

Robert Nelson West



Robert Nelson West, age 68, of Stockbridge, MI, formerly of Ypsilanti, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, October 10, 2007, at home. He was born January 19, 1939, in Ypsilanti, the son of Nelson H. and Ida M. (Forsyth) West.

As a teenager, Robert was a car-hop at Bill's Hot Dogs in Ypsilanti. He was a 1957 graduate of Willow Run High School. October 7, 1959, he married Bracky

M. Chambers in Ypsilanti, and she survives.

At the age of 18, Robert was a licensed electrician. He owned and operated West and Son Electric for twenty years. He then started with the University of Michigan as an electrician. He moved into the high voltage group and retired in 1994 as electrical foreman of the construction group. At the same time, he was an instructor for the electrical apprenticeship program at W.C.C.

After moving to Stockbridge in 1985, he was the electrical inspector for Stockbridge Township, and then he became the building official and electrical inspector for Stockbridge Township and the Village of Stockbridge.

He was a former member and past president of the Ypsilanti Exchange Club and past district commissioner of the Wolverine Council B.S.A. Robert was an active magician, belonging to the Ann Arbor Ring #210 S.A.M. and Lansing Ring #54 I.B.M., as well as the Territorial Vice President of the I.B.M.

He enjoyed Barbershop Chorus, Barnhill Band, and many community events. He also loved the outdoors and fishing.

In addition to his loving wife Bracky of 48 years, survivors include two children, Meryl (Paul "Pete") Hindbaugh of Milan and Allen (Annetta) West of Gaylord; four grandchildren, Elisabeth, Heidi, Taylor, and William West; one sister, Carol (James) Zeigler; one brother, Lee West; and four nieces, Donna, Michelle, Saxony and Susan.

The funeral service was Monday, October 15 at Stark Funeral Service Moore Memorial Chapel, Ypsilanti. Burial followed in Highland Cemetery.

Contributions in Robert's memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Sign his guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.