



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

Previous 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/>

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ Sorry to hear about this. Shared a lot good memories with Ed around the Lake while working in the area. Great guy! Rest in peace Ed.

Bill Stephens - June 05 at 07:26 AM

RQ

“ RON AND BARB QUINONES lit a candle in memory of Edwin "Ed" J. Oest



RON AND BARB QUINONES - May 29 at 06:32 PM

DC

“ My husband Keith Curless and I are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts, prayers 🙏 and ❤️ are with you during this sad time. Ed and Keith were good friends and he will be so missed who all who knew him.

Denise Ann Curless - May 29 at 02:24 PM

LC

“ Nancy so sorry for the loss of your husband! Keeping you in my prayers!

Lanette Crum - May 27 at 03:00 PM

KB

“ Kevin, Mathew & Sarah Blakeley lit a candle in memory of Edwin "Ed" Oest



Kevin, Mathew & Sarah Blakeley - May 27 at 01:41 PM

DW

“ Dan and Chris Wilson lit a candle in memory of Edwin "Ed" Oest



Dan and Chris Wilson - May 27 at 09:58 AM

EH

Had many good experiences with Ed through the years Duck Hunting. He was a great person and an A representative for his Employer at all times!

Ed Haage - May 27 at 12:10 PM

SB

“ Steve Blessman lit a candle in memory of Edwin "Ed" Oest



Steve Blessman - May 27 at 09:28 AM

KB

“ You have my deepest sympathy . Ed was great person ! Always friendly and kind . I know he will be missed by all . Kevin Bare



Kevin Bare - May 27 at 08:24 AM

GR

“ Life long friend. Ed was a special one of a kind friend. He will be missed



Gwen Randall - May 27 at 07:33 AM

PG

“ Sending hugs and prayers.



Penny Grafton - May 27 at 07:28 AM

JC

“ My brother, Mark Connolly and I, Judy Connolly , enjoyed being extra cousins of Ed, Rick and Linda thru Nancy and Tim Oest. We spent many days playing softball, swimming at the Kolves' pool and cruising in Havana. We would stop along the town square and admire cars and tell lies as teenagers. Great times were had by all! Miss you Edwin!

Judith Connolly - May 26 at 10:05 PM

JB

“ Jack and Donzia Boggs lit a candle in memory of Edwin "Ed" Oest



Jack and Donzia Boggs - May 26 at 08:00 PM

LW

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



Lori and Dan Wright - May 26 at 06:20 PM

DP

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

Deb Park - May 26 at 06:20 PM

TS

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



Tara Scheland - May 26 at 06:06 PM

JS

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

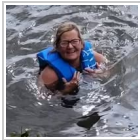
Julie Shults - May 26 at 05:12 PM

GF

“ Sending love & prayers



Gitana Fletcher - May 26 at 04:57 PM



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



Ljt Thomp - May 26 at 04:54 PM

NC

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

Nancy Carithers - May 26 at 03:39 PM

DW

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



Dan and Chris Wilson - May 26 at 02:51 PM

JB

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

Jo Braden - May 26 at 02:30 PM

ES

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



Elva Stigall - May 26 at 02:22 PM