



## Carl West

April 22, 1931 - February 27, 2016

Carl West 84 of Bluffton passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at 6:50 a.m. Saturday, February 27, 2016, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Carl was born on April 22, 1931 in Lake City Arkansas to Jesse & Alice (Owens) West.

He attended the Bevins High School and served our country in the United States Army from 1952 to 1954 during the Korean War and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant. Carl was a truck driver and drove for General Electric and Blue Flame Gas in Bluffton and retired from driving for Sauder woodworking. He attended the Mulberry Street Wesleyan Church and currently Hope Missionary Church.

On March 12, 1955 in Craigville, Indiana Carl and Wanetta (Crozier) West were married.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years Wanetta of Bluffton, a daughter Sheryl Schwartz of Fort Wayne, two grandchildren Sean Schwartz of Fort Wayne, Heather Helton of Bluffton, four great-grandchildren and two brothers; Eulis West of Bluffton and John West of Winchester, IN.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a sister Thelma Anders, two infant sisters along with four brothers: Vester West, Chester West, Paul West and Ray West.

A service to celebrate Carl's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday (March 2, 2016) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor Don Hosier will officiate. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and for one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton with military honors will be given by the United States Army Honor Guard and the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton. Memorials may be made to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Visitation

MAR 2. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Service

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MAR 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carl West*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - March 01, 2016 at 02:10 PM



“ *Carl West*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I remember growing up with Carl in our home. He was so nice and easy going.. I just heard and I sure wish I could have been there for you, Sending hugs and prayers to the family..*

*I hope you remember me Shirley Hill Duncan and Family*



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**Shirley Duncan** - March 23, 2016 at 11:44 PM

KL

“ Sheryl Schwartz : Jim & I give you our condolences on the passing of your father. I read it in Sunday mornings paper. Jim & I will pray for you. Do you remember Phyllis Nakayama? F.Y.I. Sheryl you & I worked at Andrews Jewelers & Service Merchandise Catalog Showroom together. God Bless & Take Care. Sincerely, Kat Liddy  
Owner/ Personal Stylist ViVI Jewelry

Kat Liddy - March 04, 2016 at 01:47 AM

GB

“ Our hearts were saddened to learn of the passing away of Carl. We have many fond memories with Carl in the nine years while we were pastoring Mulberry St. Wesleyan Church. Some of those memories is when I traveled with Carl on some of his truck trips. I so enjoyed those times. Once we took a load to Alabama and prisoners helped to unload the truck. It was interesting. Then another time we went to Montana in the dead of winter. We stopped in Bozeman to see Martha's brother. We got into some rough weather that was challenging. It was quite an adventure. And in other ways as well. Especially with me. These fond memories will be with me for years to come!! Carl was always gracious, kind and understanding with Martha and I. He was always a prince of a man that cared for us. So glad we had the privilege of knowing Carl. Our heartfelt prayers, love and sympathy goes out to you Wanetta and to the family. May the God of all comfort and peace be your refuge and strength! And may you feel His presence and love in your sorrow and tears.  
Blessings with love,  
Garry and Martha Beecher

Garry and Martha Beecher - March 02, 2016 at 09:23 PM

VJ

Well said, Garry. He WAS a prince, for sure.

Valerie Wilson Jackson - March 19, 2016 at 01:42 PM

LA

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lee Anders - March 02, 2016 at 04:57 PM

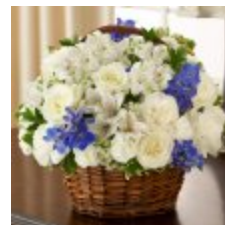
KC

“ *Uncle Carl was always a kind, good hearted man. I remember he always had new pick up trucks and when we traveled, I tried to ride with Aunt Nettie and him. I also remember when my dad and him traded shirts at Christmas. Prayers to the family. Rest in Peace, Uncle Carl*

Kevin Crozier - March 01, 2016 at 07:42 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Carl West.*



March 01, 2016 at 07:35 AM

VJ

“ *Wow, what a loss this is. We'll miss you so much, Carl. God bless. See you again one day!*



Valerie Wilson Jackson - February 29, 2016 at 03:18 PM



“ 53 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - February 29, 2016 at 02:37 PM

BG

“ *I am so sorry to read of Carl passing away. I have not seen him for several years, but my life is richer from having the pleasure to meet Carl and Wanita, probably 30 years ago. Carl was so kind and had the patience of a boulder! Wanita is such a sweet, neat person. I have to say, they were some of the most "special" people that I ever had as clients when selling their old home, and selling them a newly built one, but to me they have always been considered Friends. No finer folks anywhere! God's Blessings to you, Wanita, and your family. Thank you for always being so sweet. Love and Hugs~~BJ Gray*



BJ Gray - February 29, 2016 at 02:23 PM

CC

“ Carl was a warm & loving man a true delight! I am particularly thankful for the visit this past November with Aunt Neetie & Uncle Carl. We all enjoyed a lovely meal prepared by Neetie while sharing memories & laughter! He will be missed everyday by his loved ones! I will never forget one childhood memory, Carl brought the most delicious sweet Black Diamond Watermelon from his homeland in Arkansas for us to share on a hot summer day what a treat! Carl was such a sweet sweet special person! There is a comfort in knowing he is in the loving care of our Heavenly Father! My thoughts and prayers are with Aunt Neetie & Sheryl, her children and his brother Peewee and his family! My condolences to all the family members!

Cynda Crozier-Norman

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Cynda Crozier-Norman - February 28, 2016 at 11:38 AM

CC

“ Uncle Carl was a special person! So mild mannered and loving he always made everyone feel loved! I am thankful i got to visit with him in November, living so far away has not allowed me to spend much time with my Aunt Neetie & Uncle Carl over the years so i am particularly thankful for the beautiful meal Aunt Neetie prepared as we all shared memories and enjoyed her delicious food! I remember as a child sitting on our grandmother's back steps on a hot summer day eating the sweetest Black Diamond Watermelon Uncle Carl brought from his home land in Arkansas! It was the sweetest melon ever, just like him, a treat we all enjoyed on that hot summer day, this kind thoughtful & generous man will be missed everyday by his loved ones! I am sad he has passed as we all are, yet he now in the loving care of our Heavenly Father! God Bless the ones left behind! My Love & Prayers to Wanita West, Sheryl & all their grandchildren as well as his brother PeeWee!

Cynda Norman

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Cynda Crozier-Norman - February 28, 2016 at 11:20 AM



“ *Multicolor Bright Mixed Flower Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Carl West.*



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February 27, 2016 at 11:25 PM



“ *Carl West was my uncle. Not only was he my uncle, but in many ways, he was like a big brother, a big brother I'd always wanted. Carl was such a caring man to everyone he knew and he loved family. I've not known a better man. I'll miss his phone calls, and I will miss him. RIP*

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**Lee Anders** - February 27, 2016 at 04:34 PM



“ *Carl was a kind, wonderful, caring, generous man. He was the rock for much of the family. He will be greatly missed. Becky and John West and family.*



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**Becky West** - February 27, 2016 at 04:24 PM

JW

“ Today we lost a cherished loved one but heaven gained another Angel. We will forever remember the good times we had and hopefully will be a better person from knowing him. Our thoughts and prayers will be with the family.

*John & Becky*



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**John West** - February 27, 2016 at 12:41 PM