



## Michael L. Ward

May 8, 1970 - December 5, 2024

Michael L. Ward, 54, passed away on December 5, 2024. He was born on May 8, 1970, to the late John and Minnie Ward. Michael was a 1988 graduate of Highland High School in Anderson, IN. An avid music fan, he attended over 1,000 concerts, particularly enjoying shows by the Grateful Dead and Phish. Known for his great sense of humor, he was loved by his family and friends. He especially cherished his co-workers and customers at Speedway. He is survived by two sisters, Susan Huffman and Carol (Vincent) Swango, a niece, Amber Crull, a nephew, Vaughan Swango, and several great-nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be planned for a later date. Please visit [www.loosecars.com](http://www.loosecars.com) to place a memory of Michael.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are saddened to hear that Michael Ward has recently passed away.  
He was always a regular at the shop. Here is photo of him wearing a tour t-shirt by The Orb. Looks like he was debating on purchasing a limited edition Throbbing Gristle box set.  
If anyone has a fun story about Mike please feel free to share them. He was at the store the day Nick fell through a plate glass counter and convinced him to go to ER. He was always hanging around talking about records with the staff and all the regulars.  
I think this photo is from the Dangerous Toys instore where they refused to play and Cilo-Petry performed instead.  
He was a huge music fan.  
There was always a great conversation at the counter when Mike was around. He probably should have been a music journalist or worked at a record store or radio station.  
Grateful to have known him.  
He would be missed.



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Nick from A-1 - January 13, 2025 at 11:02 PM

  
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“ I was married to Brian Hastings, a good friend of Mike's who passed away in 2020. He was always a kind soul and a great friend — we shared a love of the Grateful Dead and music in general. I know Brian will welcome him on the other side. I'm sending prayers out to your family.

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Valency Muldoon - January 08, 2025 at 01:57 PM

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“ I’m so sad to hear of the passing of Michael Ward. Mike and I first got acquainted at Highland High School and enjoyed a long friendship based on a shared love of music, art, and the esoteric. Mike and I spent a lot of time together through the years supporting one another in times of need, and celebrating in times of joy. He was a very intelligent individual who could discuss the history of a musician’s output with clarity and fine detail. It was not only the lyrics and sound of a recording, but also a knowledge technical details of production that filled our conversations with color. He also loved people and was always ready to share a kind word. We laughed a lot together through the years and I will miss him terribly. May your soul find peace my friend. Safe travels and I will see you again in the next life!

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**Scott Silvey** - January 04, 2025 at 08:54 AM

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*Mike was the king of music nerds. He had excellent taste in music and was routinely ahead of the curve. He would stop by A-1 several times a week. I miss all those conversations at the counter slicing and dicing all the latest releases. Back then talked about you often Scott. He really cherished your friendship. Memory Eternal*

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**Nick from A-1** - January 13, 2025 at 11:06 PM

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*Thank you so much for relating that Nick!*

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**Scott Silvey** - December 02, 2025 at 05:57 PM