



Douglas A. Ward

September 24, 1956 - August 1, 2025

Douglas A. Ward, 68, of Grand Island, Nebraska, entered his eternal home on Friday, August 1, as the result of a farm accident.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11am on Friday, August 8, at Trinity United Methodist Church, officiated by Reverend April Wegehaupt and family friend, Dan Naranjo. Livestreaming will be available for those unable to attend in person. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, at All Faiths Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the family to be determined later.

Doug was born on September 24, 1956, in Grand Island, Nebraska, to Harold Lyle and Esther (Vaughn) Ward. He attended Wasmer Elementary, Barr Junior High, and graduated with the Grand Island Senior High Class of 1974, having just celebrated his 50th reunion with his graduating class last year. He then pursued higher education at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, where he was a member of the FarmHouse Fraternity.

Doug began his lifelong career with Southern Power District in 1979 as an Apprentice Lineworker and Commercial Meter Reader. Over the course of his 42-year career, he rose through the ranks to become a Journeyman Lineworker and later an Electromechanical Specialist. He also served as Grand Island Area Steward and the Chief Steward for Local Union IBEW 1597 for a combined 20 years. Doug took great pride in his work and retired on September 30, 2021, after over four decades of dedicated service to the customers of Southern Power District.

Doug was confirmed in the Methodist faith and was a longtime member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He was also an Eagle Scout, having earned the honor as part of Troop 119 in Grand Island, and remained involved in supporting the Scouting program.

Doug will be remembered for his warm personality, generosity, and unwavering willingness to help others. He never met a stranger, often getting caught in conversation wherever he went. He adored visiting with and spending time with his friends, many of whom he has known his entire life. As an avid outdoorsman, Doug especially loved hunting and fishing, particularly chasing walleye on the lake in his boat. He found joy in gardening, often sharing his harvest with friends and neighbors, and enjoyed landscaping, lawn care, woodworking, and fixing just about anything. A talent he inherited from his father.

Doug was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He deeply loved his two sons and was immensely proud of the admirable men they have become. His greatest joy was sharing life with Cheryl, his beloved wife of 42 years. He was also a proud and loving grandpa to Evalyn and Whitley.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl (Knox) Ward; sons, Conor (Allison) Ward of Lincoln and Derek (Jennifer) Ward of Chicago; grandchildren, Evalyn Marie and Whitley Lyle; sister, Karen Reese; sister-in-law, Terry (Robert) Rathman; and nephews, Ryan (Megan) Reese, Jason Rathman, Kurtis (Jenny) Rathman, and Coby (Jaime) Rathman.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents, Harold L. and Esther Ward; brother-in-law, Clark Reese; mother- and father-in-law, Patricia and Harold Knox; and brother-in-law, Stanley Knox.

Doug's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. His kindness, integrity, and commitment to family and community will leave a lasting legacy.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

AUG 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

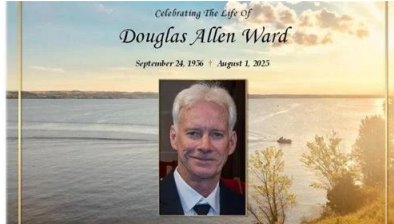
Trinity United Methodist Church
511 N Elm St
Grand Island, NE 68801-4599
(308) 382-1952

Family will be greeting friends from 5-7 PM Thursday at All Faiths Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Douglas A. Ward*



All Faiths Funeral Home - August 08, 2025 at 11:27 AM

LF

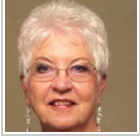
So, so sorry to hear about our 1st cousin. Our hearts and thoughts are with everyone. Going to miss the good times that we shared. Totally awesome celebration of life with the family. With love from your cousin in Germany.

