



Dwight A. West

August 26, 1948 - October 22, 2017

Dwight Allen West was born to Walter L. West and Evelyn (Garrett) West on August 26, 1948 at Forks, Washington and passed away October 22, 2017 at the Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva, Nebraska at the age of 69 years, 1 month, and 26 days, with his family by his side. He was one of two children in the family. Dwight's family moved to Fairmont, Nebraska when Dwight was 5 years old where he resided until his death.

He graduated from Fairmont High School in 1966 and attended the University of Nebraska for one year. Dwight enlisted in the Army in 1968 and was honorably discharged in 1971. He was proud of his military service which included one year in Vietnam. When Dwight was home on leave in 1970 he met the love of his life, Karen Ackerman, and they were married at Grafton, Nebraska on June 17, 1971. Two children were born to them: Kendra in 1973 and Ryan in 1976.

Dwight was a proud dad and did his best to attend every school event and game his kids were involved in. He enjoyed sharing his love of hunting and fishing with Ryan and also attending Husker football games with both Kendra and Ryan.

Dwight was always busy and enjoyed building things, including a rocking horse for his children and a wagon and clocks for his grandchildren. Later he

became interested in making coin rings and spent many hours making them for friends and family.

Home improvement was another hobby which Dwight and Karen enjoyed together. Together they remodeled every room in their home at least once and later helped Dave and Kendra build their home. Dwight served 25 years on the Fairmont Fire Department and Fairmont Rescue Unit. He was a member of the Fairmont Community Church and past member of the Fairmont Nursing Home board.

Dwight was a generous husband and father who always wanted the best for his family. His own needs were never put before his family.

After Dwight retired from his hardware and lumberyard business he began working part time at Geneva Home Center. He truly loved his work there.

Dwight loved to joke and kid with people. He always had something funny to say and it didn't matter who you were, if he liked you he kidded you and that included everyone of every age.....

Dwight faced his cancer with dignity and bravery. He never lost his sense of humor or good attitude. He often said "It is what it is". He made many new friends during his cancer journey and continued to check on them and encourage them even during his last hospital stay.

Preceding Dwight in death were his father Walter and mother Evelyn.

He is survived by his wife Karen; daughter Kendra and husband Dave Larson of Denver, Iowa; son Ryan of Hastings, Nebraska; beloved grandchildren Emma, Alexander, Isaac and Ethan Larson and Skylar Kuil of Colorado; brother Doug of Lincoln, Nebraska; sister in law Barb Votipka and husband Robert of Exeter, Nebraska; nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Dwight will be greatly missed by his family and friends who knew him and loved him.

A Memorial Service for Dwight was held on Monday, October 30, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Fairmont Community Church. Pastor Pat Norris officiated the service. Sondra Myers provided the prelude and postlude music and also accompanied the congregation in the singing of "Amazing Grace." During the memorial video, the recorded songs "The Tide" and "The Way We Were" were played.

Inurnment will occur at a later date in the Fairmont Public Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Farmer & Son Funeral Home. Online condolences may be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com. Memorials are suggested to the Fairmont Rescue Squad or the Fairmont Community Church.

Tribute Wall

GB

“ Dwight and I were friends for many years growing up. He was a year older than me but we hunted together among other things. I miss him.

Graten Don Beavers - February 17, 2024 at 07:42 PM



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Farmer & Son Funeral Home - October 30, 2017 at 01:10 PM

RF

“ Rebecca And Ken Streff Family lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West



Rebecca and Ken Streff family - October 27, 2017 at 08:13 PM

RV

“ *Richard And Mana Votipka lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West*



Richard and Mana Votipka - October 27, 2017 at 08:12 PM

RM

“ *Richard And Mana lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West*



Richard and Mana - October 27, 2017 at 08:11 PM

KK

“ *Kippy M Kinnison purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Dwight A. West.*



Kippy M Kinnison - October 27, 2017 at 03:10 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dwight A. West.*



October 27, 2017 at 01:57 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Dwight A. West.*



October 25, 2017 at 10:31 PM



“ *Hilary Kassik lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West*



Hilary Kassik - October 25, 2017 at 05:56 PM



“ *Bob N Pat Souba Braun lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West*



Bob n Pat Souba Braun - October 25, 2017 at 05:26 PM



“ *Jim & Carlene Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West*



Jim & Carlene Whitehead - October 25, 2017 at 11:20 AM

DS

“ Our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to Karen and family. Sending hugs and prayers.

*Chuck and Diane Swerczek
Jason and family
Lynnette and family*



Diane Swerczek - October 25, 2017 at 10:03 AM

LE

“ Lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West



Larry and Barbara Eichelberger - October 25, 2017 at 08:41 AM

DM

“ Dave Moore lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West



Dave Moore - October 24, 2017 at 10:02 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dwight A. West.



October 24, 2017 at 09:34 PM

AT

“ Dwight was a funny guy and a jokester. He and Gordon had so much fun harassing rack other at The Geneva Home Center. That was half the reason Gordon went in. We have already missed him in there. I'm so sorry he had to suffer so much. Our sincerest sympathy to his family.



Alice Tatro - October 24, 2017 at 05:06 PM

BZ

“ Bill And Carol Zillig lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West



Bill and Carol Zillig - October 24, 2017 at 04:04 PM

BV

“ Barb And Bob Votipka lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West



Barb and Bob Votipka - October 24, 2017 at 04:03 PM

BZ

“ Bill and Carol Zillig purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dwight A. West.



Bill and Carol Zillig - October 24, 2017 at 04:00 PM

CZ

“ We were stunned and very sorry to hear about Dwight. We knew him especially well during Bill's time in the service. Even though they didn't know each other before their time in the Army, they shared identical stations throughout their time. We remember "Diz" brought a loaf of bread to our apartment in New Jersey every weekend, while they attended their Signal Corps school at Ft Monmouth, because he loved toast and polished off the entire loaf before Sunday. Bill and Diz were in the same outfit during their Vietnam tour. Even though we hadn't shared time with Dwight and Karen in recent years, we will always treasure our privilege of knowing him. Rest in Peace old friend.
Bill and Carol Zillig

CAROL ZILLIG - October 24, 2017 at 03:47 PM

PW

“ Pat Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West



Pat Whitehead - October 24, 2017 at 08:58 AM

TN

“ Terry & Tamm I Naber lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West



Terry & Tamm i Naber - October 24, 2017 at 08:53 AM

CK

“ Carolyn Krause lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West



Carolyn Krause - October 24, 2017 at 08:48 AM

HR

“ Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West



Holly Rippe - October 24, 2017 at 08:41 AM

GL

“ Glen And Lori Loontjer lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West



Glen and Lori Loontjer - October 23, 2017 at 11:02 PM

GS

“ Gina & Steve Swartzendruber lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West



Gina & Steve Swartzendruber - October 23, 2017 at 09:34 PM

BM

“ *Sending prayers and sympathy. Bob Thomsen and Bev Mohlman*



Beverly mohlman - October 23, 2017 at 08:33 PM

MS

“ *Mark And Sarah lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West*



Mark and Sarah - October 23, 2017 at 07:31 PM

CK

“ *Cheri Knoell lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West*



Cheri Knoell - October 23, 2017 at 07:10 PM

LE

“ *Lit a candle in memory of*



LaRae. Eifert - October 23, 2017 at 05:10 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Dwight A. West.*



October 23, 2017 at 05:06 PM



“ *Kristin Timmerman lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West*



Kristin Timmerman - October 23, 2017 at 04:50 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you Karen and families! Kris Timmerman and family*

Kristin Timmerman - October 23, 2017 at 04:49 PM



“ *Cindy Myers lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West*



Cindy Myers - October 23, 2017 at 02:29 PM

RB

“ Renee & Stuart Bridges lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West



Renee & Stuart Bridges - October 23, 2017 at 01:14 PM

WM

“ Wanda Marget lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West



Wanda Marget - October 23, 2017 at 12:09 PM

TG

“ Tricia Galusha lit a candle in memory of Dwight A. West



Tricia Galusha - October 23, 2017 at 11:03 AM