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M Sgt Craig Martin West, 39, of Alexandria, VA died Monday afternoon, March 21, 2022 at Genesis Hospital-Emergency Room.

Born June 1, 1982 in Zanesville, a son of Richard and Diane (Kimberlin) West and a 2000 graduate of Tri-Valley High School. While in high school Craig earned the BSA rank of Eagle Scout; graduated from MATC 2003 (now Zane State) with his Associates Degree in EET and attended Salem United Methodist and Adamsville United Methodist Church.

He went on to further his education while serving in the United States Air Force. He earned The Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, 3 Air Force Commendation Medals, 3 Air Force Achievement Medals, his CompTia Security Plus Certification, and a Community College of the Air Force Associates Degree. He also graduated Senior Non-Commission Officer Academy, Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Education Academy I and II. MSgt Craig West was assigned as Flight Chief, Plans, Programs and Resources 744 th Communication Squadron, Joint Base Andrews. Craig was actively protecting our country while serving in the U.S. Air Force for the past 18.5 years. During his time in the service, Craig traveled to over 32 countries but was never able to speak or tell about what he was doing. He, lived in South Korea for two years and Germany for the past twelve years. He loved the Military and his military family, traveling throughout the world and enjoying the European Culture and lifestyle.

Surviving are his parents, Richard (Diane) West; a brother, Marcus (Jessica) West; a niece, Melanie West, a nephew, Nathan West; his maternal grandmother, Jean L. Kimberlin; aunts and uncles, Dennis Kimberlin, David (Rachelle) Kimberlin, Debbie Kimberlin, Donna (Dave) Matthews, Denise Cochran, Darla (Gary) Downey, Maxine West and Thomas (Hilda) West; many cousins.

Craig was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Harold and Lena West; maternal grandfather, William H. Kimberlin; an aunt, Linda S. Hittle and an uncle, Harold M. West Jr.



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In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Tri-Valley Swim Team Booster Club, 46 E. Muskingum Avenue, Dresden, Ohio 43821 or Tri-Valley Band Booster Association Inc., 46 E. Muskingum Avenue, Dresden, Ohio 43821.

Friends and family may call Friday, March 25, 2022 from 4:00- 8:00pm at Adamsville United Methodist Church, 8065 East Street, Adamsville, Ohio where funeral services will be held at 10:00am on Saturday, March 26, 2022 with Pastor Mary Molnar officiating.

Craig will be laid to rest at Heaven's Gate Cemetery, Adamsville, OH with full Military Honors accorded to him by the United States Air Force.

The family is being assisted by the Dresden Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home.



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CH

Cathy (Stokes) Hinkle posted:

Thinking of you and saying a prayer during this difficult loss. Thankful for your son's military service and dedication to helping others around the world.

April 7 at 9:19 PM

PH

Pam Hall posted:

So sorry for your loss

March 31 at 5:35 AM

EC

Elijah Curtis posted:

Craig was an outstanding person. He captured the best from those around him because it's what he expected of himself--which he showcased daily. Craig handled the many responsibilities levied on him with a grace and professionalism we would all be wise to strive for. It was an absolute pleasure to serve alongside him, and he will be sorely missed by his Knight Owls family. Rest in peace.

March 31 at 4:37 AM

PY

Peg (Mathes) Yates posted:

Richard and Diane, I'm so sorry to learn of the passing of your dear Craig. There are no words to express it, but please know you and your family are being lifted up into the light.

March 28 at 10:04 AM

JG

Jeff Golson posted:

I got to know Craig as his flight commander while he was stationed at Ramstein. Craig was an absolutely outstanding Airman, and an all around good person. The impact that he has had on our organization (693d Intelligence Support Squadron) and the Air Force as a whole was huge, and it will be a void that we will feel for a long time. He was extremely knowledgeable and always a steadfast professional in everything he did. He will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family in this difficult time.

March 28 at 12:58 AM



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DK

Daniel Kammerer posted:

Craig, you were such a great friend our time in Germany will always be in my heart. Keep smiling Piano man with great love, and loss rest easy friend.

March 26 at 10:43 PM

BK

Brittany Border (Kinsey) posted:

There truly are no words. I feel like our crew was more like family than friends, growing up. There is nothing that can ease your pain. Love and prayers to you all. Im a phone call away.

March 25 at 7:00 PM

JM

Julia Baum-Miller posted:

A wonderful human through and through

March 25 at 3:46 PM

RP

Ranaya Patrick posted:

MSgt West family and friends, My deepest condolences for a loss such as his. I met Craig back in 2015, although not long of a time period ago he made a huge impact in my life, and countless others. His larger than life personality, laugh, love for his country, the USAF, family, friends, colleagues, the mission, techno music, travel, fine wine and scotch will always be with me. He was a teddy bear (Built like Russian Bear as he would say) once you got to know him. And when he let you in, he really let you in. And I thank him for allowing me to be not only his boss but eventually his friend. I love you and you are dearly missed My West.

