
Raymond "Ray" Travis West

73, a resident of Prairie Grove, Arkansas died October 2, 2009 at Springdale Health and Rehab in Springdale, Arkansas. Ray was born November 26, 1935 in Sudan, Texas the son of Dudley Raymond and Vera Eaton West and grew up in Lincoln, Arkansas and in Los Angeles County California.

He graduated from Bell High School 1955 in Bell California. Ray served in the U.S. Army in Germany from 1958 - 1960. He retired from Bethlehem Steel in California in 1975 and moved his family to Arkansas in 1975. In 2001 he retired from Franklin Electric in Siloam Springs. Ray was an active member of First Baptist Church of Lincoln.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents Dudley and Vera West of Lincoln, and sister, Sybil Howard of Lincoln.

Ray is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Brenda, his son Wayne West of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, his son and daughter-in-law, Neil and Karen West of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, his granddaughter Emily West of Ocean Springs, his grandson Joseph Humphreys of New Orleans, Louisiana and his sister Clara Reed of Farmington, Arkansas.

Ray was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and will be greatly missed by those left behind.

The family would like to thank the fellowship of First Baptist Church of Lincoln for their support and kindness as well as thank the staff at Springdale Health and Rehab for their compassion and care given to Ray.

**Ray West**

November 26, 1935 - October 2, 2009

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR
HUSBAND, FATHER, BROTHER & GRANDFATHER**

God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be
so He put his arms around you
and whispered "Come with Me"
With tearful eyes
we watched you suffer
and saw you fade away
although we loved you dearly
we could not make you stay
A golden heart stopped beating
hard working hands at rest
God broke our hearts to prove
He only takes the best.

God's Garden

God looked around his garden and He found an empty place,
He then looked down upon this earth, and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful. He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering; He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough and the hills
were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids, and whispered, "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF
Ray West

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE
Tuesday, October 6, 2009 - 10:30 A.M.
First Baptist Church - Lincoln, Arkansas

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Music	Lorene Schooler
"In the Garden"	Twyla Spear Pianist - Lorene Schooler
Obituary	Harold Leo Reed
Prayer	
"Because He Lives"	Twyla Spear Pianist - Lorene Schooler
Words of Comfort & Victory	Harold Leo Reed
Closing Prayer	
Postlude Music	

GRAVE SIDE SERVICES WILL FOLLOW IN THE BETHESDA CEMETERY PAVILION

FINAL RESTING PLACE
Bethesda Cemetery - Morrow, Arkansas

PALLBEARERS
Dewayne Rose - Dennis Spear - J.W. Cheatham
Jon Martin - Billy D. Osborn - Gary Davis