the VFW#9977 in Sunsites. You may express condolences to the family at [www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com](http://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com) Services entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, Arizona.

# Cemetery Details

## Southern Arizona Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

1300 Buffalo Soldier Trail  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635  
(520) 458-7144

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 17. 1:00 PM (MT)

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## Memorial

MAY 17. 4:00 PM (MT)

Sunsites VFW Post 9977  
114 Ford Road  
Sunsites, AZ 85625

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Ward*

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January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM

“ I wanted to share some of my memories of growing up with my friend Johnny.

*I thought that maybe you might want to read about Johnny and some of his childhood adventures.*

*One of the first things I can remember is playing under the big wild cherry tree on the front bank with Johnny. We would play with our toy cars in the dirt for hours!*

*In school Johnny, Cliff and I were best friends you wouldn't see one without the other. John was the first one of us to have a car. He would take all of us night riding everywhere in that old car.*

*We built a cabin in the woods behind his house. We had a lot of good times in that cabin. We “camped out” in it in all kinds of weather, at night we would tell ghost stories. We really liked scaring my little brother Anthony who tried tag along with us. We would pretend we were hearing things in the woods to the point that little Anthony thought he heard them too.*

*One time, Neal, Danny, and someone else wanted to stay overnight in our cabin. We let them just because we knew that if we didn't they were libel to destroy the cabin for spite. That evening we put our heads together and came up with a plan. We would start a rumor about a roaming wildcat living in the woods. We thought that might just keep them from wanting to stay in the cabin to often. Late one night while our unwanted cabin guests spent the night at the cabin we snuck back into the woods making wildcat sounds as we headed toward the cabin. Danny and Neal were so scared they started praying. After that night we made a stamp of a wildcat paw print to mark all over the ground around the cabin. We didn't have anyone else wanting to stay in our cabin after that, let alone bother it.*

*We spent a lot of time together before we entered the service. After that it seemed our paths went different directions. I will always remember Johnny as my best friend, the little boy I played with and grew up with. I will miss him greatly even though we didn't see each other in our adult lives. Hopefully in the years ahead we will again be together with our friends and family again.*

*Your Friend Forever,  
Eddie Limle*

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**Donald Eddie Limle** - May 14, 2013 at 10:18 PM

RH

“ *Sharon, I am so sorry for your loss. May God bless you, your children and grandchildren. My prayers are with you and your family. Your friend always, Bobby Hatfield*

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**Robert D. Hatfield** - May 10, 2013 at 08:10 PM

GW

“ *Sharon I am so sorry to here about John he was a great man it was a honor and a privilege to know him  
Glenna ward*

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**glenna ward** - May 09, 2013 at 03:43 PM

GW

“ *Sharon so sorry to hear about John my prayers are with you It was a privilege and honor to know him he was a great man.*

*Glenna ward*

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**glenna ward** - May 09, 2013 at 03:35 PM

DM

“ *Sharon and Family you had a good husband, father, brother and a special friend to us.. John was always joking and full of life...Love to all of your family....God Bless you all.*

*Don and Callie Mankin*

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**Don and Callie Mankin** - May 09, 2013 at 12:06 AM

 Brian  
Ward

“ *Uncle John you were the smartest man I ever met. Learned alot the years I lived out there from you. Im so sorry I never got to see you or say good bye. Im going to miss you terribly. I just hope you know I loved you dearly, give Granny a big hug and let her know I love and miss her more than words can say! I love ya buddy! Brian.*

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**Brian Ward** - May 08, 2013 at 10:41 PM

LD

“ *Larry & Evelyn Deal*

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**Larry Deal** - May 08, 2013 at 08:13 AM

VB

“ *Sharon, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I've been trying to locate you for years. I have great memories of our times together in Ohio and Arizona. Sending you a hug of love. You were always like my sister and John made me laugh. He was one of the best. I pray John is in Heaven rejoicing with the rest of our family. I love you Shank.....Vicki.*

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**Vicki Sanders Bernhardt** - May 08, 2013 at 06:53 AM

SD

“ TO MY BABY BROTHER, YOU HAVE TAKEN PART OF MY HEART WITH YOU. NO ONE COULD HAVE HAD A BETTER BROTHER THAN YOU. WHEN DAD DIED, YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE. WE GREW UP FAST. TAKING CARE OF MOM WAS OUR PRIORITY. WE DID THAT, AND MORE. YOU HELPED ME TO BE ABLE TO GRADUATE, LEARN HOW TO DRIVE, GET MY FIRST JOB, AND MY FIRST CAR. EVEN AFTER YOU MOVED, I KNEW I COULD CALL YOU AND YOU WOULD HAVE THE ANSWER I NEEDED. ONE MEMORY I WILL NEVER FORGET IS FLOATING DOWN GRAND AVENUE WITH YOU IN PHOENIX!! I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU, BUT I WILL MEET YOU AT THE "EASTERN GATE"! Love, Sally

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**Sally Dray** - May 07, 2013 at 11:02 PM

SH

“ *Shannan lit a candle in memory of John Ward*



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**shannan** - May 07, 2013 at 01:53 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Salmon lit a candle in memory of John Ward*



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**Sandra Salmon** - May 07, 2013 at 01:05 AM

JT

“ I didn't have much time with Uncle John but the memories I do have I will treasure always. His smile was infectious and his kind heart was a gift from GOD. I am so grateful for the time I got to spend with him in Arizona. I just feel so sad that he was taken away to soon. I wish we had more time together. You will always be in my heart until we meet again. much love your niece Jodi Tippie

Jodi Tippie - May 06, 2013 at 11:24 PM

DT

“ Diane Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of John Ward



Diane Tucker - May 06, 2013 at 10:36 PM

JP

“ My Uncle John was a great man & a wonderful uncle. No one could ask for better. Nothing but smiles, laughs and good memories for sure with Uncle John. Looking forward to the time when he and I can once again sneak off 4 a Sumburger (w/a crispie cream donut back up) without getting caught by a single family member. I love you Uncle John. Love, Johna

Johna Pulver - May 06, 2013 at 03:24 PM

BP

I worked under John when he was Quartermaster, What a nice man, always had something good to say about everyone. He will be truly missed by all of us. Fly with the angels John,  
Sincerely, Walter and Brenda Peck

Brenda Peck - May 06, 2013 at 06:17 PM