



Gary A. West

May 12, 2005

Gary A. West, 56, of Butler, formerly of New Jersey, died Thursday, May 12, 2005 at his sister's residence after an extended bout with cancer.

He was born May 27, 1948 in Butler, the son of Michael West of Valencia and the late Mabel Grace (George) West.

He was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Hampton Township. He was a member of the NRA. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hiking, target shooting, kayaking, bicycling and hunting.

Gary had graduated from Clarion University and received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin.

He had worked for Allied Chemical as a research chemist in New Jersey.

Surviving are his wife, Katherine "Kate" (Freund) West of New Jersey; his father and stepmother, Michael West and Rita (Wilbert) Gonda West of Valencia; 1 sister, Mrs. John (Vickie L.) Stewart of Butler; one niece and one nephew, several aunts and uncles, 6 stepsisters, Mary Kay Fleeger of Butler, Mrs. Walter (Connie) Hinton of Mt. Airy, MD, Donna Crawford of Hilliards, Mrs. Tom (June) Kramer of Butler, Mrs. Tim (Janice) Phipps of Prospect and Mrs. Troy (Joann) Hinchberger of Prospect; 1 stepbrother, Michael Gonda of Butler and a number of stepnieces and stepnephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Friends will be received from 2 until the time of service at 5 PM on Sunday, May 15 at the Young Funeral Home, Ltd., Butler, PA with Rev. Samuel Hacker, III, his pastor officiating.

Private burial.

Contributions may be made to the Lance Armstrong Foundation, PO Box 161150, Austin, TX 78716-1150.

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