



Arthur J. Wardle, Jr.

October 23, 1934 - August 31, 2022

Hampton – Arthur “Art” J. Wardle, Jr., 87, of Hampton, died Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at his home with family by his side. He was born in New York, NY on October 23, 1934 and was the son of the late Arthur J. and Elizabeth (Taylor) Wardle.

He was a graduate of Newtown, NY High School with the class of 1953. He served with the Naval Reserves for a short time before joining the US Air Force serving 21 years and retiring in 1974 as a Tech Sergeant in military security and was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

After his retirement from the Air Force, his second career included working part-time for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and Hampton Police Department. He became employed full-time by the Hampton Police Department in 1976. He served as the Juvenile Officer for many years, bettering the lives of local youth and their families. He retired in 1995 as a detective.

After his retirement from law enforcement, he worked part-time as a hotel clerk at the Hampton House Hotel.

Art was a member of the Hampton’s American Legion Post #35, the National VFW Post, Air Force Security Police Association, Air Force Sergeant’s Association and was an avid New York Yankees fan. He was known for his

love of coffee, his sense of humor and his dedication to serving his community.

He leaves behind his wife of 64 years, Margaret C. "Mickey" (Birkl) Wardle; his daughter, Dianne Shvanda and husband, Chuck of Merrimack, New Hampshire; and five grandchildren: Alex Mason, Kelsey Taylor and husband, Bryant, Caden Shvanda, Mathes Shvanda, and Marleigh Shvanda.

He was predeceased by son, James (Jimmy) A. Wardle, daughter, Linda A. Mason, and brothers, Eric and Ronald.

Visiting hours will be from 5-7 P.M. Friday, September 2, 2022 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Services will be held in the funeral home at 10 A.M. Saturday, September 3, 2022. Burial will follow in the High Street Cemetery, Hampton. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers donations may be made by clicking here (<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/winnacunnet-dollars-for-scholars-inc>) to Dollars for Scholars, PO Box 1593, North Hampton, NH 03862 to be added to the James A. Wardle Memorial Scholarship.

Cemetery Details

High Street Cemetery

150 High Street
Hampton, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

SEP 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arthur J. Wardle, Jr.*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM

RF

“ Artie and Mickey were our next door neighbors for 31 years. Cory and I, and our three children Gabby, Max, and Noelle grew up in Hampton and had the distinct pleasure of having Artie be the very first Santa Claus they ever met in their lives. And he was absolutely wonderful. Albeit, he was always a little on the thin side for Santa, but, he more than made up for his lack of padding, with his great sense of humor.

The thin Santa Claus with a New York accent.

And when I was Commander for 13 years at the American Legion Post 35 in Hampton, Artie always marched in the Memorial day parade in his original uniform. He was so proud of his service. And being a fellow Vietnam vet we had much in common, and we would speak about the war in private or with other Vietnam vets. I can still see him stepping off in his original uniform. High stepping his way through town.

Heck, I can still see Artie and Mickey walking all over town. I used to feel guilty driving by them, because they would walk everywhere.

I know your faith is deep. So I am sure he is with Jimmy and Linda today. And I believe that you will all be together again in heaven.

Thank you Artie for all the laughs over the years. You were a good man, who served your country in war, and again at HPD. They don't make them like you anymore Artie.

Rest easy old friend, and May God continue to watch over your loved ones.

*Ralph & Cory Fatello
Hampton, NH*

Ralph G Fatello - September 04, 2022 at 05:54 PM

VH

There are so many things to say about Art and they are all spinning around in my head. We had a love hate relationship I loved to skip school but I hated it when he picked me up for truancy. He loved deeply was patriotic to the depth of his soul. He was a great testimony to what a great husband and family man should be. Art ,you were one in a million. Mickey and family I am so sorry for your loss. I'd love to have just one more of his hugs.

Vicki Hamilton - September 05, 2022 at 04:31 PM

JJ

“ Dear Mickey & Dianne, This past week my mind drifted to my Hampton Days back in 1978. I don't know why my mind drifted back to that time, but I guess now I may infer why it did. I was thinking of Artie. Although those were very confusing times for me back in the 1970s, I count my blessings that I had a wise 'big brother' (one that I never had) in my friend Artie to give me guidance and support - and all things worked out well for me. Artie got me my start in civilian police work and it was with regret that I had to leave to go to Washington D.C. (again) for a full time police officer position. It was kind of ironic that I left my good buddy in New Hampshire only to end up back to where I met Artie! When I first met Artie is was at guard-mount formation at Andrews AFB for the night shift, he was our flight leader. Then the time we visited you all and my youngest daughter having fun with your loud parrot! The sad times too, Jimmy & Linda; in some manner I felt the need to reach out to you all both times and Artie and I had a very nice uninterrupted chat walking along the beach on that visit we had some time ago. One of the very important things on that walk Artie empathized was taking care of you and his daughters, and never letting up on that. When the second sad time happened it was sad that I couldn't speak with Artie but it was very important that you told me and Gail that he smiled when you told him that we were on the phone. I had some rough bouts of tears when I learned of Artie's passing and I wanted to let you know that I am a better person for having had Artie in my life, and although it may be a little while yet, but I'll meet up with Artie again at that Guard-Mount Formation in the heavens, ...bless you Mickey & Dianne
John Peter Jorgensen



