



## Cameron Reese Ward

June 15, 1990 - December 29, 2022

Cameron Reese Ward, 32, of Cary, NC passed away on December 29th, 2022 after a hard fought battle with cancer.

Reese was born on June 15th, 1990 to Benjamin Kyle Ward and Carol Ward in Raleigh, NC at Rex Hospital. Reese grew up in Cary alongside his younger sister, Ashley Logan Ward. He went to Weatherstone Elementary and West Cary Middle and then attended Cary Christian School from grades 9-12 where he graduated from high school in 2008. He went on to study at NC State University and then earned his Associate Degree in Construction Management at Wake Community College. He was a General Contractor and worked with Wardson Construction Inc. alongside his father and uncle and went on to have his own building company, Cameron Custom Homes, LLC. He was fun-loving, humorous, and confident and was not afraid to let us know he loved us. Reese was an example to everyone who knew him for kindness, gentleness, and compassion and he was fiercely loyal with his family and friends. He had a strong sense of right and wrong, and wasn't afraid to make a stand for what he believed in. Reese always tried to see the best in everyone.

In 2015, he met his wife, Michelle Christina Turner. It was later in 2016 that they began dating, and he asked her to be his wife on a trip in the summer of 2018 while on a picturesque hike in Charlottesville. On November 16th, 2019, they were married in Raleigh, NC at the Edenton Street Methodist Church. It was a beautiful celebration with their families and friends. Reese said that was

the happiest day of his life.

They were married for a little longer than one year when he was diagnosed with cancer. Reese was strong in his battle and always held onto hope, and faith in the Lord, even though he was in so much pain. Reese is no longer in pain, and this is something that gives his family and friends peace to know he is in heaven with God and our family members that preceded him into the Lord's kingdom.

Reese is survived by his loving wife Michelle Ward, parents Carol and Kyle Ward, loving sister Ashley Logan Ward, Grandfather Dale Ward and wife Ruth, Grandmother Polly Ward, Uncles and wives Stephen & Sue Ward, Kent & Jennifer Ward and Michael and Michelle Ward and cousins Moria, Evan, Emma, Holt, Carson, Carter, Rachel and Chase.

Reese will be missed so much as he was a bright shining star to us and all who knew him. Our world will be a little less bright until we meet again.

The family will receive friends at First United Methodist Church Cary in the fellowship hall on January 4, 2023 from 12:30PM - 2:00PM. Funeral services will be at 2:00PM on January 4, 2023 at First United Methodist Church Cary with Rev. Rick Wilkerson officiating.

Interment will follow at Wake Memorial Park, 7002 Green Hope School Rd, Cary, NC 27519.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Reese's memory to the Melanoma Research Foundation (MRF) by visiting <https://melanoma.org/> or sending a donation to: Melanoma Research Foundation, P.O. Box 719329, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19171-9329 or to Transitions LifeCare, 250 Hospice Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607 <https://www.transitionslifecare.org/donate/>.

# Cemetery Details

## Wake Memorial Park

7002 Green Hope School Road  
Cary, NC 27519

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

JAN 4. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church Cary  
117 S. Academy St  
Cary, NC 27511

## Funeral Service

JAN 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church Cary  
117 S. Academy St.  
Cary, NC 27511

# Tribute Wall

WM

“ We are so grateful to have known Reese, and our lives are enriched because of him! It's an amazing blessing to us for Reese to have been a part of us. We send our love and condolences to the Wards and extended family.

Wes & Marice Montgomery - January 17, 2023 at 04:47 PM

VQ

“ Valerie Quinn purchased the [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.

Valerie Quinn - January 10, 2023 at 03:01 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.



January 04, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.



January 03, 2023 at 09:09 PM

TC

“ Terry Culler lit a candle in memory of Cameron Reese Ward



Terry Culler - January 03, 2023 at 08:52 PM

TC

*It was a pleasure to get to know Reese thru the company business. I am sending my thoughts and prayers to his family.*

Terry Culler - January 03, 2023 at 08:56 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Ward family. Remember the beautiful person he was, gone to soon but in a better place now. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Marisa Padilla*

Marisa Ferrara Padilla - January 03, 2023 at 08:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.



January 03, 2023 at 08:34 PM

MP

“ Kyle and Carol were so proud of Reese, as they should be, especially the day he got his contractor’s license: “A chip off the old block” and, of course, the day they got to see him marry Michelle.

