



George Long Ware III

February 19, 1941 - June 1, 2019

George Long Ware III, age 78, of Zanesville, Ohio died June 1st in his home of nearly 50 years, surrounded by family and friends. George fought a 4+ year battle with stenosis and paraplegia. He was passionate and persistent in his living and in his dying.

Born February 19, 1941 in Newton, Massachusetts to George Ware Jr and Agatha Pickhardt. George had many passions and pursuits. He lived in Ohio briefly while growing up, returning to attend Heidelberg University where he was a “Heid”, an active member of Heidelberg Men’s Literary Society whose motto is “Unity Through Diversity”. Diversity was a long-standing value he held dearly. He later was an active member of NAACP in Zanesville and the treasurer, for over 30 years. He was a retired Emeritus Professor of English at Ohio University of Zanesville. He taught 37 years teaching Shakespeare and Literature and a course he created about Poetry and Rock-n-Roll. Also, teaching English Writing through a tutorial program. He was passionate about supporting young students in what was often their first attempt at college. A member of the college English Association, he was instrumental in founding SOCTE Southeastern Ohio Council of Teachers of English.

George had many interests, an avid gardener, a housepainter painting one side of his 3-story Victorian home every year. He enjoyed years of recreational basketball and softball at OUZ. He cheered fiercely and loudly for the Red

Sox, the Bruins, the Celtics and the Cleveland Browns. All who knew him well knew his biggest passion was music. He played guitar and had an interest in many instruments, even made his own dulcimer. He enjoyed music venues all over the country and was particularly enamored with the Zanesville venues and artists. He supported local music wherever he went. He was always on the cutting edge, owning the latest album, and knew of up and coming artists years before they became well-known. George was the first in his neighborhood to have MTV. Lastly, he is the former owner of the largest vinyl collection this side of the blah, blah, blah.

Important to George was family. After moving to Ohio for college, he stayed. His siblings Lyn Ives, Carla Howes, Michael Ware and their families remained in Massachusetts and live there currently. Every summer and at Christmas time George and his family traveled east.

George is survived by his wife Peggy (Frey) of Rittman, Ohio, married June 6, 1964 for 55 years, and their 3 children; George Ware IV (Pam Wetzel), Mary Ware (her fella Tim), Katherine Monroe (her husband Arin, and their 2 children Ava age 12 and Nicholas age 10).

A special thanks to our angels (aids) Jody Severance and Crystal Daniels who lovingly and so very well, cared for George, both for his body and his spirit. We could not have had him at home without these two women.

A celebration of George's life will be held June 29th, 10:30am at George and Peggy's church, Trinity United Presbyterian Church 830 Military Road Zanesville, Ohio 43701. An Open House will follow immediately at the Ware's residence until 2:00pm.

A memorial donation in George's name may be made to "Hospice of Central Ohio". We are forever grateful for the care, compassion and support of the

whole hearted and dedicated nurses and staff of this hospice organization.
They expertly guided us on George's journey. <https://foundationforhoco.org/donate-now/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

JUN **29**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Trinity United Presbyterian Church
830 Military Road
Zanesville, OH 43701

Tribute Wall



“ *George Long Ware III*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *Peggy,*
As I reflect on our bond of friendship, over the years, I extend to you and your family deepest, heartfelt sympathy and love. May your spirits be lifted by the caring thoughts of the many who have been blessed to have you and George in their lives.
Jennifer Stewart

Jennifer Stewart - June 27, 2019 at 11:54 AM



“ *Peggy I am so sorry for the loss of George.*
Pat Walters

Pat Walters - June 27, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ *Peggy, George IV, Mary and Katherine,*
Hearing belatedly about George's illness and now his passing leaves me stunned. From my days at OUZ, to socializing in that wonderful spot in the kitchen surrounded by windows looking out over George's garden (and Mr. Gale's), to becoming a member of your family one summer, I treasure every laugh, hug, and joy shared. (Although keeping that fruit compote going was something else!)
Please accept my long distance love and condolences, knowing all of you are always in my heart.
Kathy Durben Welsch

Kathy Welsch - June 14, 2019 at 06:39 PM

RR

“Peggy, George, Mary and Katherine: what a special place you all hold in my heart. Peggy, you and George are such a prominent part of my life's story. I am so glad I got to see you when I was in Ohio this last time. It seems when I am home I never have enough time to do and see everyone. Thank you for taking the time to allow me to visit with you and George for just a moment. I have such grand memories of your family and the "house". (And trying to squeeze my big car past the tree. LOL)
My heart is heavy for your grief, yet I know your memories are full of laughter and love.
Your first renters . . . Renae Ross

Renae Ross - June 07, 2019 at 10:17 AM

LS

“Peggy and kids,
Jim and I are so sorry for your loss. We always had great fun at cookouts and parties or just getting together. Always enjoyed Katherine spending time with us! What a great guy. Always so much fun. I especially remember the ~~bat~~bat!!!
I know you'll all have beautiful memories. God bless you all!
Keeping you close in prayer.
With much love to all,
Lynda and Jim Sharrer

Lynda and Sharrer - June 06, 2019 at 02:43 PM

AZ

“ I was in the first group to attend classes in Harold Hall January 1967. After returning to Zanesville I had several occasions to socialize with the Wares. I always looked foreword to the exchanges with George and Peggy. Always friendly, interesting and with a good amount of humor. I hope fond memories will help ease the sorrow of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Al and Suzanne Zakany

Al Zakany - June 06, 2019 at 12:00 PM

JR

“ My wife and I were very sorry to learn of Mr. Ware's passing. I was a member of his classes several times and I thoroughly enjoyed being there. I went on to become an English teacher and often thought of how Mr. Ware would approach a certain topic. He had a great influence on me back in the late 60s. May this good man rest in peace.

John Rodgers - June 05, 2019 at 09:03 AM

KM

“ Kelly Mayfield lit a candle in memory of George Long Ware III



kelly mayfield - June 04, 2019 at 11:13 PM

KM

May the love you receive from family and friends comfort you during this time. Sending prayers and love to all of you Brian and Kelly Mayfield

kelly mayfield - June 04, 2019 at 11:17 PM

LS

“ My condolences to George's loved ones. I worked for George at OUZ for a few years while attending classes. I remember how kind he was to me. I spent many hours transcribing interviews from residents of Shawnee, Ohio. George would often see me with my ear close to the reel-to-reel tape recorder and give me encouragement to keep trying to make out what was being said. I could type "George L. Ware, III" faster than my own name. Lots of good memories from OUZ. George will be remembered for being a great teacher and a wonderful person. May your memories give you peace and comfort.

Luanne Shull

Luanne Shull - June 04, 2019 at 07:20 PM

JE

“ Sorry for your loss
Jenn siegrist

jenn - June 04, 2019 at 03:53 PM