March 25 at 5:42 AM

LB

Lee & Tammie Brown posted:

Our deepest sympathy to your family.

March 24 at 11:41 PM



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LL

Lorilyn Lai posted:

MSgt West was the first person i met when joining the team, he was the brains behind the first engineering project and he passed the torch to me and gave me all the respect and knowledge needed to get the job done successfully. He was a mentor and leader who had all the confidence and know-how. I will never forget him and what he has done for our nation. RIP

March 24 at 11:36 PM

KR

Kristi Rogal posted:

To the West Family and Friends,I had the honor of being West's First Sergeant when he was stationed at Ramstein Air Base with the 693d Intelligence Support Squadron. Both his personality and heart were larger than life. He cared tremendously for his fellow Airmen and the mission. He was so incredibly smart, funny, and hard working. I am grateful to have known him and will cherish the time I had with him. We are all heartbroken and in disbelief. May God watch over you and help you during this difficult time. May he Rest In Peace. We love you West.

March 24 at 6:08 PM

JD

Jim Davis posted:

One of the best graduates of mine in over forty years of teaching and the finest young man of the highest character I have ever met.

March 24 at 10:53 AM

KM

Kristen Meyer posted:

Craig was an incredible NCO and person. I always had a great time talking to him and laughing with him. He had a very dry yet sassy sense of humor and I loved hearing his opinion on technical issues or just talking about our days. He created the foundation of a project that now employs 15 people and defends our national security. He will always be a legend to me and someone I could always count on to get the most reliable answer. I hope he feels at complete peace now and is resting. My biggest condolences to his loving family. Thank you Craig for everything, I hope you're dancing away up there.

March 24 at 10:17 AM



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SM

Ssgt Ryan Marcum posted:

I wish you all peace & comfort in this incredibly heartbreaking time. MSgt West was a special person; his smile could light up a room. It was an absolute honor working with him. & I know he's with you all is spirit.

March 24 at 8:07 AM

JM

Joe Maguadog posted:

I had the pleasure of serving with Craig for two years in Germany. Our team worked on computer systems vital to conducting military operations in very important parts of the world. Craig was one of our smartest technology experts that we turned to for our toughest problems. He was caring, thoughtful, and worked extremely hard. His passing has had a profound impact on so many of the lives he touched while serving in the US Air Force and we will miss him dearly. Please know your son served our nation honorably and without question played a critical role in protecting our way of life—we will forever be grateful. Craig, we will all miss your smile my friend, Rest In Peace.

March 24 at 6:58 AM

RS

Ret. Cmsgt Addison Spencer posted:

It was truly an honor to serve with MSgt West. His approach to life day-in and day-out, made those around him better and contributed greatly to the success of our Nation's mission across the globe. You are missed

March 24 at 5:45 AM

HA

Hinda Ardrey posted:

Dick, Diane, and family, So sorry for your loss. He served our country proudly to keep us safe. Prayers of peace, comfort, and understanding to you all. Hinda and Jennifer Ardrey

March 23 at 5:27 PM

NH

Nikki Williams Hufford posted:

Diane and Dick, I am sorry to hear about Craig's passing. I still remember driving him to swim practice, like it was only a few years ago. I'll be thinking of you. Thank you Craig for your service.

March 23 at 4:19 PM



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RP

Rick And Becky Priest posted:

Our sincere sympathy to your family

March 23 at 3:58 PM

BW

Becky And Larry Welch posted:

Diane, Dick. and family, Larry and I are so sorry for the loss of a wonderful guy. We have so many fond memories of Craig. Love and prayers to all of you. Thank you Craig for your service and friendship.

March 23 at 12:07 PM

JH

Jeff Hawkins posted:

Dick and Diane , I am so sorry to learn of Craig's passing . Will keep you in my prayers for God's love to give you comfort and peace .

March 23 at 10:55 AM

SS

Stacey (Peck) Stewart posted:

Thank you for your service to our country. We had so much fun growing up as 4-H friends. So sorry for your loss

March 23 at 10:46 AM

DH

D.J. Hittle posted:

Dick, Diane, Marcus, Jean & the rest of the family, So very sorry for your loss & you have my heartfelt sympathies.

March 23 at 10:38 AM

RL

Randy And Joyce Lincicome posted:

To the West Family , sorry to read of your loss. Your family are in our prayers. Thanks Craig for your service to the country. RIP Craig

March 23 at 10:33 AM



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Jessica Brown posted:

You will be deeply missed my friend.

March 23 at 9:26 AM



Jenny Dunfee posted:

Dick, Diane and family I am praying for strength and comfort for all of you during this most difficult time. Sending much love to you.

March 23 at 8:37 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Craig by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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