



Jim Ward

September 20, 1967 - March 15, 2015

James R. Ward, age 47, of Royal Oak, passed away March 15, 2015. Beloved son of James and Benita Ward. Loving brother of Susan Kowalski. Dear cousin of Mark Rucker. Jim was the Art Director at Doner. He formerly worked at Campbell-Ewald. He graduated from the College for Creative Studies. Visitation Wednesday 5-8 p.m. with the service at 7 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Burial at Conasauga Cemetery in Englewood, Tennessee. Memorials to the donor's choice of charity are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Patricia S Meyer (Parker) lit a candle in memory of Jim Ward*



Patricia S Meyer (Parker) - April 11, 2015 at 02:16 AM

MC

“ *PERFECT.*

Martha Torre Carter - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *I've crossed paths with many souls but only few leave a lasting impression. Jim was a once-in-a-lifetime kind of guy. The world needs more Jim Ward's...not one less. Sending huge hugs and much love to all who knew and loved him.*

Sher Rosenkranz - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *I'll miss you my friend. I have not known a better man.*

Mark Sapienza - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I only hung out with Jim a handful of times â?? sometimes months or more would pass between each interaction. But every time he greeted me like a long lost friend. He seemed to be that way with everyone â?? so KIND and welcoming, crazy smart but never condescending, and so so funny. He made such a huge impression on meâ?; I cannot begin to imagine the tremendous loss felt by those who were very close to him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Lori Szolwinski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I'm thinking Mr. Doner has started another ad agency in the great beyond and wants Jim to be his Creative Director! They'll be great and kick everyone's a-double! Everyone one's hearts are breaking this week.

Sheryl Biermann - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Jim Ward was a Zippo in a world of Bic minis.

John Woodward - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Well said, Mr. Gorman.

Mark Rensch - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ When I was in high school and trying desperately to be cool, I realized that the kids who really were cool didn't try to be. They just were. That's the way I felt about Jim from the day I met him. He just was. He was the personification of cool. And nice. And talented in so many ways. He made more of an impression on me than most anyone I can think of. I loved that he called me Big Daddy. Thanks for giving me so many great memories, Jim.

Jim Gorman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ For the last 48 hours I've just been shaking my head in disbelief. We emailed and talked very often over the last several years. The void he leaves is unfillable but I am SO HONORED to have known him and worked side-by-side with him. Healing wishes to the Ward Family. Debra Levantrosser

Debra Levantrosser - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I haven't seen Jim in years, but it wouldn't have mattered. He was just that type of person where it would have felt like no time passed. I feel honored to have known such a kind, funny, amazing person. The world was a better place for having you. Even if only for a short 47 years. I hope you know how much you were admired. And, by so many. Peace to your family and all that knew you.

Jennifer Swantek - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Wherever I was, it always got better when Jim arrived. He was one-of-kind and easily one of my all-time favorites!

Michael J. Ox - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ It's been a while since I last saw Jim, but knowing him left it's mark. My sincerest condolences to his family, friends and colleagues at Doner. RIP, Jim. I hope you're rocking that"merlot" shirt on the other side.

Kara Bosnic - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ He was so much cooler than me but never made me feel uncool around him. Physically he could appear intimidating if you didn't know him. But to speak to him you were met with only tenderness and humility. Truly a kind soul.

John Grammatico - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Jim was a wonderful, talented, creative man who was loved by so many because he loved them. He was generous with his talents and with his time. When you were with him, you felt special, part of an "in crowd." He was fun and funny and wicked smart. And I, like dozens of others, will miss him like crazy. All my love and prayers to the family, and to all of Jim's friends, who are grieving with me at this huge loss. RIP dear Wardo. There'll never be another one like you.

Kathy Speck - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I have been sitting here for the last 24 hours, wracking my brain, trying to come up with someone more beloved in the advertising community than Jim Ward. And I've come to the conclusion that there is NO ONE more beloved. To say he will be missed is a complete and gross understatement. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and his many, many, many friends who are left with a gigantic hole in their hearts.

Martha Torre Carter - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM