



Roger W. West

March 27, 1942 - April 9, 2022

Roger W. West, age 80, of Bonfield, passed away on April 9, 2022 at home. He was born March 27, 1942 in Kankakee. He was the son of Clarence and LaVanche West.

Roger married Rita Bowers on January 19, 1963. She survives.

Roger was a barber and a painter. He retired from Kankakee Community College in 2004.

Roger was a parishioner at St. John Paul II.

Surviving are his wife, Rita; son, Richard (Sheri) West of Lawrenceburg, TN; two daughters, Tammy (Craig) Anderson and Sherry (Scott) Kurtz, all of Bonfield; seven grandchildren, Nicole, Austin, Montana, Whitney, Tyler, Colton, and Amber; six great-grandchildren, Giada, Luca, India, Thatcher, Elliot, and Lincoln; two sisters, Shirley Ferris and Cheryl (Dino) Helopoulos; two brothers-in-law, Robert Bowers and Ken Bowers; and one sister-in-law, Marilyn Gorun.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Robert West; two brothers-in-law, Duane Ferris and Joel Gorun; and two sisters-in-law, Pat Moore and Diana Bowers.

There will be no visitation. The service will be private.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care (Hospice) or the Bonfield Fire Department.

Tribute Wall

CO

“ I will never forget the day I stepped on a KCC elevator with Roger, and after noticing my hands covered in dried paint, he laughed heartily and asked me, "Was there anything left for the wall?" Roger taught me how to paint, and there hasn't been a time since I first met him that when I stick a brush in a bucket of paint, I don't think of him. I also taught my daughter Emma how to paint using the "Roger Method."

I will forever treasure his friendship and sense of humor—our condolences to Roger's family.

Cheryl Overton - April 20, 2022 at 10:23 PM

PM

“ Roger was a kind, caring, intelligent friend to me at KKC. He always had a smile and pleasant word to share. Because Roger knew of my interest in horses, he invited me to visit the pony that lived in a small barn behind his home many years ago. A loving grandfather, Roger kept the pony for his grandchildren's enjoyment. Sincere condolences to Roger's family. Be comforted knowing that life never ends, and love never dies.

Pam Mack

Pam Mack - April 17, 2022 at 02:16 PM

JP

“ Dear Rita and family,
I was so sad to read of Roger's death. He was such a great co-worker at KCC, and I always looked forward to our lunches together. He always listened carefully and offered his unique insights to the conversations. I cherish the memory of the last time I visited with him at your home after buying some plants. He asked John Hassett and I if we would like to ride on his ATV and tour your property--such an enjoyable experience to see one more of the things he was proud of. His smile will be with me always.
Jim

JAMES PAUL - April 15, 2022 at 11:50 AM

LG

“ I always enjoyed talking with Roger at KCC. He shared his knowledge of the history of politics in Kankakee County with me, among other topics.
My condolences,
Linda Guinn

Linda Guinn - April 13, 2022 at 08:43 PM

KG

“ So sorry for your loss Rita and family. We will keep you in our prayers 🙏

Kim Graveline-Gresham - April 13, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ Our sympathies to Rita, Ricky, Tammy and Sherry. My sister and I babysat the kids many decades ago.
Sandy (Emling) Dion and
Sue (Emling) Paulissen



Sandy Dion - April 12, 2022 at 06:34 PM

SP

“ I've known Roger & Rita and the family since I was in grade school. They are very good friends with my parents. Then I was able to work with Roger at KCC for several years. He was a fantastic painter and always very pleasant to talk to. I enjoyed seeing him around campus. My sympathies to Rita and the family. He will be missed by many friends and especially his family; he was loved by everyone who knew him. RIP Roger--until we meet again.

Sheila (Wendling) Pfaff

Sheila Pfaff - April 12, 2022 at 05:12 PM

LH

“ My sincere condolences to Rita and all of Roger's family. During my years at KCC, I always found Roger to be one of the most cooperative and positive-minded employees with whom to work. He was a master craftsman as a painter and brought much-needed skills to the college's physical plant capabilities. May he rest in peace!

Larry Huffman

Larry Huffman - April 12, 2022 at 01:22 PM

KJ

“ Roger grew up down the road from my parents house on Limestone Road. My aunt and uncle lived next door to us with 4 sons. Roger would come and cut all they guy's hair in one trip. Besides my uncle and his 4 boys there was my dad and brother and sometimes the boys that live across the road. It was a good time to visit. Roger was a nice man. Always friendly. My sympathy to the West family.

Kathleen Mullikin Janik - April 12, 2022 at 12:38 PM

JP

“ All my sympathy to the West family. I went through Grade, and High School e with Roger. He was always a calm presence, and pleasure to associate with. May he rest in peace.

Jim Puswaskis - April 11, 2022 at 04:10 PM

RA

My sympathy to the family I am so sorry for your loss and may God be with you all

Richard Anderson - April 11, 2022 at 07:30 PM

JS

My sympathy to West family. John-Kathy Shreffler

John Shreffler - April 12, 2022 at 08:39 PM

BK

Roger was a childhood friend of the Magruder family Our sympathy to the family

Betty (Magruder) Krueger - April 13, 2022 at 10:20 PM