



Robert West

November 17, 1940 - October 11, 2007

Robert West -- Herscher Visitation for Robert R. West, 66, of Herscher, will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. today at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday. Rev. Dennis Settles will officiate. Burial will be in Limestone Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or to Parkinson's Research. He died Thursday (Oct. 11, 2007) at Miller Center. Mr. West was a junior high school teacher for Gilman, Custer Park, Reddick and Bonfield schools. He later worked in electronic computer maintenance for the Herscher school district. He was born Nov. 17, 1940, in Kankakee, the son of Clarence and LaVanche McGillivray West. He graduated from Herscher High School and Olivet Nazarene University. He earned five master's degrees from various universities. He was of the Catholic faith. He loved horses and nature. He enjoyed spending time with his family. Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Shirley and Duane Ferris, Cheryl and Dino Helopoulos, all of Bonfield; one brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Rita West of Bonfield; nieces and nephews, Rick West, Tammy Anderson, Sherry Kurtz, Daryl Ferris, Dean Ferris, Brian Ferris, Jeff Helopoulos, Nikki Helopoulos and Mike Helopoulos; and 14 great-nieces and great-nephews. His parents are deceased.

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“ Bob and I taught at Bonfield in the late 60's and early 70's. ĩ½He was the poster boy for what teachers should aspire to be. ĩ½He'll be missed.##imported-begin##Dr. Joe Mayotte##imported-end##

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“ I'm very sorry for your loss. ĩ½Mr West was my science teacher at Bonfield Grade School.##imported-begin##Sheryl Haggard Guzman##imported-end##

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“ sorry we did not make the wake our thoughts were with you

Sandy and Frank##imported-begin##sandra monferdini##imported-end##

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“ It was sad to hear that "Mr. West" had passed away. I had him for a science and math teacher in 6th and 7th grade @ Custer Park. I graduated there in 1967. He took time to work with me after school and at home a couple of times on electronic things, crystal radios, etc. He had a great sense of humour and was always fair. One of my most memorable chewing outs from a teacher came from him. I have thought on back on that over the years. I remember one story of him having a baby racoon and taking it to the old Wally's drive-in and buying it a root beer and a raw hamburger patty. He said that helped him meet girls to date. I haven't seen him in years, but he had an impact on my life. Please accept my condolences..

Dick Dale###imported-begin###Dick Dale###imported-end##

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“ Roger, Shirley, Cheryl and your families.

I would like to express my deepest sympathy in the passing of your brother Bob. I have such wonderful memories of all the good times that our families had together as we grew up. Whether it was swimming in Rock Creek, watching Bobby show us the movies or just the many picnics we had. Everytime we were together it was always a fun time.

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time.

Sincerely,

Patsy###imported-begin###Patricia Magruder Hancasky###imported-end##

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