



## Dennis Lynn West

May 19, 1947 - October 21, 2025

Dennis Lynn West, 78, of Siloam Springs, AR, departed this life October 21, 2025 – 25 years from the anniversary of Luke’s passing. He was born May 19, 1947, in Pampa, Texas, son of Leonard “Lynn” West and Emma “Louise” West. Dennis graduated high school in Hugoton, Kansas. He attended Fort Hays Kansas State University where he received a B.A., M.S. in Education/Counseling in 1974. He and Shereen met in the university band and married in 1970. He was pre-deceased by his parents and their son, Luke.

He taught Kindergarten in Chickasha, OK, Granby and Exeter, MO, and Siloam Springs, AR. He was school counselor at Northside Elementary School in Siloam Springs until retirement.

Dennis was husband, dad, granddad, great-granddad, teacher, counselor, friend, uncle, and youth baseball coach and umpire and a certified water safety instructor. Primarily, he was a positive mentor to all children.

Dennis and family were part of the “back to the land” movement of the early 1970’s and operated a small self-sufficiency farm in Barry County, Missouri. He learned cabinet-making and construction and built his own house addition. In 1986, the family moved to Siloam Springs where he and his sons built their own home and an accompanying shop/garage. He cherished the Ozarks and his cabin on the Illinois River. He and Shereen, often with sons or granddaughters, traveled extensively throughout the United States to music festivals, national parks and historic sites. He enjoyed boating, water-skiing,

snow-skiing, hiking, and everything outdoors.

He loved music, playing woodwinds in high school and university bands and later guitar and bass in several acoustic/bluegrass/Americana bands including the Ozone Players and the Sons of Otis Malone. He participated in many enjoyable music sessions at festivals and beside campfires with a wide circle of acoustic musician friends. He was a member of the choir of Grace Episcopal Church.

He was beloved by his wife, Shereen, and family: Matthew and Catherine; Lillian, Matthew and Mayari; Evelyn; Taleigha and Geovanni; Rodney, Donna & family; plus a host of other family, friends and former students.

Please donate in his name to a charity with a mission to better the lives of children.

A celebration of life will be held on Monday, October 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church in Siloam Springs, AR.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Episcopal Church  
617 N. Mt. Olive  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Tribute Wall

TA

“ *The Johnsons (Lynn, Amy, Angie, Adam) purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Dennis Lynn West.*



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**The Johnsons (Lynn, Amy, Angie, Adam)** - October 23, 2025  
at 02:41 PM

BS

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Many good memories of working together in the Siloam Springs schools. May you feel God's peace.*

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**Betty J Southerland** - October 23, 2025 at 01:28 PM

AR

“ *I am so saddened by Dennis' passing. He was a loyal friend to me during the years we were at Northside together. His love for children and advocacy for them had no boundaries. I remember vividly the devastation he felt at Luke's passing. There are no real words to offer comfort when a loved one is gone, but he and Luke are together now in the arms of God. I am so sorry Shereen. Goodbye sweet friend. Rest in Peace.*

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**Anne Ruble** - October 22, 2025 at 09:54 PM

LJ

*Thank you Mr. West for all of the memories and lessons you instilled in all of the children at Northside !  
Your memory lives on in so many .  
Love and prayers to the family.  
Luann Jenison*

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**Luann Jenison** - October 23, 2025 at 09:59 AM

MD

*Dennis West was such a fine man, gifted and kind. I remember how he was a model of showing respect for others, and so taught his young students by example.*

*My deepest sympathy to Shereen, all his beloved family members and to those who knew and admired him.*

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**Mary Droho** - October 24, 2025 at 06:54 PM

 Josh  
Granderson

*He was such an enjoyable person and loved seeing kids have fun and enjoy music. I did not even know about his role at school and the bear belly club, but I see that as fitting his personality and kindness... not at all surprised. I hope to be more and more like that...*

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**Josh Granderson** - October 28, 2025 at 09:50 AM