Larry Fredrick - August 08, 2025 at 01:03 PM

SG

“ *So many memories of Doug going back to Trinity United Methodist church group, Barr Jr High and Senior High. It was great to reconnect again through family and at the reunion. My heart goes out to you Cheryl, and your family. If we were still in NE I would have been there to celebrate his life. Will always remember his kind smile. Take Care ❤️*

Sheree Giesenhagen - August 09, 2025 at 10:31 PM



“ We are so sorry about Doug. We would have really like to be there, but we don't drive that far anymore and Lori and John flew out of town this morning. They also send their condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Bud and Vicky

Vicky Breiner - August 08, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ Julia & John; David & Erica; and Amelia purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Douglas A. Ward.



Julia & John; David & Erica; and Amelia - August 07, 2025 at 03:02 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Douglas A. Ward.



August 06, 2025 at 08:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas A. Ward.

August 06, 2025 at 08:46 PM

BV

“Joan and I really enjoyed the times when we were able to visit at the Vaughn reunion. I also fondly remember when I was growing up about how great a fisherman Doug was. Also, my son Alex and I will never forget the time we spent the weekend fishing with Doug, Connor and Derek near Grand Island back in the early 2000's. Doug was such a kind, considerate, loving person. What a great role model for us all. Bill Vaughn

Bill Vaughn - August 06, 2025 at 08:31 PM

BV

“Bill and Joan Vaughn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas A. Ward.

Bill and Joan Vaughn - August 06, 2025 at 08:26 PM

BV

“Bill and Joan Vaughn purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Douglas A. Ward.



Bill and Joan Vaughn - August 06, 2025 at 08:26 PM

DB

“Doug took me fishing when I was young. We had a good time and after the trip he said “Thanks for the company”. One of the nicest, most sincere people I have known.

Dave Breiner - August 06, 2025 at 07:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas A. Ward.

August 06, 2025 at 05:05 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Douglas A. Ward.



August 06, 2025 at 05:05 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Douglas A. Ward.



August 06, 2025 at 04:02 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Douglas A. Ward.



August 06, 2025 at 12:59 PM

BV

“*Doug was the first Eagle scout I ever met, at Trinity Methodist Church. He was a mentor in the troop to the young scouts. Once an Eagle, always an Eagle. Farewell and Godspeed, Doug.*

Brant Vodehnal - August 05, 2025 at 11:53 PM



“*A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas A. Ward.*

August 05, 2025 at 08:53 PM



“*Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas A. Ward.*



August 05, 2025 at 08:53 PM

BF

“*Brad & Brenda Johnson and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas A. Ward.*

Brad & Brenda Johnson and Family - August 05, 2025 at 06:43 PM

BF

“ Brad & Brenda Johnson and Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Douglas A. Ward.



Brad & Brenda Johnson and Family - August 05, 2025 at 06:43 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas A. Ward.



August 05, 2025 at 12:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas A. Ward.

August 05, 2025 at 12:31 PM

MH

“ Marc, Connie, Laif, and Broden Hultine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas A. Ward.

Marc, Connie, Laif, and Broden Hultine - August 05, 2025 at 11:47 AM

MH

“ Marc, Connie, Laif, and Broden Hultine purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Douglas A. Ward.



Marc, Connie, Laif, and Broden Hultine - August 05, 2025 at 11:47 AM

GF

“ Gaylen, Terry, & Noel Huff families purchased the *Sweet Tranquility Basket* for the family of Douglas A. Ward.



Gaylen, Terry, & Noel Huff families - August 05, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Douglas A. Ward.



August 05, 2025 at 10:09 AM

GG

“ Grady, Sarah, Grayson, & Gunner Gardner purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Douglas A. Ward.



Grady, Sarah, Grayson, & Gunner Gardner - August 04, 2025 at 07:28 PM

SD

“ Staff at Southern Public Power District planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas A. Ward.

Staff at Southern Public Power District - August 04, 2025 at 02:23 PM

SD

“ Staff at Southern Public Power District purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Douglas A. Ward.



Staff at Southern Public Power District - August 04, 2025 at 02:23 PM