John Peter Jorgensen - September 04, 2022 at 12:25 AM

RM

“ Dear Mickey, Diane, Wardle Family, Cathy & are very sorry to hear of Art's passing. I like others, working at the police department, always enjoyed speaking with Art over a cup of coffee, he always made my day after coffee. I remember when he came on, the time he was promoted to detective in the Juvenile Bureau, there he worked wonders. He loved all walks of people, could talk about many things and people left feeling good, I will miss him, thank you for allowing him to work for the Hampton Police Department, he was a great asset. Robert & Cathleen Mark

Robert Mark - September 02, 2022 at 06:32 PM

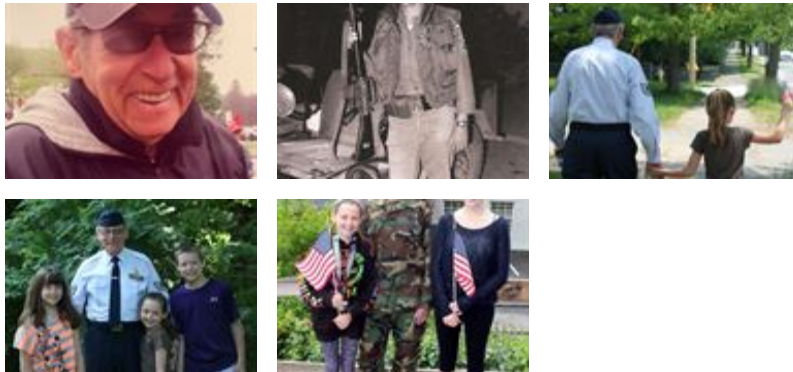
CP

“ To The Wardle Family, May God give each of you comfort and strength in your sorrow. It was an honor to work with Art for several years.
Chuck Pierson

Charles Pierson - September 02, 2022 at 03:00 PM



“ 88 files added to the album LifeTributes



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - September 02, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Arthur J. Wardle, Jr..*



September 01, 2022 at 03:48 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear of Art's passing, he was a great man ! He had a great sense of humor. I always busted him the way he pronounced COFFEE. He will be missed ! He was a very fair individual, especially with younger generation.*

Tom Harrington - August 31, 2022 at 04:24 PM



*RIP Artie. You were a great teacher and partner during our years on the police department.
Mickey praying for you and the family!*

Rene Archambault - September 01, 2022 at 06:52 AM

DN

Well Artie we knew this day would come for all of us. We came on in Hampton P.D. about the same time. Although I only worked part time for a couple of years there, our friendship has lasted for ever. Working as a child abuse investigator at the Sheriff Dept with N.H. D.C.Y.S. our paths would cross on occasions.

The old gang from Hampton P.D. would always keep me in the loop as to where the oldies but goodies would be having their monthly B.S. meeting of which I will always be thankful for.

Every time we would meet I would address you as the COFFEE MAN and you would call me Dr. Jimmy. We would always part with a hug and a whisper be careful out there.

Now with all the craziness in the world, you just never know what will happen next. I hope that the H.P.D. guys are still meeting and they save a couple of chairs at the end of the table for Mickey and the Coffee Man. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Jim Nye Retired R.C.S.O.

Donna Lynn Nye - September 01, 2022 at 12:24 PM

KS

Mr. Wardle was one of the good guys. He always tried to keep us on the right path. Rest in peace and say hi to Jimmy.

Ken Stiles - September 01, 2022 at 04:07 PM

JB

RIP Artie ,i miss seeing you at Mcdonalds and the Hampton House

Jim Bray - September 02, 2022 at 10:40 PM

DS

Although my wife and I knew that Arthur was failing, we were stunned to learn last evening of his passing. In the 1980s and 1990s, Arthur and I were involved in many cases in the old Hampton District Court, Arthur in his capacity as a police officer, me as legal counsel or guardian ad litem for the children and youth. Arthur had a special ability to relate to these young people because of his genuine interest in them. We are just very sad about his passing and our hearts go out to Mickey and family.

David and Sally Sandberg, Hampton, NH

David Sandberg - September 27, 2022 at 07:01 PM