



Leslie Austin Ward

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Leslie Austin Ward, 63, passed unexpectedly on June 6, 2023. Leslie was born June 3, 1960 to George Austin and Elizabeth Alderman in Atlanta, GA. She was a lifelong resident of Southwest Florida and happily called Alva, FL her home for many years.

Leslie is survived by her daughters Casey Babchick, Baillie Ward, and Parker Johnson, and her grandchildren, Gracyn, Logan, Tate, and Jordan. She is preceded in death by her husband, David Ward.

Leslie loved her children and her grandchildren fiercely. She wouldn't want anyone to grieve what might have been, but to instead reflect on the happiness and occasional craziness she brought to the world. She will be remembered for her wonderful sense of humor and her ability to make anyone laugh.

There will be a small drop-in memorial service in Leslie's honor on June 17, 2023, from 10am-12pm at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home.




Events


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Memorial Gathering

 **Saturday**, June 17, 2023

 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

 **Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home**
1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33907





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Christine Elkins posted:

I did not know Leslie very well but the time I did spend in her company, she always struck me as strong with a kind heart. She was always very kind and respectful to my Mother. Wishing Sympathy, Peace and Love to you Leslie and Family from the Ursitt, Elkins, and Bulgin Families ❤️

June 16 at 3:48 PM



Holly Sherman posted:

I'm sorry to hear of Leslie's premature passing. My heart goes out to her beautiful daughters and grandchildren. May you carry on her legacy. Have fun and laugh often. Life is precious.

June 16 at 2:35 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Ward family.



June 15 at 2:40 PM



Carol And John Kyle Shoemaker And Family sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Ward family.



June 13 at 2:20 PM



Rosa-Mary Mccoy posted:

I did not know Leslie as well as I wanted . I have known the Austin family since I was born. Friends with her Aunt Mary Ellen. Loved Lillian, her grandmother. Our families shared so much. I think of her as being the strong woman as Lillian was. Our love and prayers to all who loved her. Rosa-Mary Lippincott McCoy and Family.

June 13 at 12:36 PM



Christine Elkins June 16 at 3:20 PM

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Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Ward family.

June 12 at 2:52 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Leslie.

June 12 at 11:39 AM



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Kimberly' Arnett posted:

Leslie was a great friend, one who you knew would do anything for you without question. From kindergarten, I am proud to have had her in my life. She will continue to live in her girls and grandchildren. Such a sadness to know she is no longer here.

June 11 at 9:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Ward family.

June 10 at 1:18 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Leslie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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