*We will cherish our memories of seeing Reese grow up. Our times in the mountains together and at the coast or the moments with the guys that the golf ball had a mind of it’s on.*

*A man’s true character is vivid when he does for others during his most difficult times. In the midst of struggling through his ordeal, Reese unselfishly committed to raise money for needy students so that they may have construction opportunities as he had. What a legacy.*

*He had many physical challenges throughout his life but never complained; always rolled with the punches. Reese lived his last years with such a great burden, yet incredible dignity. His earthy battle is worthy of both a Purple Heart and a Medal of Honor.*

*He fought the good fight unlike any other. He deeply loved his family and friends, and his family and friends deeply loved him.*

*Lastly, Reese was a free spirit who enjoyed life and now his spirit has been set free in everlasting joy.*

*Words cannot express our heart felt sadness for Michelle, Carol, Kyle and Logan and all his loved ones.*

*Mike & Patti, Luke, Christina and Lancing Hunter*

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**Mike & Patti** - January 03, 2023 at 07:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.*



January 03, 2023 at 07:21 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.*



January 03, 2023 at 07:13 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.*



January 03, 2023 at 06:44 PM



“ *ITS, Inc. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.*



ITS, Inc. - January 03, 2023 at 05:36 PM



“ *Divine Light* was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.



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January 03, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ *Mike Smith, Omega Association Management* purchased the *Basket Full of Wishes* for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.



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**Mike Smith, Omega Association Management** - January 03, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.



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January 03, 2023 at 01:01 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.



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January 03, 2023 at 11:44 AM

XA

“ XO Chi O Family London, Caroline, Amanda purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.



XO Chi O Family London, Caroline, Amanda - January 03, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.



January 03, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.



January 03, 2023 at 09:13 AM

GF

“ Goodrich Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.



Goodrich Family - January 03, 2023 at 08:33 AM

JW

“ Just wanted to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with everyone as you go thru this time. Rugworks Floorcoverings



Jody Wimberly - January 02, 2023 at 09:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.



January 02, 2023 at 07:54 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.



January 02, 2023 at 06:09 PM

TF

“ The Milton Hobbs Construction Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.



The Milton Hobbs Construction Family - January 02, 2023 at 05:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.



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January 02, 2023 at 03:20 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance* was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.



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January 02, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.



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January 01, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.



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January 01, 2023 at 09:06 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.*



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January 01, 2023 at 06:54 PM



“ *We first met Reese when he started dating Michelle, one of my closest friends since high school. In the time we knew him, we watched Reese love, support, and eventually marry Michelle. I was honored to be a bridesmaid in their wedding. I couldn't imagine a better man for my dear friend. Their marriage was a happy one, and Reese brought a fun and positive attitude to everything he did. Throughout his battle with melanoma he was incredibly strong, and it didn't show how much he was facing.*

*We are heartbroken that Reese was taken so soon. Our prayers are with Reese and his family. Deepest condolences to Michelle, and to the Ward and Turner families.*

*Travis and Melissa Kernodle*

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**Travis and Melissa Kernodle** - January 01, 2023 at 05:21 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.*



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January 01, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.* ”



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January 01, 2023 at 01:32 PM

FM

“ It was May of 1993 when we moved to Cary, NC and first introduced to our new neighbors, the Ward family. It became very obvious; this was a hard working family with two very young children, Reese and his baby sister Logan. Here was this very skinny, three year old, ‘very active’ little boy. So attentive and always extremely polite; the sweetest little guy.

It became Christmas time and my wife and I gave Reese and Logan each a small Christmas gift. I believe it was a little truck for 3 year old Reese. We then had the pleasure of watching Reese and his sister grow into mature young adults, always so pleasant and respectful.

It was many years after that first Christmas and we were visiting with Carol and Kyle in their home when all of a sudden Reese came down the stairs with that little truck in his hands, with the words he had saved it because it was very special to him. Of course those words melted our hearts because we knew Reese meant it.

We watched Reese grow into a fine young man as he developed the custom home building skills inherent to the Ward family. Every time we were in his company as a young adult, he remained with the same qualities he had as a little boy.....kind, gentle and always respectful.

We were honored to be invited to Reese and Michelle’s wedding and watched Reese take part in what he described as ” The happiest day of his life”.

Reese fought the very tough battle of this terrible disease of melanoma and he was taken from us much too early.

Our hearts go out to his wife, Michelle, his parents Carol and Kyle, his sister Logan and the entire Ward extended family.

Frank and Mary Ann Maisto

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Frank Maisto - January 01, 2023 at 11:04 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.*



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December 31, 2022 at 07:13 PM



“ *Barry and Gloria Mason purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.*



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**Barry and Gloria Mason** - December 31, 2022 at 03:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.*



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December 31, 2022 at 09:41 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cameron Reese Ward.*



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December 30, 2022 at 08:27 PM