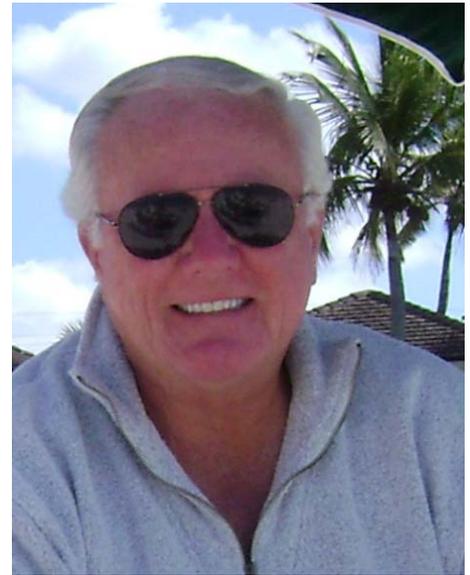


William Wesoloski

West - Art

If you remember me at all, you probably remember me as "Bill Wesoloski." However, when I turned 18, our family shortened the name to "West." I thought

life would be a lot simpler, having been asked a million times "how do you spell that?" When the name change became final, I remember taking some clothes to the dry cleaners, saying the name was "West," and, of course, the clerk said "how do you spell that."



I wish I could have attended the reunion, but other family matters took precedent. I am glad to see the pictures and I hope that more are posted in the future. You all look so good! Kudos to the wonderful people who took the time to put all this together!

After graduation, I attended Wayne State where I majored in English and Literature. After graduation I was hired by Chrysler Corporation as a Management Trainee in Labor Relations. After a couple years, I went to Allied Signal as a Human Resources Manager. From there I went to Detroit Steel as Director of Labor Relations. In 1980, I went to Masco Corporation where I held various Labor Relations and Human Resources positions, retiring after 26 years in 2006 as a Group Director.

In 1966, I married the beautiful and wonderful JayAnn Whiteley. We have a son and two daughters and 7 grandchildren, an eighth is on the way early in 2010. I am a lucky man.

Our home is in Clarkston, Michigan, although we are seldom there. We have a home in Bonita Springs, Florida where we spend 6 to 7 months during the winter. When we come back to Michigan, we generally spend long weekends at our cottage on Houghton Lake.

Retirement is great. I spend time with the kids and grand kids, golf, boat, fish, swim and generally lazy around - except when I'm working on my "honey-do" list. Before retirement I was "Mr. West." Now I just take out the garbage and kill spiders - but it's still great.

I was in the Art Department at Cass, and I saw myself as a commercial artist back then. As you can see, my life went on to take a radical turn to other areas far different than anything in the field of art, although I paint in oils and watercolor as a hobby from time to time. I wouldn't change a moment, though I sometimes wonder what I would have become if I pursued an art career. Then I look at my paintings, laugh, and I am assured that I made the right choices.

I hope this gets posted even though the reunion has passed - I'd like to get off the "missing" list. My email is bill-jayann@comcast.net. I'd like to hear from you.

Bill West