



David Edward West

May 9, 1954 - December 26, 2009

David Edward West, 55, of Delmar, died suddenly at his chicken farm on Saturday, December 26, 2009.

He was born May 9, 1954 in Salisbury, a son of the late Roy E. and Evelyn E. Shockley West.

Since his youth, David had been a well-respected farmer and poultry man, a job he loved. For the past 35 years he had the pleasure of working alongside of his wife in their chicken houses. He cherished times spent with family, especially his grandchildren, who held a special place in his heart. He loved watching old western movies and war movies, had a fondness for cats and all animals and enjoyed gardening.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Ruby Alice West; a son and daughter-in-law, David Allan and Angel West of Delmar; 5 grandchildren, David Allan West, Jr., Haley West, Mercedes Bell, Joey Bell and Tori Bell; and in-laws, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, cousins and many very close friends.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Thursday, December 31, 2009 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, followed by a graveside service at Melsons Cemetery, scheduled to begin at 1:30. The Reverend Dr. Everett C. Isaacs and The Reverend Robert Riddleberger will

officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Delmar Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 143, Delmar, DE 19940, or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 163, Salisbury, MD 21803.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **31.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 E. Grove Street
Delmar, De

Service

DEC **31.** 1:30 PM.

Graveside Service

Tribute Wall



“ My thoughts and prayers have been with you this week. I remember David's first week of school. Every morning Pete would have to take him back to his house after the school bus went around by Janice's because he felt like he was going to get sick to his stomach..he didn't want to go to school and wanted to stay home. He died where he would have wanted to have been in Melson. Melson has lost one of our best people. David was always there when I needed him after Daddy was gone and Mother was in nursing home. All I had to do was call and whatever we needed snow plowed or check on the house, I knew it would be done within the hour. David made so many days easier for me, having all of the responsibility and being at work or nursing home..he gave me piece of mind. Ruby, you were a wonderful wife and I am sure you will continue to be the strong woman you have always been but now with his blessings and strength from above. David Alan and his family will be a phone call away, too. God bless you and your family. ##imported-begin## Rhonda Evans ##imported-end##

January 02, 2010 at 08:44 PM



“ Dave and family, so sorry to hear about your dad. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Joe and Donna ##imported-begin## Joe Ellingsworth ##imported-end##

January 01, 2010 at 08:24 PM



“ Ruby and family, I was talking with my sister-in-law this morning, Robin Breasure, and she was telling me of your tragic loss. I want to express my heartfelt condolences to you and your family and just to let you know that you are on my mind and my heart. Please take care of yourself and of course God will be there for you all. God bless all of you Ruby, Love Debbie###imported-begin##Debbie Mills McLemore###imported-end##

January 01, 2010 at 02:11 PM



“ Roy West road will not seem the same anymore without the friendly smile and the wave of the arm every time he would see anybody going down the road. we have lost a friend.###imported-begin##Thomas Smith Sr###imported-end##

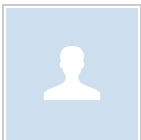
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“ Mercedes and Tori,

I'm so sorry to hear about your grandfather. He often came in to see Mr. Brian at work and always bragged about you girls. I know he loved you very much. You are all in our prayers.
Love, Miss Kim###imported-begin##Miss Kim Little###imported-end##

December 31, 2009 at 11:57 AM



“ Ruby and David, we are so sorry to hear of your sudden loss. David was a fine man and a generous neighbor. He will be missed. Our condolences go out to you.###imported-begin##Wayne & Lisa Smith###imported-end##

December 31, 2009 at 11:23 AM



“ *Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.*

*I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.*

*When you wake in the morning hush,
I am the swift, uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft starlight at night.*

*Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there, I did not die.##imported-begin##Robert & Christina
Shrieves##imported-end##*

December 31, 2009 at 09:26 AM



“ *Ruby and David Allen, I am very sorry for your loss. Dave was a
very nice man.I got a smile and a wave every time I passed and I
will miss that, anyone who knew Dave will miss him. You are in our
prayers.##imported-begin##Scott Carmine##imported-end##*

December 31, 2009 at 09:19 AM



“ *Ruby, you are in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.
May God give you the comfort and strength you need.##imported-
begin##Ginger Hudson Trader##imported-end##*

