



Aaron J. Ard PhD

June 30, 2020

Aaron J. Ard, Ph. D., died Tuesday, June 30, 2020. He was 56.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 3, 2020 at 2 PM at Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral.

Aaron was born in Darlington County, the son of Tommy Ard and the late Carol Ghoens Ard. He grew up in Darlington on the West End, dropped out of school in the eleventh grade, and joined the United States Navy, where he excelled through the ranks, becoming a member of the select and prestigious United States Navy Special Boat Unit.

Returning to Darlington, he began a career in law enforcement under Sheriff Glenn Campbell. In his off time, he took karate, earning the Black Belt.

Aaron next decided to try his hand at being a game warden. This is when his life changed, as he was turned down because he did not have a high school diploma. He immediately enrolled in Adult Education, earned his GED, and began accepting his brilliance as an attribute. He enrolled at a local technical school, where he earned the Associate Degree. When he proceeded to earn his undergraduate degree, a professor invited him to pursue his education further. He accepted.

Having completed his Ph. D. in Statistics at Cornell University, Dr. Ard became a member of the faculty of Coastal Carolina. He taught in the Wall College of Business at Coastal, and was named Professor of the Year three consecutive times. He later would move to The University of South Carolina, where he

taught for the rest of his too-short life.

Aaron never lost sight of where he came from. He loved Darlington, especially the "Mill Hill." He even took a leave of absence from the University to teach a year in the high school he once dropped out of. He did this for the "kids like him" as he called them, but he also did it for himself.

He every took opportunity to let folks know, "You can be anything you want to be if you work hard at it."

Once your friend, Aaron was always your friend. He was a hard worker, frugal, smart, and he had opinions worth listening to. "Big A" was not into appearances, he did not put on airs, and he said what was on his mind. You had to love him!

Aaron enjoyed good health until very recently, when he experienced a kidney issue. During a routine doctor's visit yesterday, Aaron died. "I don't fear death," he said. "If cancer is my pathway to the next life, then so be it."

Surviving Aaron are his Dad Tommy and his sister Argent Weatherford, with her husband Brian. He also loved his nieces Hannah, Chelsea, Kaleena (and her husband Glenn), and Rachael, and his three great nephews and two great nieces. Kathleen Saunders was his longtime friend.

If you would like to send a memorial, the family suggests you pick a scholarship at a school of your choice and advance someone's education.

Tribute Wall



“ Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Aaron J. Ard PhD



Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home - September 23, 2020 at 01:05 PM

RR

“ Rest in piece Aaron. Aaron and I served together at Special Boat Unit 24 in the early 80's. We were PT buddies and earned our quals at about the same time. that was a great time. Made a couple deployments with him. He was a great friend who always helped whoever needed help. We kept in touch occasionally over the years. He absolutely is missed.
R. Roberts

Robin Roberts - June 25, 2025 at 09:58 AM

MC

“ Aaron was one of my math students at Florence Darlington Technical College. He was a hard worker and dedicated student. We was always smiling and had a positive attitude. He made me proud up on receiving his PhD. He would keep in touch with me while at Cornell. While teaching at Coastal Carolina he returned to FDTC and was the guest speaker at graduation. I am sure Aaron is missed by all of his former students. I am sorry I hadn't heard about his passing sooner. Milton Clark

Milton Clark - January 04, 2025 at 07:56 AM

CD

“ Tommy, I’m so sorry you lost your son Aaron. A remarkable man of achievements and you should be proud of how he lived and shared his life. I’m not sure if you remember me, we attended Darlington schools especially elementary. I have 3 grown children and 6 Grands and the thought of losing anyone like you just loss Aaron would be devastating and only through my faith could I survive such an ordeal. At every step of my life my faith has been my co-pilot and has help me weather many situations over the last 79 years. You and I are probably very close in age and have family that our life has recoiled around. I spent 7 years in the Marine Coros and like Aaron it changed my life in many ways for the better. Like Aaron, yourself and me we all struggled in school environment during our early years but as time went on we all found a way to make it better. Aaron excel in the academic world and though he ice was much shorter than ours he accomplished much in his lifetime and it makes me smile to see he did well. All my sons(2) were late bloomers like Aaron. They barely got out of high school but in their late 20’s and 30’s turn their life around and are now doing well; one with his family and the other with his girlfriend but I must admit not all is perfect in their lives but they are making it in their own way. We as parents though hard at times have to let them do their own “thang”. As you and your family grieve the loss of Aaron my hope and prayer is that his life help others and you should be very proud that he was a good son. Charles (Boobie) DeLorme

Charles (Boobie) DeLorme - January 01, 2025 at 09:14 AM



“ Marina Tserkovnitska lit a candle in memory of Aaron J. Ard PhD



Marina Tserkovnitska - September 17, 2022 at 10:07 PM



A remarkable person with a big heart. I am thankful to have met Aaron. Let his memory be eternal.

