



Robert "Bob" Eugene West Sr.

December 9, 1941 - January 12, 2025

Robert "Bob" Eugene West Sr., age 83 of Trilla, IL passed away on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at his residence.

A funeral service in his honor will be held at 1:00 PM, Friday, January 17, 2025, at First Baptist Church, 1804 S. 9th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Reverend Dennis Strawn will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Mattoon, IL. The visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Thursday, January 16, 2025, at the church. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of services.

Robert was born on December 9, 1941, in Mattoon, IL to the late Charles Wesley and Dorothy Lenora (Graham) West. He married Nancy J. Smith on July 10, 1971, in Mattoon, IL; she survives and resides in Trilla, IL. He is also survived by four children: Robert "Bob" E. West Jr. and wife Nancy (Deceased) of Charleston, IL, Jeff M. West, Lisa M. Rieck and husband Mark of Trilla, IL, Shane West and fiancé Paige of Trilla, IL; one sister, Joan Pilkerton of Mattoon, IL; eleven grandchildren: Michael West and wife Regina, Caleb West, Jennifer Hurt, Tyler West, Nicole Barnes, Samantha DaPron, Andrea Searfoss and husband Matthew, Dalton Rieck, Matthew Rieck, Koty and Kailey West; nineteen great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Marilee Blair. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Robin; one daughter-in-law; one brother; and one sister.

Bob was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Mattoon, IL.

Hardworking to his core, he always worked multiple jobs. He was an auto mechanic at KC Summers and Waters Auto Body, he was employed at Youngs Radiator for seventeen years, R & N Maintenance, and retired from the Mattoon Adult Education Center.

Known by many as a dog trainer, Bob was very knowledgeable about his K-9 friends. A dog whisperer, he knew how to speak dog. Unruly dogs left his training camp changed by his techniques. A hard worker in all facets of life, he was a beekeeper, took pride in keeping a well-maintained lawn, and took care of all the mechanical, construction, and maintenance needs of his family and friends.

Bob enjoyed fishing whether it was at home in his pond or fishing trips to Mississippi. He loved socializing with people, playing cards and Bingo.

Bob lived and loved to the fullest. He was a true patriarch, a voice of reason, and loved by all. As a husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, he will be deeply missed.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Gardens

1701 Dewitt Avenue
Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
1804 S 9th Street
Mattoon, IL 61938

Service

JAN 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
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Tribute Wall

JL

“ I am so sorry Nancy! I just found out that Bob passed away. I can't tell you how much I'm going to miss his stories. Lies that he told me every time he was at the barbershop. I know that he is going to leave a big hole in your family! If there's ever anything I can do for you, please let me know. Justin down at lyles family Barber shop

Justin Hill @ lyle's - January 25, 2025 at 09:14 AM

DC

“ Bob and Nancy both were the most generous and giving people I was ever privileged to know. Bob was so generous to allow the dog training club that I was a member of to use his property for training. Even after the training club moved on, Bob allowed me to continue training there and always found time to come out for a chat. My thoughts and prayers are with his family as I know he will be greatly missed.

Danny Christian - January 18, 2025 at 07:59 PM

TF

“ The Searfoss Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" Eugene West Sr..



The Searfoss Family - January 16, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Eugene West Sr..*



January 16, 2025 at 10:20 AM



“ *Shane and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed joking with your dad when we were at Amoco at the same time all those years ago. He was a very nice man. I'll be thinking of you.*



Tish Zigler Kirk - January 16, 2025 at 03:23 AM

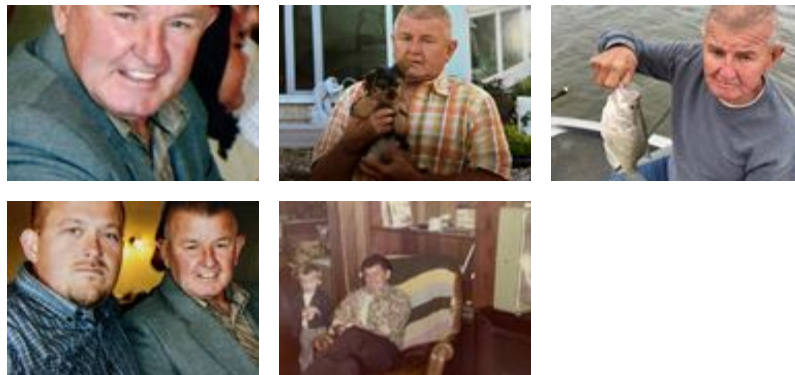


“ *Nancy; Lifting prayers from NC. So many memories working with you and Bob at adult education. So sorry for your loss*

Sheri Paul - January 15, 2025 at 06:09 PM



“ *69 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - January 15, 2025 at 01:25 PM

PG

“ *Buddy and I are weeping and so sad to hear of Bob's passing. He was truly a dog whisperer. My condolences to Nancy and his family.* ”

Paula Gordon - January 15, 2025 at 09:42 AM

HB

“ *Helen Bickers lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Eugene West Sr.* ”



Helen Bickers - January 15, 2025 at 12:04 AM

LB

I am so sorry Nancy, Love louise

Louise Bickers - January 15, 2025 at 12:06 AM



“ *Bob will be greatly missed at the Toledo American Legion Auxiliary Post 764 Bingo.* ”



Tania Craig - January 14, 2025 at 11:26 PM

WB

“ *I knew Bob and Nancy from bingo. Always happy and talking to someone. My sympathy to Nancy And family.* ”



Wanda Baker - January 14, 2025 at 05:11 PM

BO

“ *Bobbi & Butch Owenby planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Eugene West Sr..*

Bobbi & Butch Owenby - January 14, 2025 at 04:50 PM

BO

“ *Bobbi & Butch Owenby purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" Eugene West Sr..*



Bobbi & Butch Owenby - January 14, 2025 at 04:50 PM

KD

“ *Kami, Charlie, and Dalton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert "Bob" Eugene West Sr..*



Kami, Charlie, and Dalton - January 14, 2025 at 04:14 PM

AP

“ *He will be missed. I loved his laugh and talking to him and Nancy. Our thoughts and prayers to Nancy. Hugs. 🙏🙏. My husband and son loved helping him with things he needed help with or things that needed done.*

Angela Powell , Roy Painter, Sammy Paint - January 14, 2025 at 03:55 PM

SS

“ Stacy Sewell lit a candle in memory of Robert
"Bob" Eugene West Sr.



Stacy Sewell - January 14, 2025 at 01:13 PM