



James L. "Jimmy" West

May 20, 1954 - February 4, 2026

James L. "Jimmy" West, age 71, of Kankakee passed away Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at his home. He was born May 20, 1954 in Kankakee, the son of James M. & Betty (Bergman) West.

Jimmy was the owner of West Wall Drywall & Paint. He was an avid gardener, flowers and vegetables. Jimmy loved bird houses and taking care of the local birds and squirrels. He enjoyed western movies and golf cart rides around the neighborhood. Jimmy was very witty.

Surviving are one son, Andrew West of Bourbonnais; two daughters, Erin Fontenot of Reeves, LA and Sara West of Kankakee; four grandchildren, Zachary, Audrey, Kyrstin, and Logan; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Jimmy is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Thomas.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the Noon funeral service on Saturday, February 7, 2026 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Dwight.

Memorials may be made to Tunnels to Towers Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery

Dwight, IL 60420

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

FEB 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MP

“ Oh Jimmy! Thank you for loving on Dawson and King❤️ we miss you already! Take your rest.

Melissa Pastorel - February 07 at 08:19 AM



“ I cry for very few. i am crying while I write this .We were soul mate .A truer friend I never had.

Gene Lea - February 07 at 05:47 AM

SN

Jimmy was one of a kind ...

Steven L. Norman - February 10 at 08:28 AM

MS

“ Mark And Lisa Stipp lit a candle in memory of James L. "Jimmy" West



Mark and Lisa Stipp - February 06 at 10:25 PM

MS

RIP, Jimmy

Mark and Lisa Stipp - February 06 at 10:25 PM

SH

“ Rest Easy, Jimmy



Sherry - February 06 at 08:04 PM

JT

“ James T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James L. "Jimmy" West.

James T. - February 06 at 03:40 PM



“ This wonderful man passed way too soon. You are loved, and will be missed immensely. Rest in Peace.



Gerald Diamond - February 06 at 12:38 PM

AS

“ To our neighbor Jimmy still can't believe you are gone. Will miss our talks of the flowers and the garden. And the "hey neighbor" as we grab the mail.. Thanks for being across the street and always knowing what was happening in the subdivision, you will be missed.. Condolences and prayers to your family. From Amy & Jon

Amy Schuldt - February 06 at 07:35 AM

AW

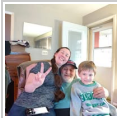
I'm going to miss you old man see you on the other side 🥹 RIP 🙏

Ann West - February 06 at 06:31 PM

GB

“ Jimmy & Larry were very good friends. I have many memories of Jim over those many years. He did a lot of work for us & his work was outstanding. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family. RIP Jimmy. You were one of a kind. 💙

Genice Bailey - February 06 at 06:54 AM



Thank you for the gorgeous flowers Genice Bailey

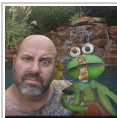
Gerald Diamond - February 10 at 07:52 AM



“ Going to miss all the times we had together! I love you brother you'll always be a part of my heart



Jimmy Thompson - February 05 at 10:07 PM



I love you brother you'll always be a part of my heart I will always carry you with me

Jimmy Thompson - February 05 at 10:08 PM

SN

“ *Adios, Jimmy ... We had a lot of laughs over the years. You were a good friend. I wish we could have had one more chuckle together.* ”

Steven L. Norman - February 05 at 09:11 PM