



Hubert "Bud" West

November 6, 1933 - July 6, 2020

Hubert "Bud" West, 86, was called peacefully home to heaven on Monday, July 6, 2020, following an extended struggle with bulbar onset ALS. He spent his final ten weeks at home, surrounded by loving family (physically and virtually), friends and caregivers.

Bud was born on November 6, 1933, in Crystal Falls, MI, to Aval and Lillian (Villeneuve) West. He graduated from Crystal Falls High School in 1951. He joined the Navy in 1952 where he served four years of active duty followed by four years in the Naval Reserves. He was honorably discharged in 1960.

While stationed at Quonset Point, RI, Bud met Rita Plouffe, the love of his life. They were married in Lowell, MA on January 15, 1956. Upon returning to Crystal Falls, he went into business with his father Aval at West's Mobil Service until selling the business in 1968. He and his family moved to Lake Havasu City, AZ for 1-1/2 years. They moved back to Crystal Falls and Bud entered into the businesses of real estate & financial investments. In 1996 Bud officially retired, selling the real estate office to his son Kenneth.

Bud was very involved as a member of his local church and in many community organizations and events. As a longtime member of United Lutheran Church he served as Council President, Chair of Church Properties and was a member of the Senior Choir. He is a past member of the Crystal

Falls City Council and Charter Commission.

As a very active member of the Crystal Falls Lions Club, he served as President for two terms, and was the proud recipient of the 2004 Iron County Volunteer Award, the 2005 Lion's Club Citizen of the Year and the Lion's Club International Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

He was a longtime member of the Crystal Falls-Iron River Masonic Lodge #385, St. Vincent de Paul Society, the American Legion & VFW Auxiliary, and the Crystal Falls Men's Golf Club. Other past memberships included the Crystal Falls Volunteer Fire Department, Forest Park School Board, Iron County Economic Development Corporation, Ducks Unlimited Banquet Committee, Crystal Falls Downtown Business Association, Crystal Falls Museum Society, Iron County Chamber of Commerce (serving as Board of Director's President twice), Crystal Falls Centennial Committee, and the Men's Bowling Association.

Bud enjoyed hunting, "putzing," projects and spending time with "the other woman in his life" ...the "Finnlady" Swamp Camp, where many good memories were made with family & friends!

Bud loved his family with his whole heart and is survived by Rita West, his wife of 64 years, his son, Kenneth (Vicki) West, and daughter, Kim (Patrick) Olson all from Crystal Falls; daughter, Karrie Fabri of Norman OK; his brother, Ray of Gilbert, AZ; and several beloved nieces, nephews and cousins. He was the proud grandpa of six granddaughters, Summer Olson, Krystle (Andy) Sikora, Samantha (Dan) Shuck, Emily (Zach) Tarter, Amy (Tim) Wheeler, Rachel West (Sean Bocek) and one grandson, Michael Fabri. And the icing on his cake came in the form of seven great-grandchildren, David, Bekah, Jacob and Lizzie Tarter and Claire, Sara and Hazel Sikora.

He was preceded in death by his parents Aval and Lillian.

Bud and Rita have been blessed beyond measure with wonderful friends and family, near and far, who have added so much joy to their lives! The family would also like to thank the VA Community Living Center staff, Dickinson County Home Care, Carlyn Raduechel, Kathy Miatech and Jerry Nowak (Almost Family) for excellent, above and beyond care! We truly could not have kept Dad at home without you!

Due to Covid-19 concerns, there will be a drive-by visitation held on Thursday, July 16, 2020, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Runkle Lake Park in Crystal Falls. Signage and directions will be given when entering the Park. Private family services will take place Friday, July 17, 2020, at the United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls. Pastor David Johnson will officiate. Honorary pallbearers will be Ron Dove, Chris West, Doug Dove, Jeff West, and Dylan West. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

The Memorial service will be livestreaming at 10:00 am (CST) Friday, July 17, on the Facebook page of United Lutheran Church of Crystal Falls, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Crystal Falls Lions Club, P.O. Box 144, Crystal Falls, MI 49920, or St. Vincent DePaul, 136 Superior Ave., Crystal Falls, MI 49920, or the United Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 390, Crystal Falls, MI 49920.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of H. Bud West at www.nashfuneralhome.net

More information can be found on how to access the livestreamed memorial service online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **16**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Runkle Lake Park
111 Runkle Lake Rd.
Crystal Falls, MI

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *My first ALS symptom occurred in 2016, but was diagnosed in 2018. I had severe symptoms ranging from shortness of breath, balance problems, couldn't walk without a walker or a power chair, i had difficulty swallowing and fatigue. I was given medications which helped but only for a short burst of time, then I decided to try alternative measures and began on ALS Formula treatment from Aknni herbs centre, It has made a tremendous difference for me (Visit ww w. aknniherbscentre.c om). I had improved walking balance, increased appetite, muscle strength, improved eyesight and others.*

cory merlon - February 25, 2025 at 01:41 PM

JN

“ *To Rita and Family:*

Sorry to hear of Bud's passing. Had many wonderful times at Lions events and at the Finnlady with Bud. He was a friend during my years in Crystal Falls. May he Rest in Peace!

Joe Nash

JOSEPH P NASH - July 23, 2020 at 10:17 AM

CM

“ To Ray, Rita, Bud's family, and Bud's "almost relative", Ronnie Dove:

We were deeply saddened to learn of my friend of over 80 years passing. You all have our deep sympathy and condolences:.

Going back to my dad's pool hall days in the late forties, my dad liked Bud too, and even hired him to fill in for me a few times.

He was a great friend and Rita too. When I learned he was at the VA In January I couldn't go visit him because my wife had fallen, breaking a vertbra and pelvic bone.. In June when I called the VA they would only tell me that he wasn't there. Got the same answer at the nursing home. It didn't occur to me to call the real estate office to find out where he was and whether he would want me to come up and visit, which I certainly would have done.

If it weren't for the virus my opinion is that his funeral would have been one of the largest, if not the largest, in Crystal Falls history because he was so respected and liked by so many in CF

I will be watching the funeral on the internet and we will be sending a memorial to St, Vincent de Paul in CF..

May he rest in peace. We, especially me, will miss him.

*Clarence and Lou Matuszek
Green Bay*

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clarence matuszek - July 15, 2020 at 04:16 PM

SM

“ Bud was one of Larry's best friends and we would see him every time we came to the Upper Peninsula. We had many fine times with Bud and Rita involving plenty of beer. The class reunions at Finnlady Swamp Camp were such a good time to get together and see old friends. I am so sorry for your loss and am sure you all will miss Bud alot. Just think he and Larry are enjoying beer and stories in heaven. Sophia Morton

Sophia Morton - July 15, 2020 at 10:19 AM



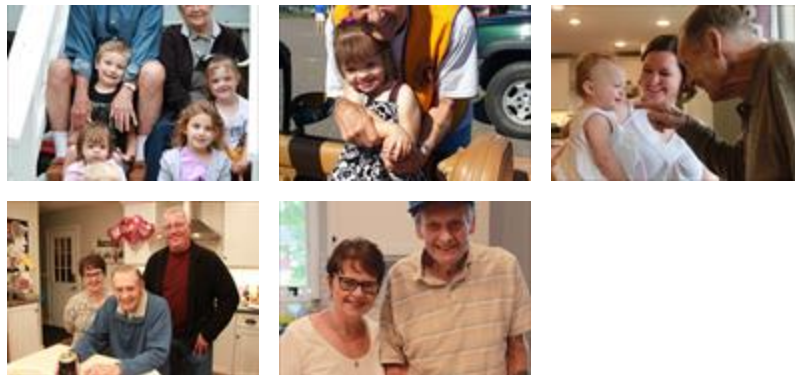
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Hubert "Bud" West.



July 13, 2020 at 05:06 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Krystle Sikora - July 13, 2020 at 03:44 PM

BG

“ God bless you all! I Am blessed to have so many memories of good times at your home and camp.

Barbi Galarno

Barbi Galarno - July 12, 2020 at 01:15 PM

SG

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. He led a full life, may he rest in peace!!

Sheree Graham - July 11, 2020 at 12:19 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Rocky Ericsson - July 09, 2020 at 02:01 PM

MS

“ Deep sympathies in loss of Buddy! He was Best Man when Mickey Olson and I were married!
From Mary Jane

Mary Jane Siderberg - July 09, 2020 at 12:11 PM