



Danny West

January 11, 1945 - February 7, 2012

Obituary of Danny West

Danny Duane West, 67 of The Villages, FL died Tuesday, February 7, 2012 after a battle with Stage IV Renal Cell Cancer. He was born on January 11, 1945 in Huntington, IN to the late H. Russell West and the late Miriam E. (Felton) West. After graduation from high school he moved to Ft. Wayne, IN to attend General Electric Apprentice School and graduated in 1967 as a Tool and Die Maker. After moving the family to Huntertown, IN he joined the Huntertown Volunteer Fire Department where he realized that fire fighting was his passion. He soon became Fire Chief where he enjoyed training the younger fellows in the many aspects of fighting fires. He worked for GE for 18 years but decided to pursue his dream and in 1980 he was sworn in as a professional Fire Fighter with the Ft. Wayne Fire Department. During his 27 years with the FWFD, he worked his way up through the ranks and ultimately reached the rank of a Captain until his retirement in 2006 when he and his wife retired to The Villages, FL. During his lifetime he loved to play sports, especially softball, ice and floor hockey and golf but also enjoyed spending time with family and friends, friends who he considered family.

Dan leaves behind his beloved wife of 46 years Brenda J. (Mielke) West of The Villages, FL; their daughter Jennifer L. (West) Sefranek of Carmel, IN and

her husband James A. Sefranek of Doha, Qatar; his brother Jerry and his wife Jeannie (Heral) of Blue Springs, MO and his sister Jill S. (West) Sparks and her husband Claude of Ft. Wayne, IN. He had two beautiful grandchildren, Cullen Daniel Sefranek and Ava Elizabeth Sefranek of Carmel, IN and several beloved nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on February 20, 2012, 1:00 PM at North Lake Presbyterian Church, 975 Rolling Acres Drive, Lady Lake, FL. An additional Celebration of Life Memorial Service and Interment will take place in June 2012 in Ft. Wayne, IN.

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Services

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Interment

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Memorial Donations

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Tribute Wall



“ *Danny West*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Brenda - Dan will be greatly missed by all. Our Prayers to you and your family.*

Rick & Mary Kolczynski - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to the West Family. I have fond memories of chatting with Dan from my adjacent seat at the Fort Wayne Komet Hockey games. He will certainly be missed by many*

Lee MacSorley - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Brenda & Family So very sorry for your loss. Danny will be fondly remembered.*

Jane Ehrmann - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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Dennis McMaken - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I only knew Danny a short time while playing softball and umping. I don't think I saw him miss a call. The little time I knew him I saw a great person in front of me. My thoughts and prayers are with you Danny and your Family.

John Iorio - Giants - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ I hope comfort is found by the West family these coming days. Dan was a great man, great firefighter and great leader. I had the pleasure of working with him at FWFD. His influence on us "younger" guys was invaluable. Thank you Captain West for teaching alot of us.

Bob Amber - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Brenda and family my deepest regret for your loss of a wonderful guy and friend again mt condoleneces

Tom Evans - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Captain West you were a firefighters firefighter and a great Captain to work for. We will miss you.

Chris Walker - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the West family in this time.

Kim Sills - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dan was everything a fine man should be, and I really enjoyed knowing him.

Sheldon Rody - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Brenda and Family, our prayers are with you. Danny was a great guy and we will miss him.

Jim & Marie Sherman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ I share in your sadness at Dan's passing. Dan's physical presence will definitely be missed, but he will always be "with you". When you have those "I miss him" moments (& we know there will be many), just close your eyes & imagine his loving arm around your shoulder. Mike enjoyed playing hockey w/Dan and enjoyed his friendship. You have my deepest sympathy God Bless, Vicki

Vicki Nichols - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Brenda, We saw in the paper that Danny passed away on Tuesday and wanted to let you know we are thinking of you and your family. We go back a long way to the G.E. days and Lincoln Life days when we were all so young. Take care of yourselves! Dan & Barb

Dan & Barb Graham - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ It's so hard to know you're gone. So many good memories. Thanks for everything.

Tom and Holly Volz - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ We deeply regret the passing of Dan West who was a fine man who contributed much to his family, friends and the community. He will be greatly missed.

