



Elvin D. West

February 7, 1927 - June 12, 2011

Visitation for Elvin D. West, 84, of St. Anne, will be from 4 p.m. Friday until the 7 p.m. funeral services at the Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home in St. Anne. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. He died Sunday (June 12, 2011) at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee.

Mr. West co-founded West Laboratories in 1964, retiring in 1992. He was also employed as a biochemist for Aventis Behring. He was born Feb. 7, 1927, in Colorado Springs, Colo., the son of Jesse and Loretta Mohrmann West. His wife, the former Janice M. Beaupre, whom he married June 21, 1959, in Kankakee, died Nov. 23, 2005. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving as a medic. He enjoyed golfing at Oak Springs Golf Course, flower gardening and watching Westerns. He loved his friends and family.

Surviving are five sons and two daughters-in-law, Dana and Yvonne West, of St. Anne, Jay and Melissa West, of Watseka, Mark West, of St. Anne, and Dennis West and Cary West, both of Denver, Colo.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Anita and Tom Duby, and Anne and Keith Nicholson, all of Momence; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild on the way; and one brother, John West, of Colorado Springs.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Milton West; and two

sisters, Sue Vaughn and Elma Antoneli.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Anne - Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home
214 W. Sheffield
St. Anne, IL 60964
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Funeral Service

JUN 17. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BR

“ Sorry to see you are gone. I was trying to say "Hello, but find I am late. We had some good times back in the 60's and 70's. I always had faith that Elvin would discover something significant in science. We talked about cleaning things with vibrations and how it would work with wigs. Many good hours playing chess at the Little Corporal in KKK. I did have problem with the two dogs he gave me, both were PITAs.

RIP friend,

Bob Ritter, Brimfield, IL

Bob Ritter - January 19, 2014 at 03:39 PM

JG

“ SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR FATHERS PASSING. oUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU . HE WAS A TRUALLY REMARKABLE MAN. HE WAS KNOWN AND LOVED BY EVERYONE. HE WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. HE TOUCHED SO MANY LIVES AND HELPED SO MANY PEOPLE. JENNIFER,DARLENE, AND RANDY MCCOIN.

JENNIFER GRAY - June 17, 2011 at 07:58 PM

AT

“ Sorry to hear of your fathers passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. He was a wonderful person.
Arlene, Crystal, and Martin Turner

Arlene Turner - June 17, 2011 at 07:34 PM

JM

“ Dana, Anita, Jay, Anne and families. I was so sorry to hear about Uncle Al. I miss seeing you all and the fun we used to have when we were younger and our families were together. Our thought and prayers are with you!

*With sympathy,
John and Kan Moore*

John Moore - June 17, 2011 at 01:10 PM

JD

“ I was employed by Pentex/Miles/Bayer and then Serologicals. We did business with Al and the West family at West Labs. for many years. So sorry to hear of his passing. Our sympathy to the entire family.

Don & Jenora Demers

Jenora Demers - June 16, 2011 at 04:51 PM

MT

“ MIKE AND I WERE SORRY TO HEAR OF ELVIN'S PASSING. HE WAS A TRUE GENTLEMAN. MIKE AND MAYME TRACY

Mike & Mayme Tracy, Georgetown, Texas - June 16, 2011 at 08:56 AM



“ I am honored that he was my father!

Dennis West,

Dennis West - June 16, 2011 at 08:03 AM

RL

“ My condolences to the family of Al West.

I first became acquainted with Al in the 1970s when I flew him around on various business trips, originating from the Kankakee Airport. I always looked forward to travelling with Al. He liked talking about farming, as well as his lab business. He was a true gentleman. I will miss Al.

Again, my sympathies.

Ron Lukow - June 16, 2011 at 06:47 AM

WN

“ I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE INVITED TO HIS CO. PARTYS. HE WAS THE TYPE OF PERSON, THAT IF YOU HAD A PROBLEM HE COULD MAKE YOUR DAY SEEM BETTER JUST BY TALKING WITH YOU. I AM GLAD TO HAVE MET THE MAN. GOD BLESS HIM AND ALL OF HIS FAMILY. AN OLD FRIEND WALTER NOLTE OF CADIZ KY.

WALTER AND LINDA NOLTE - June 16, 2011 at 05:57 AM

AW

“ Amoreena West lit a candle in memory of Elvin D. West



Amoreena West - June 15, 2011 at 07:46 PM

AW

“ I too will remember you for saying "Kid" at the end of every greeting I ever received. I will truly miss you and I am so sad that you will not be able to come to the wedding in August, I was so looking forward to it. I know that you are now resting in peace and watching over us all. I will forever hold you in my heart. I love you grandpa and I will always be one of your "kids" ”

Amoreena West - June 15, 2011 at 07:45 PM

BI

“ Our Deepest Sympathy go out to the West Family. Peace be with you and him. Elvin was a Great Man. He gave us one of our first Building Maintenance Accounts in 1989 and we worked with them for many years. ”



Ben & Judy Karr of Iroquois, IL - June 15, 2011 at 04:48 PM

DF

“ May you rest in the arms of the Angels now! I am praying for your family as this is such a difficult time in their lives. I pray that they know you are now at peace and rest with our Lord. You will be missed. ”

Donna Fox - June 15, 2011 at 01:12 PM

DF

“ Donna Fox lit a candle in memory of Elvin D. West ”



Donna Fox - June 15, 2011 at 01:11 PM

TE

“ Terry Enriquez lit a candle in memory of Elvin D. West



Terry Enriquez - June 15, 2011 at 11:25 AM

AN

“ I will forever hear your voice saying "whats up, kid?" You made me smile everytime I saw you. You will Brit missed by so many. I really wish you could have met your very first grandchild. Don't worry though, he will hear many stories about you! Tell grandma I said hello and that I love her. I will forever miss you. Thank you for being in my life. I love you always.

alyssa nicholson - June 15, 2011 at 10:48 AM

AN

By* not Brit!

alyssa nicholson - June 15, 2011 at 12:56 PM

AN

“ Alyssa Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Elvin D. West



alyssa nicholson - June 14, 2011 at 06:27 PM

AN

“ My memories of our Uncle El are from many years ago when we were all very small children in Denver. He was a handsome, soft-spoken, loving man with a kind heart and a gentleman's outlook on life. Always polite, always interested in the world around him, a loving father, brother, uncle and friend. I see his entrepreneurial spirit, his genius and his fun loving approach to life in his sons Cary and Dennis and granddaughter Amorena in Colorado. A sweet, sweet man..... Uncle El had a great chuckle/laugh. We were blessed to have him in our lives. Rest in Peace Uncle El. Alice Auer Connor (Ori)

alice auer connor, niece - June 14, 2011 at 02:06 PM

DD

“ We remember the fun we used to have playing golf with you and your brother, you will surely be missed. Our prayers are with your family. Love ya Dick and Pat Dill

Dick and Pat Dill - June 14, 2011 at 11:55 AM

KK

“ My thought and prayers are with you his family at this time, I only knew Elvin for a short while but his attitude and bravery was unmatched. He was a special man. Karen Kowalski Wound Care

karen kowalski - June 13, 2011 at 07:47 PM

TC

I feel so blessed to have known "El". He was an amazing man with an incredible sense of humor. Though, I only knew him because I was his nurse on rehab, he touched my heart. El will be missed. Hugs and prayers your way, Thea (Rehab RN).

Thea Coplea - June 14, 2011 at 09:12 AM



Jeff Lambert Riverside staff

Thea Coplea - June 14, 2011 at 09:20 AM