



## James M. West

November 16, 1928 - October 30, 2014

James M. "Jim" West, 85, of Limestone, passed away Thursday (Oct. 30, 2014) in the emergency room at Presence St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee.

He was born Nov. 16, 1928, in Dwight, the son of Edward and Florence Golesky West. James married Betty Bergman on May 4, 1952, at Sacred Heart Church in Goodrich.

Mr. West was a medic in the U.S. Navy, a lieutenant firefighter for the Kankakee Fire Department for more than 20 years, was a lifelong member of the South Wilmington Sportsman's Fireman Club, loved playing the piano and also enjoyed fishing.

Surviving are his wife, of Limestone; son, James L. West, of Limestone; four grandchildren, Heather, Sara and Andrew West, and Erin Fontenot; and four great-grandchildren, Austin, Zachary and Kyrsten West, and Ava Capriotti.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one son, Thomas West; and one sister, Mary Berkholder.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. Saturday until the noon funeral service at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Kankakee, with Deacon Patrick Skelly officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Dwight. Memorials may

be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.  
([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org))

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Olivet

Dwight, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
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## Funeral Service

NOV 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ My papa! The best and only true man im ever foing to find! You were my first love and as i sit here today missing not only u but grandma too i wonder if life will ever offer an easy button. You made being my odd self normal. Your love truly unconditional and non judging. Thank you for teaching me the true definition of love and for being my light! That light even with out you still burns. I just wish their were more of them. Maybe then truth could be found in this 🌍! I love and miss u n gma every day and pray u r proud of me! Please watch over my Austin n Ava n let them feel your loving hand 🙌 let them know the good Lord above has you and them also and 1day we shall all reunite! Till then much <3

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**Heather West** - March 12, 2018 at 03:30 AM



“ I met Jim at the South Wilmington Firemen Beach and Park Club to which he was a member for a number of years. Through our conversations, I found out he was a retired fireman which opened up a lot of conversations and stories that we shared. I too am a firefighter/emt and so enjoyed talking with him. When he no longer was able to come down to the Club, we kept in touch every few months on the phone. He was a fine man, and gentleman and I am proud to say he was my friend and I shall miss him very much. I and my wife Bev send our condolences to his wife and family.

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**David Walkling** - November 01, 2014 at 02:30 PM



“ Betty, I am sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Larry and Linda Dvorak

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**I Dvorak** - October 31, 2014 at 01:23 PM

LB

“ Jimmy was my uncle , a veteran of the Korean Conflict , A working Lieutenant (Ret) on the Kankakee City Fire Department and an honest run into the smoke and flames fireman dedicated to service to his community. All I can say is that there is much less chance of fire problems now that God has a good man at his side.

lawrence burkhalter - October 31, 2014 at 10:06 AM

MM

Jim was a great neighbor and friend for the sixteen years that we lived in Limestone. We have missed him this last seven years, but we know his family will miss him even more. Gary and I are sorry for their lose. A great man is gone from the community.

Mary and Gary Mathis - October 31, 2014 at 10:48 AM

MB

Not only was Jim West my uncle but he was also one of the people who brought hours of joy into my life through his generosity and love. Lord, bait the hooks, Jim's coming home.

Mark Burkhalter - October 31, 2014 at 06:01 PM

GB

Larry and I were very sorry to hear of Mr. West's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Genice and Larry Bailey - November 01, 2014 at 07:59 PM

CG

Betty, so sorry for your loss. Mom and Dad greeted him for sure. Probably playing cards already. Randy and Cathy Grossklaus

Cathy Grossklaus - November 04, 2014 at 01:19 PM

MH

*I am a second cousin of James. Wm Everett West, my grandfather, was a brother of James Edward West. I am sorry I never met James M West. My son and I have been working on the West Corrigan Family tree since 1996 when we visited my mother, Selicia Corrigan West in El Paso, IL. If you are interested in visiting our Family tree, it is on Ancestry.com. I would like to have any information or photos you are willing to share. My prayers for you. Mary West Hingst You may contact me at hingst517@gmail.com*

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**Mary West Hingst** - February 15, 2015 at 12:47 PM