Marina Tserkovnitska - September 17, 2022 at 10:15 PM

KR

“ Here it is September 2021 and I just found out that Aaron had passed away in June 2020. We lost touch with Aaron back in the mid 2000's but he was always in our thoughts and our hearts. I first met Aaron when he was getting his Ph.D. in Statistics at Cornell University, as I was the administrative assistant in the department. He had such a presence about him and what a history he had. Both he and my husband were in the Navy so there were a lot of common interests we had with Aaron and his wife at the time, Lori. We made many trips to Myrtle Beach to visit with them and have dinner and to catch up with one another. He was one of a kind. Our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.



Kathy and Jim Roberts - September 05, 2021 at 08:48 AM

JC

“ I offer my sincerest and deepest condolences to the family. I met Aaron at Coastal Carolina University, 20 years ago, as we joined the faculty together. He became a good friend and a great co-author to several research papers we wrote together. We swapped Navy stories and had a good bond. He was a down-home, good-hearted, kind-natured, easy going guy, He will be missed. May he rest in peace.

Jerome Christia

Jerome C - July 09, 2020 at 02:56 PM

PC

“ Penny Conyers Cox lit a candle in memory of Aaron J. Ard PhD



Penny Conyers Cox - July 03, 2020 at 02:25 PM

AS

“ In every class I had the pleasure of taking under his instruction, he never failed to make a hilarious comment about "the wholes" in my pants. He was a very intelligent man and will be missed dearly.

-Alatyana Sanchez

Alatyana Sanchez - July 03, 2020 at 01:36 PM

Andrea Sanders

“ Sending thoughts and prayers for the family. Dr. Ard was one of my favorite professors while I was at USC. I'll never forget all the laughs, life lessons, and how to understand the curve. May you rest in peace, sir.



-Andrea Sanders

Andrea Sanders - July 03, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Aaron J. Ard PhD.



July 03, 2020 at 08:49 AM

BM

“ *Argent and family please know I'm thinking of you. The world has certainly lost a wonderful man and heaven has gained an amazing soul. Sending Love Hugs and Prayers your way always.*

Bunny Mozingo - July 03, 2020 at 05:43 AM

AD

“ *Fond memories of a friendship still strong from across the Pacific. Your Aussie Mate Adrian - Rope-A-Dopes 4ever....*



Adrian Dunphy - July 03, 2020 at 03:48 AM

BW

This is Aaron's sister he thought a lot of you. He spoke highly of you.

Brian Weatherford - July 04, 2020 at 09:41 PM



I am heart broken reading this. He was such a good guy. I will miss our conversations.

Steve Boyle - January 01, 2022 at 10:09 PM

SF

“ I was very blessed to have met Aaron and enjoy his large personality, within 5 minutes....I told him, only your Moma really loved you, he added, and myself!! I have a son just like Aaron, full of life, know it all's....and really ...he was right 99.9% of the time. I'm thankful to have had many talks, laughs and a few emotional times with Aaron. I know when he got to Heaven that he was arguing with God that he wasn't ready, he had more things to do on earth. I know Aaron will be keeping an eye on me. Until we meet again my friend, you will always be in my heart, with love to his family, Suezanne Foot, Beaufort, SC.

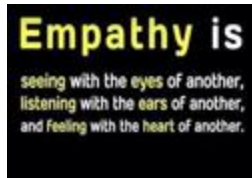
Suezanne Foot - July 03, 2020 at 12:14 AM

DM

“ Dr. Aaron Ard was a special person who always cared about everyone. He has encouraged me on numerous occasions to keep going and pursue my ambitions. He always thanked me for doing my civic duty as he would say and was always supportive of my political endeavors. He made learning math which was not one of my favorite subjects easy , and you wanted to learn and do good. Not only for yourself but for him as well because he always made you think you could do it! Dr. Aaron Ard will be truly missed, he was genuine and that's rare to find in this day and time.

