



## Joshua Nathan Ward, Sr.

January 24, 1986 - July 15, 2016

Joshua Nathan Ward Sr., AKA “Zipper” and “Tiny”, age 30, of Dover, DE, passed away Friday July 15, 2016. Josh was an avid motorcycle builder and rider. He was a dedicated trucker and former firefighter. Most of all Josh will be remembered as a devoted family man.

Josh is survived by his wife, Amanda Ward; sons, Joshua Ward, Jr. and Michael Basham; daughter, Evelyn Basham; mother, Geraldine Vass; brothers, Lester Ward IV and Eric Grzybowski; sisters, Alison Warrick and Melanie Jones; grandmother, Evelyn Ward; nephew, Gavin Ward; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Lester Ward III; grandfather, Lester Ward; and grandmother, Grace Griffin.

A visitation will be held Friday, July 29, 2016, from 6-9 PM and again Saturday July 30, 2016 from 9-10am in the Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE 19702. A service in celebration of Josh’s life will be Saturday, July 30, 2016 at 10 AM at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Gracelawn Memorial Park. For directions or to send an online condolence visit [www.stranofeeley.com](http://www.stranofeeley.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Gracelawn Memorial Park

2220 N. DuPont Highway  
New Castle, DE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 29. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home  
635 Churchmans Rd  
Newark, DE 19702  
(302) 731-5459  
info@stranofeeley.com

## Service

JUL 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Happy birthday*

Joshua Ward - January 24 at 11:20 AM



“ *He is in a better place*

josh ward - May 07, 2025 at 08:11 AM



“ *Marie Donovan lit a candle in memory of Joshua Nathan Ward, Sr.*

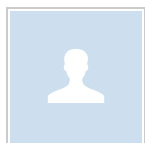


Marie Donovan - July 26, 2016 at 03:02 PM



“ *Remembering the little guy with the happy face. Josh, Santa and I always loved you. Ride on now with Michael, Matthew, and Andrew, may you all be blessed and remembered always.*

Marie Donovan - July 26, 2016 at 03:00 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joshua Nathan Ward, Sr..*



July 26, 2016 at 06:51 AM

CR

“ *Cathy Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Joshua Nathan Ward, Sr.*



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**Cathy Reynolds** - July 25, 2016 at 02:48 AM

CR

“ *Cathy Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Joshua Nathan Ward, Sr.*



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**Cathy Reynolds** - July 25, 2016 at 02:40 AM



“ *Debbie Bass lit a candle in memory of Joshua Nathan Ward, Sr.*



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**Debbie Bass** - July 23, 2016 at 01:05 PM

VP

*God give him peace*

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**virginia peocter** - July 24, 2016 at 09:11 PM

MM

“ I never had the privilege of meeting Josh but i heard many good things about him. The best being how much my lil sis loved him and adored him. How he made her feel whole and happy, and for that im grateful, for making my lil sis happy. Im so sorry for your untimely passing, rest easy and watch over Manda and the kids. Much love



Melissa Maurer - July 22, 2016 at 05:38 AM

Tom  
McWain

“ A few years after we stopped working together, I was driving a crane on 295, in NJ. I noticed a tractor trailer overtaking me. As the cabs came together, I looked over, it was Zip. He gave me a head nod, and a big grin, as he sped off. To this day, it still brings a smile to my face. Although today, tears are mixed in.....I will miss you, my friend.

Tom McWain - July 21, 2016 at 05:21 PM

AW

he spoke often of his days at 1st state crane i loved hearing the joy he got telling me ofnhe different things he help build he is deeply missed already

Amanda Ward - July 25, 2016 at 07:18 AM

WD

“ Walter Sluder,Barbara Dale lit a candle in memory of Joshua Nathan Ward, Sr.



Walter Sluder,Barbara Dale - July 21, 2016 at 07:09 AM

CJ

“ Carol Janas lit a candle in memory of Joshua Nathan Ward, Sr.



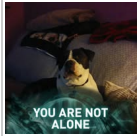
Carol Janas - July 19, 2016 at 10:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joshua Nathan Ward, Sr..



July 19, 2016 at 09:53 PM



“ Zipperhead you always made me laugh, you were a big teddy bear, you will be missed L&R Deputy Dog & Judy Dog



Judy Deputy - July 19, 2016 at 09:31 PM

BD

“ Barb Dawson lit a candle in memory of Joshua Nathan Ward, Sr.



Barb Dawson - July 19, 2016 at 08:04 PM

BD

“ *Barb Dawson lit a candle in memory of Joshua Nathan Ward, Sr.*



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**Barb Dawson** - July 19, 2016 at 08:01 PM

TW

“ *Our memories of Josh are him growing up and all of 'our' boys being at the house. There times that I didn't know if Ronnie and him knew which house that they lived at. He will be greatly missed.*  
*Frank and Terri Weaver*

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**Terri Weaver** - July 19, 2016 at 06:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joshua Nathan Ward, Sr..*



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July 19, 2016 at 06:22 PM

GD

“ *Gretchen Deel lit a candle in memory of Joshua Nathan Ward, Sr.*



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**Gretchen Deel** - July 19, 2016 at 01:59 PM



“ 2008 World Series Parade in Philly. We had a blast. Sorry for your untimely passing. Please look over Lester and Me. ##salute

Ed Cavaciuti - July 19, 2016 at 01:28 PM



“ Annie Geedy lit a candle in memory of Joshua Nathan Ward, Sr.



Annie Geedy - July 19, 2016 at 08:50 AM



“ Zip.. You introduced me to the most amazing woman I've ever met in my life for this I greatfully thank you. You will be never be forgotten. R.I.P.  
To Amanda and his children my prayers are with you..  
INTIMIDATOR

Joe - July 19, 2016 at 08:40 AM



“ May God's love make your grief bearable, and angels walk with you and your family today and always. Love and prayers!!



Charlene Dixon - July 19, 2016 at 07:21 AM

JR

“ *My husband and myself would like to send our condolences to the family. Zipper was a very sweet, loveable, teddy bear guy with a great sense of humor. We have very fond memories of him. I'm sure he wil missed by all who knew him. For us , as well as all who him I hope that when we think of him it will bring a smile to your face. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family and those who loved him. Sincerely, Pedro and Jenny Ramirez.*

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**Jenny Ramirez** - July 19, 2016 at 05:39 AM

LB

“ It's taken days for all of this to process and me to be able to put it words. You are the greatest friend and brother one can have. You would bend over backwards to do what you could to help someone out. Sitting here left with my memories. I still remember the day we met we were at the Eagles club didn't know each other at all you invited to your house sitting there on my bike waiting for you to get your car you pull around in a white work van didn't think much about it until I pulled out to follow you and seen a license plate that read FTW666 after that all I could think about was the guy from american history X and what am I getting into. With only red stag and milk or tea to drink lol (red stag and sweet tea makes a great drink) I walked away with a great new friend and later down the road great brother. From hours of late night, early morning phone conversation of bikes, guns, women, music, firefighting, even current events, history, and politics. To the (only some will get this) Jarassic Park moments. Introducing me to a girl who would become my wife and mother of my child. The care and half scared look from a badass when you first picked up my few month old son. Family cookouts and family day at the board walk in OCMD.

*Zip you were a great friend and brother to many people and even a asshole at times you will be truly missed.*

*R.I.P brother*

*Whip*



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**Lonzie brown** - July 19, 2016 at 12:27 AM



*well said lonz well said ly guys*

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**Amanda Ward** - July 25, 2016 at 08:47 AM