



Clarence " Buddy" West

August 30, 1947 - January 12, 2022

Clarence Rodman West was born in St. Louis, Missouri on August 30, 1947, to the late John Henry Jacobs and Delorse Loraine Johnson Drayton. He was the second eldest of five children.

Clarence accepted Christ at an early age and always had faith in a higher power.

Clarence was called home after a long illness on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. He is survived by one son, Clarence Rodman West, Jr. of Los Angeles, California. Left to cherish his memories are one sister; Marilyn Kelley of Kirkwood, Missouri; and two brothers; Edward (Jerealine) West, and Elmer "Terrell" (Carolyn) Drayton both of O'Fallon, Missouri; as well as many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Clarence "Buddy" West was affectionately known as Uncle. He will be dearly missed by three very dedicated and faithful people: Graylyn Kelley, nephew; Cynthia Booth, cousin; and a very special friend, Renee Hill.

After completing his education in the Kirkwood School District, Clarence enlisted in the United States Navy in 1965. He diligently served his country and retired with an honorable discharge. Clarence Rodman West, we salute you!!

He loved having friends over for bar-b-ques, sibling and extended family dinners, sitting around and shooting the breeze, playing cards, dominoes, or casually relaxing while listening to those down-home blues. If he wasn't on his way out of town on a quick getaway or impromptu road trip, you might just find him in town driving around in his Lincoln Town Car. Buddy was either out and about, on the move, or merely at home waiting to entertain. It didn't matter to him as long as he was around people. Buddy loved his family. He stood for family and friends. Yes, Buddy was everyone's buddy and as such, remained open for that good old fashioned (no texting) conversation; face-to-face dialogue, or simple chit-chat or two on any topic -- at any time -- at any place. Yaassss, he was always up for a debate 😊 ... that was just Uncle.

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

2900 Sheridan Road
St. Louis, MO 63125
(314) 845-8320
<https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/jeffersonbarracks.asp>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (cst)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Kirkwood
10301 Big Bend Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122
(314) 965-8228
info@stlfuneral.com
<https://www.stlfuneral.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Clarence " Buddy" West

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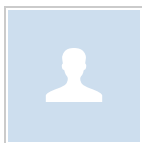


“ Clarence West "aka Buddy" "aka Uncle" You always greeted me with What's up Cuz and that big smile of yours that could light up a room. I will never forget the time your sister Mernie and I went house hunting with you. No matter how hard we tried to convince you of other homes, you had a made up mind on the home in Ellisville. After a while I knew Mernie and I were wasting out time suggesting other areas. I remember us riding all over Ballwin, Chesterfield, and parts of St. Charles County. You had a made up mind you were determined to get what you wanted. You finally said well Cuz I want the home in Ellisville I'm not looking at anything else!

Rest in Peace.....Buddy you will be missed but never forgotten!

Karen Drayton-Fowlkes

Karen Drayton-Fowlkes - February 04, 2022 at 01:04 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Clarence " Buddy" West.



January 31, 2022 at 12:45 PM

RJ

“ *Uncle would make friends with ANYBODY!
Race, age, gender, social status.
Great sense of humor.
He'd expound on any subject, whether or not he had the facts was not an obstacle.
He could tell the same story a hundred times with a hundred different endings.
It was sad seeing him suffer thru a long painful illness, but it didn't deter him from re-telling those humorous ever-changing stories to any & every one in his presence.
Thanks Uncle.*

Rollo Beanie Johnson - January 26, 2022 at 08:02 PM

PA

*You will be truly missed! You always had the good stuff in the trunk.
R.I.P Uncle Buddy ❤️*

Paris - January 26, 2022 at 08:35 PM

BL

“ *I never won a debate with my Uncle Buddy and I'm okay with that lol, Rest In Peace Uncle.*

Bobby

Bobby Lambert - January 25, 2022 at 10:25 PM