



Merle "Jay" Woodard

October 4, 1957 - April 18, 2024

Funeral services for MERLE "JAY" WOODARD, 66, will be held 11am Friday April 26, 2024, at the Lifeway Church with Pastor Jeff Wolfington officiating. The casket will be open briefly after the service and cremation will take place following the services. Jay passed away peacefully at his home April 18, 2024. In lieu of flowers the family kindly suggest that memorials be made to his two children Brendan and Jenna Woodard. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com

Jay was born October 4, 1957, in Torrington, Wyoming to Merle and Dorothy Woodard. He grew up in Torrington and graduated from the Torrington High School. From there he enlisted in the Army National Guard. After his time in the military, he returned back home to farm with his grandfather. He then got married and to this union his two daughters Jaylene and Terri were born. Jay then started his trucking business that he was very proud of. After trucking he went into law enforcement in the Torrington area. He then had two more children Brendan and Jenna Woodard. After taking time to help raise them he went back to his trucking business and did that until his retirement in 2023. Some of his hobbies including shooting his guns, collecting coins, riding his motorcycle and playing video games. But most importantly he was very active in his children's lives and the activities they were involved in. Jay was a very devoted family man as well. He will be deeply missed by his family and his friends.

Jay is survived by his children Jaylene Cunningham, Terri Carson, Brendan Woodard and Jenna Woodard, his sister Vickie, niece and nephew Kirk and Angie Stricker, grandchildren Allen Woodard, Nicole Cunningham and James Carson, great-grandchildren Zane Kelley and Remi Mead. His family friends Kenny and Kay Elwood and Brenda Miller as well as numerous family members and friends. Jay was preceded in death by his parents Merle and Dorothy, wife Tracy Woodard, niece Mary Mathis-Barrera and numerous family members.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Lifeway Church
1341 E M St
Torrington, WY 82240
(661) 868-9017

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Shari Birdsong lit a candle in memory of Merle Woodard*



Shari Birdsong - July 08, 2024 at 08:48 AM



“ *I am so sorry to learn of Jay's passing. My deepest condolences to his children and grandchildren. Lynne Knobel*

Lynne Knobel - July 02, 2024 at 08:36 PM

B(

“ *Brieanna (Ibarra) lit a candle in memory of Merle Woodard*



Brieanna Franze (Ibarra) - May 03, 2024 at 12:30 AM

WM

“ *I love you and will miss you. Rest in Heaven*

Wendy McCall - May 01, 2024 at 08:25 PM

SA

“ *Jay was a great friend from first grade on. I had planned on being at the service but because of health issues I could'nt make it. Jay will always be in my thoughts and memories. My prayers are with you!!*

steven Akright - April 26, 2024 at 02:58 PM

BG

“ *Bobbi Giles lit a candle in memory of Merle Woodard*



Bobbi Kay Giles - April 25, 2024 at 09:08 PM

DY

“ *Darin Yates lit a candle in memory of Merle Woodard*



Darin Yates - April 24, 2024 at 06:11 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Merle "Jay" Woodard.*



April 24, 2024 at 09:49 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Merle "Jay" Woodard.*



April 23, 2024 at 03:59 PM

AW

“ I can remember every day after school for years, my sister and I would get off the bus at the stop by BigTime video back when it was still around.. We would walk to Grandpas house a couple blocks away and honestly half the time, the old fart would be asleep taking a midday nap haha. It was never without an abundance of sugary snacks and diet soda. Watching after school cartoons and always ignoring the homework. I miss those days. I admit in the time since I left highschool, I wasn't as close with my grandpa as I would've liked.. I do however carry every lesson, every word of wisdom, every act of love he had, with me. I will miss him for the rest of my life and regret not being there more.

Allen Woodard - April 22, 2024 at 04:19 PM

CM

Jay was a fun loving, down to earth guy. I will miss his mischievous nature. He told you straight up how it was, I will miss him. Carol Miller

Carol Miller - April 23, 2024 at 09:28 PM

FD

My dear Sunny Bubba always said I was one of his diamonds. He truly was a diamond for me. He will always be with me. There's just never enough time to be with the diamonds in your life. My heart goes out to all of his family and friends. Rest in peace my dear one. Faith Davis

Faith Davis - July 24, 2024 at 12:30 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Merle "Jay" Woodard.



April 22, 2024 at 01:34 PM

JD

“ *Jan Davis lit a candle in memory of Merle Woodard*



Jan Davis - April 20, 2024 at 08:05 PM

EC

“ *I was blessed by having Jay as a friend and brother in Christ, barely a week ago I visited Jay , Brendan, and Jenna and shared in the joy that Jay raised his children in the loving knowledge of our Lord. I know someday that we will meet up again and Jay will have new bright eyes, a new body , and a new truck ! May God bless the families and the children.*

Elmer Benjamin Chavez - April 20, 2024 at 03:08 PM

VG

“ *Vickie Geerdes lit a candle in memory of Merle Woodard*



Vickie Geerdes - April 20, 2024 at 01:30 PM

SH

“ *Our deepest condolences & prayers to Jay's family.*

Sharon & David Hackett - April 20, 2024 at 09:30 AM

NS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Jay's passing. Thankful that he & Tony reconnected and that I got to meet him. May he rest in Jesus's arms until you are reunited again.

Nancy Steidley - April 20, 2024 at 07:39 AM

EF

“ Jay and my dad were friends, he was always nice to me. He was a patriot and fought the good fight, I'm sad to see him go and wish he could have lived to see the patriots take back the country and world. He knew. I enjoyed watching his tick tok videos about trucking.

Ethan Fitch - April 20, 2024 at 04:39 AM

VG

“ Vickie Geerdes sent a virtual gift in memory of Merle Woodard



Vickie Geerdes - April 19, 2024 at 11:10 PM

VG

“ My fondist memory of my little Brother Jay is our many conversations about our Lord and Saviour Lord Jesus and His precious Word The Holy Bible. And how he got baptized and he helped baptize his youngest daughter Jenna❤️ Mr. Jay will be greatly missed by me his Sister😭💔 and many friends and family.....❤️

Vickie Geerdes - April 19, 2024 at 11:06 PM

L(

“ *Lisa (kelly) lit a candle in memory of Merle Woodard*



Lisa Lawrence (kelly) - April 19, 2024 at 08:49 PM

NL

“ *Sending prayers and healing hands to Jay's family! I served with Jay in law enforcement and we became good friends for life. Have so many stores and memories that I could share but do not have the room. We both saw our share of ups and downs but we sure did have many a good time that brought us much laughter and a friendship that has endured the test of time. Thank you Jay!*

Nicholas Livingston - April 19, 2024 at 07:30 PM

KL

“ *Jay you will be missed. We met Jay while driving for Americo Carriers. Jay was always a joy to visit with and fun to be around. You will be missed my friend. Ken and Theresa Luce*

Ken Luce - April 19, 2024 at 07:03 PM