



Gary R. West, Sr.

September 24, 1938 - May 9, 2012

Gary Ross West, 73, of Fort Collins, passed away May 9, 2012 at his home. Gary was born on September 24, 1938 in Flint, Michigan. He lived in various parts of Illinois and Michigan while growing up. Gary graduated from Drurey College in Springfield, Missouri in 1972. Gary was a NCO in the US Army and served from 1954-1976 as both Military Police and a CID agent. Gary also was Chief of Police in New Madison, Ohio for a short time. After moving to Fort Collins he worked for the U.S. Postal Service until he retired in September of 2000. Gary was married to Nancy Crain in 1976, until she passed away in July of 2000. They had one son, Carl. He was also married prior to Nancy to Monie West with whom he had Patty, Monica, Gary, II and Jerry. Monie also preceded him in death. After his retirement he became a regular at Lamar's Donut shop where he met with his friends every morning without fail. He also became a devoted volunteer at Immanuel Community Church. Gary was also an avid firearm's enthusiast, loved riding his motorcycle across country to visit family and friends and was always available as an ear to listen for everyone he loved. He is survived by his mother-in-law, Geraldine, his daughters, Patty, Monica and Jerry, his sons, Gary and Carl, 9 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren as well as various nieces, nephews and other extended family. Gary will be truly missed by all. Any memorial contributions can be made to Immanuel Community Church in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524. A Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday at Immanuel Community

Church, 1725 W. Mulberry. A Graveside Service with Military Honors will be held on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery. Those who desire may view Mr. West from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday at Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

Tribute Wall

JP

“ *Dad, I love you, and I will miss you. I will always be your little girl. I am glad your pain is gone, and you can rest peacefully now. Jerri*

Jerri West Peckham - May 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *God Bless you Carl.....*

Toby & Kathie Self - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Both Rudi and I will miss you very much. We had much in common. You always were a good listener and an industrious postal employee who was genuinely concerned with your customers. We and many others will miss your congenial personality. God Bless You and your family.*

john rinne - May 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Carl: Sorry to hear about your dad's passing He was a good man who will be greatly missed. I send my co condolences to you and your family.*

Steve Wagner - May 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Gary, You were more than my Brother-in-law to me. Always there when I needed you along the many years,as well as for my children. We have many memories together. You will be very sorely missed,and there will always be a void in our lives with out you! My heart breaks with your passing away so suddenly. I hope you are with Nancy now and happy again.Please give my sister and dad a hug an kiss from me. One day we may meet again. Carl my prayers go out to you as well as to your sisters an brother. Love Always
Christine

Christine Crain - May 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ Gary, you touched many lives with your kindness and generosity, and your infallible values and ideas were imparted onto the hearts and minds of anyone who was lucky enough to have gotten to know you. You inspired my brother and my best friend to join our military, as children they looked up to you as a hero and as adults they strove to be a hero like you. You always seemed to run into me, with a smile that could rip through even the toughest of times. You always believed in all of us kids, and you always had something uplifting to say when we least expected it. You will be loved and adored in the memories of countless people for many generations to come.

Richard Dempsey III - May 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Uncle Gary, I love you very much, and I'm glad to say you are a part of making me into the person I am today. Give Nancy and Grandpa a big ol' hug for me. You'll never be forgotten. See you when I get there.

Raymon Crain - May 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Dad, my heart is broken to lose you so soon. You were a character as you liked to say, and you never met a stranger. The world is much emptier without you. No matter my age, you made me feel like your little girl. So rest now, without pain or fear. How wonderful it will be when we are back together. Love you always.

Patty Bonner - May 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I will miss you very much Love, Joni

Joan Turcotte - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ We are so lucky to have met Such a great man like Gary. We will sorely miss him but never forget him. Our condolences go out to Garys family and friend's.

John & Lynne Teichert - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ You will be truly missed Gary. You are with all of us in our thoughts my friend. I know you have gone to a better place and i know you can be happy and at peace. Please say hello to Nancy for me. Love you.

daniel dornseif - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AZ

“ Uncle Gary, The last couple of days have been surreal to say the least. I hope that as we take care of all of your last wishes that we are making you proud. You were a great uncle and an awesome surrogate dad for me and it breaks my heart to know Zage only has 5 years of memories with you. I am glad you are out of pain and that you are in a better place now. I hope that you are with Nancy and that you are enjoying being with all your lost loved ones. We love you and we will miss you more than you will ever know. Xandi and Zage

Alexandrea and Zadrian - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ You will be missed by all Gary.

Clay & Petey Andregg - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Uncle Gary I miss you so much!! It was a big shock to everyone when you passed. We all miss you so much! We have a lot of memories together, I think the one I remember the most is when you were at all my school events. Things aren't gonna be the same with out you!! : I love you always and forever!! -love, Charlo

Charlo Duran - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM