



Edwin S. West

January 20, 1920 - August 21, 2019

TOWNSEND: Edwin S. West, 99, of Townsend, died peacefully, Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at his home, surrounded by his family.

Ed West was born in Newark, New Jersey, January 20, 1920, a son of Alphonso and Margaret L. (Smith) West, and has resided in Townsend for sixty eight years.

Mr. West was a graduate of Lexington High School and then earned a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Tufts University in Medford, riding his bicycle, daily, to class from his family home in Lexington.

Ed began his career as a chemical engineer in the early 1940's at Artisan Metal Products in Waltham where he worked for nine years. In 1949 he went to work as Plant Manager for the Rowse Company (Pilgrim Foods) in Greenville, NH where he remained until his retirement in 1989.

Ed also served on the Townsend Finance Committee for nine years and as the Townsend Town Moderator for nineteen years. He was member emeritus of the Board of Directors of the Townsend Historical Society and many years ago had been active in the Townsend Boy Scout program. He was a member of the Townsend Congregational Church.

Throughout his life, Ed was a true renaissance man. His endless curiosity led him to pursue drawing, poetry, and sculpture, science, invention, metallurgy,

music, history, farming, and many other things. He instilled a love of these wonders, along with a quick wit and a strong sense of integrity in his children and grandchildren. It's difficult to express the many wonderful things about him in just a few paragraphs, but those who knew him will miss this generous and loving man.

He leaves his wife of seventy years, Mary C. (Rowse) West; five children, Carolyn R. "Carrie" West of Seattle, WA; Edwin S. West, Jr. and his wife, Lydia of Canterbury, NH; M. Susan West and her husband, Scott Andrews of Brunswick, ME; Virginia B. "Ginny" West and her husband, Kevin Crisman of College Station, TX; Andrew J. West and his wife, Kristen, of Royalston, MA; ten grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and his beloved caregiver, Adelaide Sackey.

He was predeceased by his brother, Dudley West of Lexington, and sisters, Margaret L. Laun of Chappaqua, NY and Dora West Blake of Portland, ME.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00AM, August 24, 2019 at Townsend Congregational Church, 3 Brookline Street, Townsend. Calling hours are from 4-7 PM, Friday, August 23, 2019 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, (Rte. 119) Townsend Center. Memorial contributions can be directed to the Townsend Historical Society, www.townsendhistoricalsociety.org. Please see www.andersonfuneral.com for additional information or to leave an on line condolence.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Highland Street
Townsend, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 23. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Funeral Service

AUG 24. 10:00 AM (ET)

Townsend Congregational Church
7 Brookline Street
Townsend, MA 01469

Tribute Wall

HS

“ We knew Ed and Mary from the Townsend Historical Society back in the 90's and also they were friends of my parents, Bill & Katherine Frey. I can remember measuring the vendor sites for the Townsend Historical Society Arts & Crafts Fair in Septembers with Ed the night before. Ed was a wonderful guy. Always got a warm smile and a hug when we saw him on the Common. He will be deeply missed. Love you Ed (and Mary too)!

Heather & Jim Stringer

Heather Stringer - August 25, 2019 at 06:54 PM

JC

“ I first met Ed in the fifties when he was active with the Townsend Civil Defense using Amateur Radio to transmit messages. I became interested in Ham Radio and asked Ed if he would help me get a Ham Radio License. Ed spent many hours helping me learn the Morse Code and Ham Radio regulations. A true Gentleman, always willing to lend a helping hand. A great guy.

*Jim Conner
Townsend*

Jim Conner - August 24, 2019 at 07:32 PM

JB

“ I have fond memories of the month that I spent babysitting with the family at a lake in Harrisville ,NH. The children I cared for were blessed to have Ed as a Dad. Sending prayers for you all at this difficult time. Joanne (Klingenberg) Buck

Joanne (Klingenberg) Buck - August 23, 2019 at 08:19 AM

BR

“ *Brenda Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Edwin S. West*



Brenda Rodgers - August 22, 2019 at 10:53 PM

PU

“ *PAUL UPHAM lit a candle in memory of Edwin S. West*



PAUL UPHAM - August 22, 2019 at 10:37 PM

PU

*My condolences, Ed was fine man. He has help me in many ways , He will be missed.
The way he kept Town meetings under control, as moderator.
And those Christmas as trees .
Rest in peace*

PAUL UPHAM - August 22, 2019 at 10:44 PM

LS

“ *What a wonderful man Ed was. He was one of the people who welcomed me to Townsend when I became a homeowner here in 1976. By 1978 he appointed me to the Finance Committee which began my service to Townsend. He set a fine example of community service and I will always be grateful for the opportunity he gave me.
May his family be blessed with all their memories
Laura/Laurie Shifrin*

Laura Shifrin - August 22, 2019 at 12:05 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Edwin S. West.*



August 22, 2019 at 10:01 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Edwin S. West.*



August 21, 2019 at 05:09 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Edwin S. West.*



August 21, 2019 at 03:05 PM