Dick and Susan Turim - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Bredna and Family: My deepest condolences on your loss. I sincerely enjoyed the time I spent with Dan on the softball field, both as a player, umpire, and most important a man of true sportsmanship. We have prayed for Dan at the fields for several months and know that God's will has brought him to his resting place. He is now at peace and free of pain. May God give you strength through this difficult time. Ted Struck Division 2 Softball*

Ted Struck - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. I remember Celeste and I visiting you and Dan one summer. He gave us a ride in the fire engine he had restored. It was a great time. He will be missed. You are in my prayers.

Charles Sefranek - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ To Brenda & Jenny: I am so sorry to hear about Dan's passing. i know all your good memories of him will outlast the pain you are feeling right now. May God give you strength and comfort to go through this most difficult time. I will always remember Dan's warm personality and a willingness to help others. My sincere sympathy: your old neighbor on Hand Rd., Barbara McComb Squire

Barbara McComb Squire - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Brenda...It was our privilege to have known Dan, even for a brief time. His caring love for friends and family were a beautiful gift for each of us. We will miss Dan, but we will warmly recall his well-lived life, and his faith in God during his illness. May the love of God sustain you, the peace of God be with you, and the promise of God comfort you and your family during this time of sorrow. Joy & Bruce

Joy-Bruce Frederick - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Jen: So sorry to hear about the loss of your father. I'll never forget when he gave my dad, brother and I a ride in his Ford model A fire engine. He was truly a great person and he will be missed. Erin and I are praying for you in this difficult time. If you need someone to talk to please give us a call anytime.

Jeff and Erin Sefranek - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Miss and love you Dad

Jennifer West Sefranek - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Jill & family-- Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very difficult time. Hugs, Lois

Lois Ewald - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Thinking of you all in this time. Wishing you comfort and peace. He was a great man. Rest in peace, Poppy!

The Armstrong Family - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dan was a great guy! I will miss him alot. He liked helping me play jokes on new firemen that were hired from Columbia City. Such a great sense of humor. My thoughts are with you Dan.

JANIS MANN - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dan was a great person and we loved having in our family. He will be greatly missed by everyone!! God be with him.

SUSAN/RICHARD SCHAFFER - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Danny and his family. I had the honor of playing softball with Dan and when I was on the same team with him, he was always polite, courteous, and respectful of others. He always said hello to me, and his calm demeanor and good example made him a wonderful role model to us all. I will miss you Dan. Sincerely, Billy Pauldine.

Bill Pauldine - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Brenda, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family. Brenda, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and to all of your family. Dan ,it was a pleasure to be around such a gentleman. The times you and Brenda have followed us home from the Indiana Club, as our van would be so full for the Havens Shelter, you had to fill yours too. Things like that are always remembered. That's another Jewell in your Crown Dan. Our friendship was far too short, we still had memories to make

Kym & Jerry Lowe - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was one of the good ones. What a sweet sweet man. You and your family will be in my prayers.

Deborah Edwards - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Our condolences to the family. Rick worked with Dan at GE and we knew him from the Liberty Cruiser Car Club. We'll miss him.

Rick & Glenda Armstrong - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Dan has been a great friend to me and my family for all these years. My parents loved him like a son - he took such great care of them. We'll miss his kindness and wisdom. See you on the other side Dan!Sandy

Sandy (Mielke) Ellington - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ I am going to miss you so much! I Love You Sweetie Pie! BJ

Brenda Jo - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dan you will always be remember by me has the freindly gaint. it was great to have known you and played ball with you at the villages. no more pain and suffering,God has a place for you. GOD BLESS

Joe Romagnano - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Brenda & Family So very sorry for your loss. The world lost a wonderful person. Danny will always be remembered as a Happy and Very positive person, Always willing to to help anyone in need.*

Jerry & Toni Leaman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to the family*

Steve Messerschmidt - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ *My sincerest condolences to the West family. I have very fond memories of Mr. West as I grew up with Jennifer. I specifically remember Mr. West taking us to the Firehouse to watch fireworks during the summer. Thank you for being such a kind and honorable man...you are in our hearts.*

Nicki Jackson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM