



## Stephen M. West

October 30, 1939 - September 20, 2016

Stephen Matthew West, 76, gentle caring man and beloved husband and father, died September 20th, with his wife Linda by his side following a brief but valiant battle with cancer. Steve was born on October 30, 1939 in Santa Barbara, California to Richard and Selma West. Steve graduated from Santa Barbara Catholic High School in 1957. He attended college at the San Jose State University, where he earned a degree in communications and graduate studies in education. He visited Traverse City in 1971, fell in love with it, and moved there in 1973 to raise a family. He attended Saint Francis Church in Traverse City. Steve had a great sense of humor and he loved to help those who were less fortunate. His interests included writing novels, cooking, music, art and family. Over the course of his career, Steve worked as a teacher, a technical writer, copywriter, and also worked for Bay Area Transportation Authority for 17 years. In addition, he published 2 historical fiction books. Steve is survived by his wife of 48 years, Linda; 2 children and their spouses (Richard and Monica West, Jason and Ruth Ann Sheets); and 5 grandchildren (Rachael, Tyler, Nora, Ilene and Allison). He was preceded in death by his Father (Richard West), Mother (Selma West), and sister (Penny West). Donations may be made to Goodwill Inn. Arrangements were handled by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home. Steve requested that a Memorial be held a later date. A notice will be posted.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen M. West*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *Dad - I miss you more every day - I know that you and mom are together in heaven and that is the only thing that gets me through the fact that you are both gone too soon. You still have one another and always will. You were the best role model of a man loving a woman than I could have ever asked for. I love and miss you dad - I miss your words of encouragement every single day - with all my love - Ruth Ann*

**Ruth Ann Sheets** - January 04, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ *I love and miss you dad.*

**R Sheets** - August 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *It's already been a month Dad and it feel like it has been much longer. We miss you more than words can say!!Jason, Ruth Ann, Allison Sheets ?*

**Ruth Ann Sheets** - October 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ You will always be missed especially at our family gatherings with Jason and Ruth. We always loved your thoughtful thank you notes and will cherish your books.

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**John and Judy Sheets** - October 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I miss you every single day dad! I love you with all my heart.

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**Ruth Ann Sheets** - October 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM