



Jon "Birdeye" West

July 31, 1940 - February 26, 2015

Jon "Birdeye" West, 74 of Crystal Falls, passed away on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at Marquette General Hospital. He was born on July 31, 1940 in Crystal Falls, son of the late Elof and Elna (Maki) West. He attended school in Crystal Falls, graduating from Crystal Falls High School in 1958. Upon graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy on July 21, 1958 and was honorably discharged on July 20, 1964. Jon worked as an Inspector for MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) until his retirement.

Jon was a lifelong resident of the area. He loved fishing and trapping. He enjoyed his trips out West pheasant hunting, and fishing trips to Canada with friends. The Spring time was a highlight for another reason, the NCAA Tournament and pool, he just loved it. In the heat of the moment with family and friends Jon could be heard saying, "I may have gotten a little excited!"

Jon is survived by his granddaughter, Kirsten Menghini of Antioch, TN and grandson, Nicholas Menghini of Augusta, Maine; he was preceded in death by a daughter, Renee West.

At Jon's request there will be no funeral service.

Condolences to the family of Jon "Birdeye" West can be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

LF

“ *Kirsten Just heard of the passing of JON. So sorry for the loss of a life time friend. I fished hunted trapped with Jon for over 50 years. Memories of our life's will always be remembered trips to Ill and running the camp and in out of all kinds of troubles and fun for all the years. God bless him and his family and friends. Good by to my number 1 friend. LARRY Gualdoni PT Charlotte FLA. Joliet Il*

Larry Gualdoni lifetime friend - June 12, 2015 at 07:58 PM

KI

“ *Kirsten lit a candle in memory of Jon "Birdeye" West*



Kirsten - May 10, 2015 at 04:21 PM

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“ Jon worked, hunted, fished, trapped and enjoyed life with my dad, Arnie, back as far as I can remember. The tales usually involved Ralph Everson, and some get rich quick scheme or way to harvest more fish, deer, beavers or birds. They are woven through the stories we tell at our hunting camp. One of our favorites (and not much of a surprise) involved Jon being greeted by a game warden when he came around the corner with a wheelbarrow full of turkeys, possibly long before there were things like legal turkey hunting in the Way Dam area.

Jon was on a never ending quest to catch more and bigger walleye, and anything else out there. Of course his nickname came from being the guy that could spot a bird 30 yards back in the woods when you are driving 50 miles per hour down a dirt road.

Jon will always be remembered as a unique character that would make every adventure a humorous memory. We will all miss him, but we won't forget his life.

Patrick Frazier - March 03, 2015 at 08:43 PM

DA

“ I have way too many great memories of Birdeye to mention here; all the fishing and hunting trips over the years will stay with me forever! I consider Jon a true friend and I will miss him! He touched my life in so many ways! Kirsten, remember we will always be here for you, in any way you may need. Dean Aberly & family

Dean Aberly - March 02, 2015 at 10:35 AM

KI

Thanks Dean! He always spoke well of you and your children.

Kirsten - May 10, 2015 at 04:24 PM

GB

“ *Kirsten-Thinking of you! Take care, travel safe!! Love, Gretchen and Family!*

Gretchen Bilton - February 28, 2015 at 09:45 AM

KI

Thank you Gretch!

Kirsten - May 10, 2015 at 04:26 PM