My deepest sympathy goes out to all of his family, friends, colleagues and students! I pray God will comfort and strengthen you during this difficult time. You left this world a better place Dr. Ard now you soar high and take your rest.

*Sincerely,
Darlene Miller*



Darlene Miller - July 02, 2020 at 10:58 PM

OM

“ I had both the privilege and honor to have been a student of Dr. Ard's. He is one teacher that I will never forget and still talk about to this day about all that he taught me not only in his statistics class but how to enjoy life, that laughter is the best medicine and that hard work can make your dreams come true.



Olivia Mock - July 02, 2020 at 10:50 PM

LT

“ *Lloyd Tucker lit a candle in memory of Aaron J. Ard PhD*



Lloyd Tucker - July 02, 2020 at 10:26 PM

TR

“ *TobieAnn Reynolds sent a virtual gift in memory of Aaron J. Ard PhD*



TobieAnn Reynolds - July 02, 2020 at 10:15 PM

LR

“ *Leisa Rauch lit a candle in memory of Aaron J. Ard PhD*



Leisa Rauch - July 02, 2020 at 10:04 PM

LR

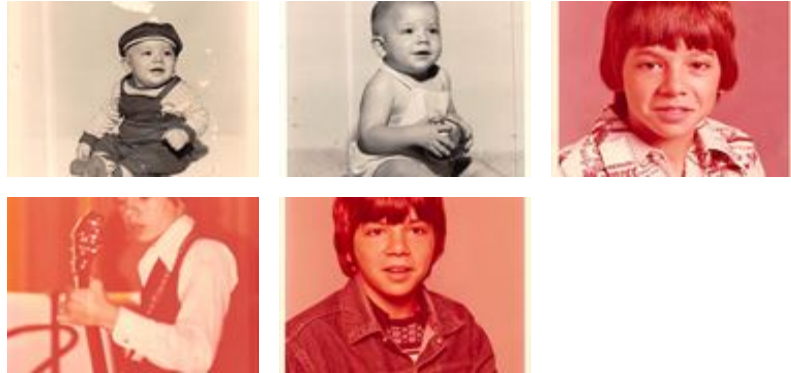
My condolences to the Ard family; may you find peace in your time of sorrow. You are in my prayers.

Dr. Ard was my professor at Salk, and he was my friend. I am thankful for his presence in my life. He was truly one of kind. He shall be greatly missed. God Bless, Aaron.

Leisa Rauch - July 02, 2020 at 10:11 PM



“ 104 files added to the album LifeTributes



Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home - July 02, 2020 at 06:41 PM

RH

“ My thoughts and prayers for the family. May God wrap his loving arms around your family and give comfort during this time.

Renee Odom Howle - July 02, 2020 at 06:17 PM

SG

“ Prayers for Aaron's family 🙏



Sonya Garris-Gandy - July 02, 2020 at 06:06 PM

TM

“ I am saddened to hear of Aaron passing. He was there for my children years ago and I'm still grateful for what he did. I also remember him from school. He was a great man and will be missed. My prayers go out to his family.

Tammy McKnight - July 02, 2020 at 05:05 PM

SD

“ I am saddened to learn of Aaron's passing. Upon my move to South Carolina he was one of the first administrators to welcome me and always had a good story to share. He was a great colleague and friend, who always enjoyed a stimulating conversation. I will miss that raspy voice on my voicemail leaving a message of positivity and delight. My prayers and sympathy to your family, a light was lost in the world. Sher Downing

Sher Downing - July 02, 2020 at 04:49 PM

SS

“ My heart is heavy and deeply saddened. There is so much I can say about Dr. Ard. His character, his compassion for people he touched and his integrity goes without saying. I will truly miss him and will forever be grateful to have known him. He was one of the best bosses that I had the pleasure to work for. Rest in Peace....Stephanie Sanders

Stephanie Sanders - July 02, 2020 at 03:29 PM

PR

“ Argent I am so sorry to learn the passing of Aaron. I send my deepest condolences to each of you. May the Lord give you peace and comfort in this time of need. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.



Patricia Gainey Rhodes - July 02, 2020 at 02:25 PM

JC

“ *Judy Carter lit a candle in memory of Aaron J. Ard PhD*



Judy Carter - July 02, 2020 at 02:23 PM

JC

“ *I was to take a class with you in the Fall. I am grateful to have known you as a Professor and friend. You were loved from everyone at Salk. Go rest high on that mountain. Judy*

Judy Carter - July 02, 2020 at 02:22 PM

TP

“ *Mr. Tommy and the entire Ard Family, please accept our condolences during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



Thomas and Marilyn Purvis - July 02, 2020 at 01:24 PM

GS

“ *Even though he only lived here in Port Royal for a little over a year, he touched so many of us. He truly loved people and was such a genuine friend to so many of us. We loved his funny jokes and stories and most of all his big heart. I am going to miss him so much!*

Ginger Penniston Simpson - July 02, 2020 at 12:55 PM

LR

“ At Salk, Dr. Ard would periodically peep into my office to check and see how I was doing. He would never leave with an encouraging and inspiring word. You will be forever missed Dr. A. Ard.

latoya Robinson - July 02, 2020 at 10:22 AM

LR

Correction: ...without speaking an encouraging word...

latoya Robinson - July 02, 2020 at 10:24 AM

OB

“ Argent & family, Beth(Norwood) and I were so sorry to hear of Aaron's death. She really knows what you are going through after losing her brother, Brandon, in 2018. We both are praying for you all that the Lord will bring you comfort and peace.

Olivia Baird(Livvy) - July 02, 2020 at 10:10 AM

JR

“ I used to ride on patrol with Aaron when I was a reserve deputy and we had some great times. We we would vacation at the beach and he would stop by the house and see us.

John Ramsey - July 02, 2020 at 10:07 AM

“With tears in my eyes, I find it difficult to perfectly describe how special a human being Aaron was. We went to USC meetings together, taught classes at Veterans' Victory house together, went to my son's rock band shows together, ate at restaurants (every once in a while we'd throw in a juke joint). On every one of those occasions, and I mean every one, Aaron would have a deep and meaningful conversation with someone whom he'd never met before in his life. One time it was the manager of the music venue in Statesboro; next time it might be a young athlete at a sister USC campus; heck one time it was the mail man in my neighborhood who Aaron gave impromptu retirement advice to.

He was the kinder and gentler version of ourselves that we should all strive for and he represented the best in humanity that God has ever put on this Earth. I'm not saying he didn't argue or have strong opinions; I'm just saying that he cared for and was genuinely interested in everyone he encountered regardless of their race, gender or social status. Further to that end, he was not just a talker or advisor; he would also do things to help others. For example, I mentioned once that my son needed help putting down flooring in his house on James Island. Aaron's next question was "what time you want me to pick you up in the morning and do I need to borrow a chop saw?". We put in that floor even though Aaron was already unknowingly having complications from kidney issues. He was in obvious pain. I can honestly say that he would do just about anything that you asked him to do. He would for certain take a bullet for a friend or even a stranger. If "what the world needs now is love" then Aaron was the personification of that love in action. He did one heck of a job representing the main tenet of our shared Christian faith "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends". A lot of us talk about the Christian life and consider "What would Jesus do?". Dr. Aaron Ard actually did it.

Stealing content from one of the podcasts Aaron and I would listen to during our travels:

When one considers that the Undistinguished Life of an Industrialized Man in an Industrialized nation consists of about 25,000 Days, and that about 33 to 38 percent of those days are spent in slumber (perhaps 36%), then about 9,000 of those days are spent in Unconsciousness, or Dream State. That gives the Industrialized man about 16,000 waking Days of Life. Well Aaron, my good friend; you will be missed greatly and we are very sad about your passing, but you definitely took advantage of those limited Waking Days of Life. You had an amazing life. A life well lived.

Well done thy good and faithful servant. Tight lines and calm seas from here on my Brother.

Peace and Love to the family of the late great Aaron Ard,

*David Cherry
Beaufort, SC*



David Cherry - July 02, 2020 at 10:07 AM

CB

“ *Carmen Brown lit a candle in memory of Aaron J. Ard PhD*



Carmen Brown - July 02, 2020 at 09:34 AM

 Tricia
Nesmith

“ Dr. Ard was one of the best people I have met in my life. When I first moved to SC & decided to go back to school and finish my degree I met him. He made me feel so at ease and confident. He always had a dad joke when he saw me and really cared about how things were going in my life. He'd ask about my kids and husband, he just always brightened my day. Once I started working at Salk, whenever we were on the same campus he'd drop by and say hi and check up on me. He was just the light that brightened people's days. I am glad that I had a chance to speak with him, not so long before his passing. We had our usual banter. Now, knowing that he was having health issues, hurts my heart. I asked how he was doing and he said good and then turned the conversation on to my family. Wanted to know if my husband's job was taking care of them to protect them from covid because he knew I am high risk. He was just that man! I can say that he was like a second father to me, and I will miss him dearly.

Tricia Nesmith - July 02, 2020 at 09:16 AM

MY

“ Dr. Ard was loved by his colleagues. He always had time to chat with his students, other faculty and staff. He will live on the sweet memories that so many of us have.

Margaret Young - July 02, 2020 at 08:33 AM



“ I was Dr. Ard's for three classes, and all I can say is that man could teach and made it fun to learn. He was a giving soul to people and most importantly, his students. He always had a joke for us every time class was about end whether he was with us at the Walterboro Campus or the Allendale Campus. Sometimes they may be corny, but they made you laugh and smile and it made the rest of your day. He was indeed a master of his craft and students loved him. I never knew a person who did not pass his class because he had a way of instructing us where we could understand. My prayers and sympathy go out to his family, colleagues, and many friends. Indeed this was a huge loss to the USC family. An irreplaceable young man, but he has earned his great reward for his many labors on this side. May God comfort and strengthen his family in this hour, but he is up there smiling down on each and every one of you. A life well lived and a legacy well established. He lives on in all of you. God bless you and may Heaven continue to smile upon you and stay safe. Rev. Mychal A. Wright, former student of one of the best teachers I had the honor and privilege to learn under.

Mychal Wright - July 02, 2020 at 05:54 AM

JH

Can you call me. 843-857-8438
Todd Hardee
Kistler Hardee Funeral Home

J Todd Hardee - July 02, 2020 at 06:28 AM

RS

“ You always looked out for me when I was a teenager. Thank you for always being a positive in my negative childhood



Robin Stoecker - July 02, 2020 at 03:41 AM

SP

“ Sherry Pierce lit a candle in memory of Aaron J. Ard PhD



Sherry Pierce - July 01, 2020 at 11:53 PM

DP

“ I met Aaron in the early 80's. He was playing in a rock band called "Donnie Bateman and the Mystics". Next thing I knew he had joined the Navy. So after several years of not seeing him around, I was watching the news one night and saw him on a stake out around a barn with a sawed off shotgun. It was surprising, my old buddy was now a deputy sheriff. When I saw him he was the same Aaron, just wearing a badge now. Later on we crossed surprising paths again when he was a DOT cop. You never knew where he would be next, but he was always the same old Aaron. And now Dr Aaron. Mr Tommy was proud of his boy and told of his whereabouts and adventures with great pride. Always enjoyed those talks too Mr Tommy. Aaron, rest in peace ol buddy. You deserve it. A great friend to all and I agree, once your friend, always your friend.



David Pate - July 01, 2020 at 11:29 PM

LL

“ My sister, before her death last year was married to Aaron's Dad. I met Aaron a few times and instantly liked him. He had a personality you just don't forget. I'm so sorry to hear of his death. May God wrap His arms around the family to give them peace and comfort in these trying days.

Lynn T. Lynch - July 01, 2020 at 11:06 PM

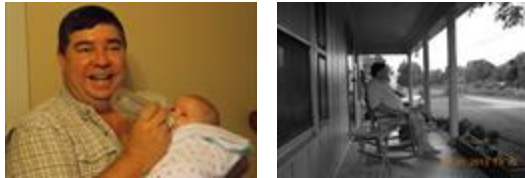
RC

“ I worked with Aaron at the Darlington county sheriff's office there was never a dull moment around him. I will truly miss him .

Rachel Chapman - July 01, 2020 at 10:54 PM

GL

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Glenn - July 01, 2020 at 10:40 PM

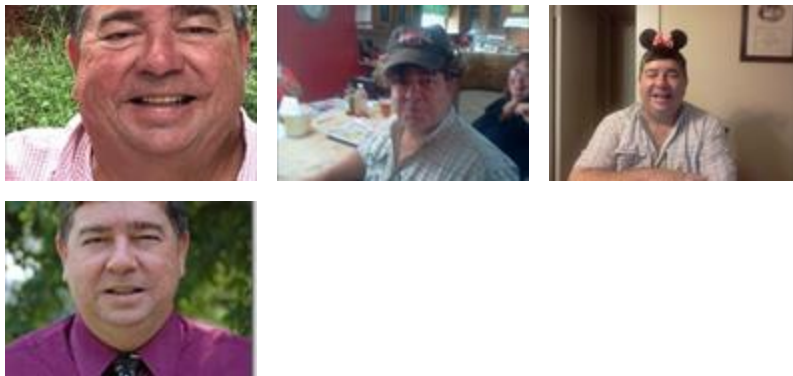
GS

I love the pics!!

Ginny Slifko - July 02, 2020 at 12:38 PM

GL

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Glenn - July 01, 2020 at 10:39 PM

GJ

“ *Geraldine Jordan-Griggs lit a candle in memory of Aaron J. Ard PhD*



Geraldine Jordan-Griggs - July 01, 2020 at 10:38 PM

CD

“ *Argent, we are so sorry for you and your family. Aaron was a special man. He will be sadly missed. Will have all of you in our prayers.*



Carl and Debbie Davison - July 01, 2020 at 10:05 PM

JJ

“ *Aaron. My buddy and neighbor. We kept waving and smiling saying we would go get lunch once this Covid stuff was over! I'm sorry we never had that chance. I'll remember your smile and your friendship. Your wise words and stories always a cheers over drinks! You made sure you asked how I was and told me time and time again how much friendship meant to you ... you genuinely cared about others, always going out of your way to include people and make sure they were alright. Thank you for bragging about my art to everyone haha such a good guy. And a great sense of humor! Nothing got by you! I'm glad you told me how much you loved life and how great yours was... you were fulfilled and happy. So that's what I will keep in memory. May your bright soul continue to soar! Peace be with you*



Jennifer Jones - July 01, 2020 at 09:33 PM

Kerry
Deloach

“ I had to pleasure of having Dr. Ard for three separate classes. He is still till this day my favorite professor. There will never be another Aaron Ard, he was one of a kind. He would always tell us a joke every time before we left class, I always looked forward to his jokes. By my 3rd class with him I noticed he repeated some jokes from previously so I bought him a 100 jokes book and the look on his face when I gave him that book brought a big smile to my face. I remember two occasions when I did not have a babysitter last minute and had to bring my son to class with me. Dr. Ard said it was perfectly fine and I could bring him anytime I had a situation like that because he was so proud of me for continuing school as a young mother. Dr. Ard you will certainly be missed and your memories and jokes will live on.

Love Kerry Hiers, your fellow Salk student



Kerry Deloach - July 01, 2020 at 09:30 PM

JG

“ So sorry to hear this. Aaron was a special friend. Never meet a stranger. He will be missed. Love and prayers for Tommy, Argent and family

Johnny and Rhonda Ghoens - July 01, 2020 at 09:23 PM

RV

“ Aaron I meet you in the mid 80th we had some good times sitting around Mama's table ,Having fun at the beach Enjoyed your graduation in New York from Cornell You have been a straight shooter you will be missed may GOD BLESS YOU

Richard Valentino - July 01, 2020 at 09:17 PM

GS

“ I spent many a Sunday at his house. He was a valued friend of my Son and became my valued friend. You felt comfortable as soon as you were in his presence. I will never forgot the good fellowship, food and music we had. Also the great conversations we had and the laughs because of his wit!! I love him like a Son and he will forever be in my heart. He was there for my Son when he was facing some health issues. We are all better people for knowing Aaron. Ginny / Mamma Fish

Ginny Slifko - July 01, 2020 at 09:15 PM

KS

“ Kathy Streett lit a candle in memory of Aaron J. Ard PhD



Kathy Streett - July 01, 2020 at 08:59 PM

CO

“ Arron was Acey to my daughter. He was so generous and a very good soul. He took care of us during hard times and heated water for our baths n the hurricanes... we will always be connected by FL.
❤️

cody - July 01, 2020 at 08:54 PM

MH

“ Dr. Ard was my teacher for several semesters and he was my favorite teacher I've ever had a college course with. He always looked out for his students and he really enjoyed teacher us as well. Every day when class got over he always had to tell us a corny joke before we left. He truly will be missed.

Megan Huff - July 01, 2020 at 08:44 PM

SR

“ He was my next door neighbor. I always enjoyed our chats, such a sweet man! I'm going to miss his greetings from the porch! RIP Mr. Aaron!

Stacey R - July 01, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ I met Dr. Ard through Salk. I was one of his students in the Fall semester of 2019. I took his Elementary Stats class and honestly it was one of the best math classes I had ever had. He would work with us and help us when we needed it. And you can't forget his "joke of the day" which was actually a corny dad joke 😂 but you will be missed Dr. Ard. 💙

Natalye Annette - July 01, 2020 at 08:21 PM

DD

“ Donna&Gary Dabbs lit a candle in memory of Aaron J. Ard PhD



Donna&Gary Dabbs - July 01, 2020 at 07:10 PM

MA

“ Myra Anderson lit a candle in memory of Aaron J. Ard PhD



Myra Anderson - July 01, 2020 at 06:28 PM

DB

“ *Donnie & Lisa Bateman lit a candle in memory of Aaron J. Ard PhD*



Donnie & Lisa Bateman - July 01, 2020 at 05:55 PM

JB

“ *So very sorry for the family. I will hold his memories in my heart forever.*



Jeannine Brigman - July 01, 2020 at 05:28 PM

SM

“ *Although we didn't see each other often, I will always admire your life story. You accomplished more than some people could only dream of. Thank you for always being so kind to me, and I'm grateful to call you my cousin. Kiss everyone up there for me. Until the we meet again... SueAnn Myers*

SueAnn Myers - July 01, 2020 at 03:29 PM

LB

“ *I meet Aaron when we were in Bootcamp for the Navy. Boy did he get us in trouble. I from NC but moved to SC I later years. He always wanted so he Beaufort Pusser front he Walking Tall. He did that then surprised us all becoming. A professor then got his Phd. Suck an amazing man and family. His momma took care of us all while in Bootcamp. He will he missed for sure. RIP BROTHER. I salute you*

Lee Barton - July 01, 2020 at 03:01 PM

PD


“ Aaron was one of my sweethearts in high school. We went to the prom together. He was always fun to be around. He worked with my Dad, Bobby Chapman, at the darlington county sheriff department for years. I will be praying for the family and many friends.

Patricia Chapman Devine - July 01, 2020 at 02:41 PM

DD

“ Aaron was one of the first people that I met and befriended at USC-Salkehatchie. I was fortunate to know him and privileged to work with him. His warmth and sense of humor will be deeply missed. My thoughts and deepest sympathies are with his family and many friends.

David W. Dangerfield - July 01, 2020 at 02:01 PM

 Sherri Tomlinson Sullivan

“ Dr. Ard was a great co-worker and a brilliant scholar. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. Rest in peace, Dr. Ard. There will be continued prayers for the family.

Sherri Tomlinson Sullivan - July 01, 2020 at 01:52 PM

SP

“ Salk won't be the same without him. This world won't be the same without him. What a loss, but he touched so many lives. He always put a smile on my face and had a funny story to tell. He will be incredibly missed.

Sabrina Padgett - July 01, 2020 at 01:02 PM

VS

“ I have known Aaron and his sweet family since high school and he was married to my best friend. He will always hold a special place in my heart! This is a terrible loss for everyone who knew him!

Virginia White Sokol - July 01, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ Condolences to the family and friends of Aaron! One of my first movie dates back in the day at Saint John's High School! Never a dull moment with Aaron! Had the chance to briefly reconnect this past February. My heart is sad.

Ronetta Knott - July 01, 2020 at 12:06 PM

GC

“ Pals

Gary Curry - July 01, 2020 at 11:33 AM

LB

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Lisa Baker - July 01, 2020 at 09:24 AM

DS

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D-

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Diane Sheffield -Wilkes - June 30, 2020 at 10:26 PM

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“ *Tommy A. Thomas lit a candle in memory of Aaron J. Ard PhD*



Tommy A. Thomas - June 30, 2020 at 09:59 PM

RB

*What a shock to hear of Aaron's passing today. So many fun times we have had over our careers and friendship. So many memories come to mind. Never dull.
I will miss you, my friend. God's grace and blessings to the family.
Peace and comfort is my prayer.*

Robin Bryant - June 30, 2020 at 10:33 PM

JP

Aaron was an awesome person. I work with Aaron at USC Salkehatchie. Aaron was a great friend to me and I will miss our lively discussions that we would have about our law enforcement and military days from the past. I always knew Aaron had a crazy story to tell when he would say "Step into my office and shut the door". I just spoke with Aaron last week as we were planning to meet up this past weekend in Beaufort. I never dreamed when I hung up the phone that we would never talk again. I will miss you my friend. John Peek

John Peek - July 01, 2020 at 03:47 PM