



Edwin "Ed" J. Oest

January 20, 1951 - May 23, 2026

Edwin "Ed" Jonathan Oest, 75, of Havana, passed away at his home at 4:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2026. He was born on January 20, 1951 in Canton to Edward and Dortha (Slaight) Oest. He married Nancy Welker on February 12, 1999 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Ed is survived by his wife, Nancy Oest, of Havana; children, Jason (Holly Gudat) Oest, Jimmy Oest, Jon (Staisha) Oest, and Emma (Michael) Coleman; six grandchildren; mother-in-law, Verla Welker; and several cousins and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Rick Oest; and sister, Linda Oest.

Ed worked for the Department of Natural Resources as Site Superintendent at Anderson Lake until his retirement in 2012. After 42 years of service, he became a very familiar face around Anderson Lake and the campgrounds. Ed was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing, and mushroom hunting in his free time. He liked riding his side by side around his property and collecting cars. He also enjoyed watching the Chicago Cubs and Bears. Ed enjoyed visiting and never knew a stranger.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 29, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana with visitation one hour prior to the services. A celebration of life and burial will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made in Ed's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital or donor's choice of organization. Online condolences can be left for his family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Laurel Hill Cemetery

1105 E Laurel Ave
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2986

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2244
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Memorial Service

MAY 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2244
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Tribute Wall

LW

“ *Lori And Dan Wright lit a candle in memory of Edwin "Ed" J. Oest*



Lori and Dan Wright - 49 minutes ago

DP

“ *So very sorry for your family's loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jim and Deb Park*

Deb Park - 50 minutes ago

TS

“ *Tara Scheland lit a candle in memory of Edwin "Ed" J. Oest*



Tara Scheland - 1 hour ago

JS

“ *So sorry to hear of Ed's passing. Thoughts and prayers to all the family.*

Julie Shults - 1 hour ago

GF

“ Sending love & prayers



Gitana Fletcher - 2 hours ago



“ Ljt Thomp lit a candle in memory of Edwin "Ed" Oest



Ljt Thomp - 2 hours ago

NC

“ So very sorry for your loss. Great classmate Class of 69. Nancy Carithers

Nancy Carithers - 3 hours ago

DW

“ Sorry for your loss ,Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family ❤️🙏



Dan and Chris Wilson - 4 hours ago

JB

“ Ron an I send our deepest sympathies to you and you family..Ron and Jo Braden

Jo Braden - 4 hours ago

ES

“ So sorry Nancy and his family for your loss!
Prayers for comfort at this difficult time.



Elva Stigall - 4 hours ago