



Chad Michael Ward

October 11, 1968 - October 11, 2025

Chad Michael Ward, age 57, passed away on October 11, 2025, in rural Barnsdall, Oklahoma. He was born on October 11, 1968, in Wichita, Kansas, to John Allen Ward and Susan Gayle (nee Foster) Ward.

Chad was raised by his dad and mother Rene' in Lawrence, Kansas. He graduated from Lawrence High in 1987 and went on to pursue higher education at the University of Kansas. Chad's love for his Hawaiian culture and exploration later took him to the University of Hawaii, where he majored in International Business and Trade and minored in Hawaiian Cultural Studies.

Chad built a long and successful career in leadership and business. He worked for Hilti North America, ultimately serving as Regional Manager in North Florida. He then brought his skills and passion to Rexel USA in the same role. Most recently, he fulfilled his dream of entrepreneurship as President and Founder of FFI Marketing, which he launched in 2020.

On September 20, 2003, Chad married the love of his life, Kyann Wallerius. Though they later divorced, their time together remained a meaningful chapter in both their lives. In 2004 Krista Thompson gave Chad the great gift of his life, his daughter, his mini-me, Alexia. All the beauty Chad brought to this world will live on in her.

To know Chad was to love him. He was widely described as absolutely hilarious- no one could tell a story like Chad. His deep love for his Hawaiian culture shaped his spirit—he embraced ohana in every sense, treating friends like family and family like treasure. Chad loved the ocean, finding peace and purpose in the waves.

Chad could light up any room he entered, and his presence brought joy, laughter, and warmth to all who knew him. Chad's legacy is one of love, laughter, and loyalty. His spirit will continue to live on through the many lives he touched. Aloha, Chad.

Chad is survived by his loving mothers, Susan Stephens and Rene Ward; his beautiful daughter, Alexia Ward; his favorite sister, Virginia Thornton; and a large, loving family along with countless lifelong friends who will cherish his memory forever.

Chad is preceded in death by his father, John Ward; his brother, Seth Stephens; his uncle, Beckley Ward; his paternal grandparents, Mary (Kapoi) and Bill Ward, and his maternal grandparents Gene and Louise Wilder.

A Memorial Service will be held on November 8th at Set Em Up Jack's at 2PM in Lawrence, Kansas.

Memorial contributions can be sent to Stumpff Funeral Home in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Set Em Up Jack's
1800 E. 23rd. St. Ste. G.
Lawrence, KS 66046

Tribute Wall

TJ

“ I will miss Chad very much. During his years in Florida I was close friend with Chad and I have many fond memories of hanging with Chad. He always had a smile and would do anything he could to help anyone ! I'm very sad to hear that he is gone. I will miss him. Deepest sympathies to his family. TJ

TJ - November 11, 2025 at 06:56 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chad Michael Ward.



November 08, 2025 at 05:15 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Chad Michael Ward.



November 06, 2025 at 05:32 PM

DK

“ Danny Koehn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chad Michael Ward.

Danny Koehn - November 06, 2025 at 05:32 PM



“ Donna Clark lit a candle in memory of Chad Michael Ward



Donna Clark - October 29, 2025 at 01:54 PM

JP

“ I went to high school with Chad and, if I was having a bad day, he always had a way of making me smile and bringing laughter to my soul. He will be missed greatly.



Jody Penner - October 19, 2025 at 08:22 PM

DK

“ Denise Kellum lit a candle in memory of Chad Michael Ward



Denise Kellum - October 17, 2025 at 11:44 AM

AN

“ Ang lit a candle in memory of Chad Michael Ward



Ang - October 17, 2025 at 06:42 AM

VK

“ Vicki Kubota lit a candle in memory of Chad Michael Ward



Vicki Kubota - October 16, 2025 at 07:05 PM



“ Laurie Majka lit a candle in memory of Chad Michael Ward



Laurie Majka - October 15, 2025 at 03:55 PM

AN

“ I'll never forget your big, beautiful heart. Aloha mau loa. A hui hoa.



Ang - October 15, 2025 at 03:44 PM

NH

“ I have a lot of fond memories with my cousin, Chad. A lot of my memories involved music. Whether it was listening and dancing to Hawaiian music in our grandparents' kitchen or Black Eyes Peas at the family reunion, Chad had that big beautiful smile on his face enjoying it.

I will miss him smiling and calling me “Natty”.

Aloha au iā 'oe, e ka hoahānau

Natalie Harrison - October 15, 2025 at 02:50 PM

KT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Krista Thompson - October 15, 2025 at 12:13 AM

KR

“ Krista lit a candle in memory of Chad Michael Ward



Krista - October 15, 2025 at 12:09 AM

KT

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Krista Thompson - October 15, 2025 at 12:02 AM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Krista Thompson - October 14, 2025 at 11:54 PM

CT

“ Chip Taylor lit a candle in memory of Chad Michael Ward



Chip Taylor - October 14, 2025 at 10:19 PM

KT

Me ke aloha, Kane. I love you forever. Mean it booger. Lost for a word to fit in your bright life.

Krista Thompson - October 14, 2025 at 11:51 PM