December 30, 2009 at 01:24 PM



“ Dave to a friend of many years you will truly be missed.I promise to you ill leave the ducks alone in the pond and there will be a place for them to enjoy.##imported-begin##scott smith##imported-end##

December 30, 2009 at 11:38 AM



“ We were so shocked to hear about David. Our thoughts and prayers are certainly with you. Only God can bring comfort at a time like this. Gary will certainly miss dropping by and talking with David. Please know that you can call on us at any time, if there is anything we can do for you. May God's love fill that void that has come into your life.##imported-begin##Gary and Jean Fields##imported-end##

December 30, 2009 at 09:57 AM



“ Ruby, I am so sorry to hear of David's passing. He was a nice man and I remember you guys well as I grew up in Melsons. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this time.
Sincerely,
Diane Simmons Baione##imported-begin##Diane Simmons Baione##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 08:04 PM



“ To all the family of David West we are so sad about your loss may god take care of all of you at this difficult time if we can do anything please let us know. You are in our prayers and our heart.

Norman and Cyndi Layfield##imported-begin##norman and cyndi layfield##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 04:01 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. God be with you and your family.##imported-begin##Carnita and Rob Powell##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 12:20 PM



“ Ruby,
I am deeply saddened by David's death.
My prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Robin Culver##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 09:19 AM



“ Ruby, I send my prayers to you and your family. This is a terrible shock. I am truly sorry for your loss.

Your friend,

Phil##imported-begin##Phillip L. Dunn##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 02:43 AM



“ Ruby, our condolences to you and your family. Know that we will pray for healing and strength for you and praises for David in his journey Home. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27##imported-begin##Craig & Ericka Brown##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 10:47 PM



“ Ruby,

*I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless,
Joan & Gary###imported-begin##Joan (Layfield)
Bowden###imported-end##*

December 28, 2009 at 07:23 PM



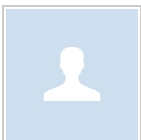
“ Ms Ruby, David Allen, and family, I am so sorry about Mr. Dave. Please let us know if we can do anything for you! Mr. Dave was such a great man, I will miss him so much! Love Holly###imported-begin##Holly and Ben Kunde###imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 07:19 PM



“ Dave - We are so sorry to hear for the loss of your Dad. You and your family are in our thoughts. We are a phone call away if you need anything. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.###imported-begin##Chad & Brandi Timmons###imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 03:21 PM



“ My wife and I are so sorry and shocked to hear about David. He'll be missed by everyone who knew him!###imported-begin##Brian and Kim Little###imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 02:56 PM



“ Ruby & Family I am sorry for your loss, I know your going through a difficult time just know we are thinking of you.##imported-begin##Matt & Marsha Morris##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 01:33 PM



“ Ruby and Family, You all hold a special place in our hearts. We are just around the corner if you need anything and most of all our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Chuck and Susan Hull##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 11:53 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Please let us know if we can do anything. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##BILLY AND LORI MOORE##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 11:49 AM



“ Ruby and David Allen,
I am so sorry to here about David. My prayers are with you all. I am always here for you all if you want to talk you know i am just a phone call away. Sorry i can't be there in person but i am there in your heart.##imported-begin##Mackenzie Truitt ##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 11:28 AM



“ So sorry to hear of David's sudden passing. I always enjoyed the times we were all together. David always made everyone feel happy with his smile, and his easygoing sweet nature. My thoughts and prayers to your family.##imported-begin##Pamela Tingle Green##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 11:01 AM



“ Ruby, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Dave. Although no words can lessen the pain of your loss, I and Lee will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Please take care. Rex##imported-begin##Rex Foxwell##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 10:28 AM



“ Ms. Ruby, Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. You and Mr. Dave have always held a special place in the Smith's hearts. Love, Amy##imported-begin##Dwayne & Amy Crockett ##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 09:30 AM



“ Ruby, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I know that David will be missed by all who knew him and especially those in the Melson's community.##imported-begin##Layne Kerley##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 09:15 AM



“ David, so sorry to hear about your dad. Words cannont express how hard it is to lose a parent. You and your mother will be in my thoughts and prayers. Peace and love, Tricia and family##imported-begin##Tricia Smith##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 09:07 AM



“ Dave was a wonderful man, he will be missed.##imported-begin##Laurie Lucas##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 08:23 AM