



## Briggs O. West

November 7, 2017 - January 18, 2018

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Briggs O. West, infant son of Shawn and Melissa (Ritz) West, of Norfolk, will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norfolk with Father Dan Andrews officiating. Interment will be at the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, rural Pierce. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 p.m., Tuesday at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with a Rosary service beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Briggs passed away Thursday, January 18, 2018 at the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk.

Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Briggs O. West was born November 7, 2017 in Norfolk, NE to Shawn and Melissa (Ritz) West. He was member of the Sons of the American Legion of Norfolk.

Briggs was only with us for a brief amount of time. During that time he was filled with joy and loved by so many! He filled his brothers' lives with much love and his beautiful smile will last a lifetime. Those newly developed giggles will forever be heard. Briggs, your family will love you always and forever.

Briggs is survived by his parents Shawn and Melissa West of Norfolk, brothers Brock West, Brodie Korth, and Braxton West all of Norfolk, paternal grandparents Wayne and Judy West of Norfolk, paternal great grandmother Jean Backhaus of McLean, maternal grandparents Neil and Mary Ritz of Norfolk, and great-grandmother Eunice Lukasiewicz of Grand Island. Briggs is preceded in death by his Aunt Wendy West, paternal great grandfather

Kenneth Backhaus, paternal great grandparents Harold and Louise Longnecker, maternal great grandfather Lavern Lukasiewicz, and maternal great grandparents Janice Garber and Clarence Ritz.

Pall bearers will be Briggs brothers Brock West, Brodie Korth, and Braxton West. Honorary pall bearers will be Briggs cousins Devin, Abby, Brady, Kyle, Reed, Mason, Annie, Ali, Maverick, Maci, Cullen, Nellie.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the family for a later designation.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery - Rural Pierce

Rural Pierce  
Pierce, NE 68767

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 23. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
[info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com](mailto:info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com)  
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

## Rosary

JAN 23. 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
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## Service

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JAN 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Norfolk  
2300 Madison Ave.  
Norfolk, NE 68701

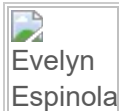
# Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Briggs O. West*



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - January 21, 2018 at 07:49 PM



Evelyn  
Espinola

*Words cannot express my thoughts, heart and prayers for you. May the Lord give you comfort, love and peace during this time. My sympathy for your loss.*

*God Bless You*

*Evelyn Espinola*

*American Legion Auxiliary National Chaplain*

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**Evelyn Espinola** - January 23, 2018 at 09:56 AM

RB

*Keeping you in our prayers and love...So sorry for your loss of your beautiful baby boy Briggs. May Jesus hold you in His Heart.*

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**Rita and Roger Baumgart** - January 23, 2018 at 01:31 PM

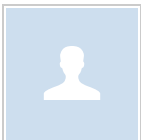


Michael  
Lawler

*The American Legion Family is keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest heartfelt sympathies for you and your family.*

*<https://www.facebook.com/michael.lawler.73/posts/10214677545549758>*

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**Michael Lawler** - January 24, 2018 at 06:41 PM



“ *Briggs O. West*

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October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM

DS

“ Shawn and family, your have our deepest sympathy in the loss of you sweet little boy! We are thinking of you. Doug and Brenda Seegebarth

Doug & Brenda Seegebarth - January 27, 2018 at 04:43 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Briggs O. West.



January 24, 2018 at 11:24 AM

TL

“ Melissa, Shawn & boys - Although no words can help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer today as you say good bye to your beautiful baby Briggs and in the days to come.

Theresa, Brad, Ethan and Katlin Lang

Theresa Lang - January 23, 2018 at 08:10 PM

CL

“ Shawn Melissa and family- Our heart felt sympathies are with your family during this time of loss. Prayers for you.

Dustin & Cissy Louthan Family

Cissy Louthan - January 23, 2018 at 05:22 PM

SK

“ *Shawn and Melissa: My heart goes out to you all...so very sorry. Prayers always. Shelly Kruger*

Shelly Kruger - January 23, 2018 at 04:00 PM

SU

“ *Melissa, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you in this difficult time. Our deepest sympathy. Love Sue and Nancy at Dakota Pipe & Steel*

Sue - January 23, 2018 at 09:23 AM

LL

“ *Thinking of you all. Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you. Praying God will give you peace and comfort during this time. We love you all. With love, Lauren, Bobby, Nathan and Adelynn Learch*



Lauren Learch - January 22, 2018 at 09:38 PM

SA

“ *Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the West family, May God bless you and help you through this difficult time. Andersen family*

stephany andersen - January 22, 2018 at 06:41 PM

AS

“ *Our Sympathy to Melissa and her family. Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Prayers to you from Angie, Tim, Keith, Brad and Dan at Midway Iron & Metal.*



Angie Schibonski - January 22, 2018 at 04:38 PM

LF

“ *Love, Clark, Janet, Cheryl, Jeff, Gayle, Kent & families purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Briggs O. West.*



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**Love, Clark, Janet, Cheryl, Jeff, Gayle, Kent & families** - January 22, 2018 at 04:10 PM

JL

“ *Shawn and Melissa,  
So sorry to hear of your loss!  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you,  
John and Nancy Lubischer*

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**John Lubischer** - January 22, 2018 at 01:38 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Briggs O. West.*



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January 22, 2018 at 10:44 AM

CA

“ *Melissa and family ~  
I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your little one. My deepest sympathies are with you and your family during this very difficult time.*

*Carrie Blomer  
Millerbernd Systems - MN*

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**Carrie** - January 22, 2018 at 10:02 AM

PR

“ Our sympathy and prayers go out to Melissa and her family during this time of heart felt loss, may your family find comfort in the promises of God and the loving family around you, your family is in our prayers here at Tuff-E MFG.

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**Peter Reis** - January 22, 2018 at 09:35 AM

JC

“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.  
Jason Chodur

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**Jason Chodur** - January 22, 2018 at 09:09 AM

AK

“ I am so sorry to hear about your son Briggs. My very deepest sympathy. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Alice Klitz** - January 21, 2018 at 08:31 PM

CS

“ Shawn and Melissa,  
I am so sorry for the loss of your precious little Briggs. I can only imagine the heartbreak you are feeling. I remember when he was born. Brodie was so proud to be a big brother. May God bless you and the boys in the difficult days ahead.  
Carolyn Simon

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**Carolyn Simon** - January 21, 2018 at 06:48 PM



“ 58 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - January 21, 2018 at 06:25 PM

LT

“ So very sorry to hear about your Little baby Briggs.  
Your in our thoughts and prayers. May God wrap his loving arms  
around you all and give you comfort.  
*Linda and Bob Ternus.*

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**Linda Ternus** - January 21, 2018 at 04:26 AM

RD

“ Our sympathy to the West family on the loss of your little angel.  
Jesus takes the best to be with him in heaven. Your little one will be  
helping Jesus watch over you all. Gods Blessings and Love to you  
All.

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**Ron and Sheryl Doring** - January 20, 2018 at 12:43 PM

KW

“ Praying for strength and comfort during this trying time. Our  
thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Krystal & Shawn Withem*

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**Krystal Withem** - January 20, 2018 at 11:16 AM

KR

“ *Our sympathies to you and your family at this time.  
Pat and Kathy Roney  
Design Mfg*

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**Kathy Roney** - January 20, 2018 at 09:14 AM

JW

“ *Shawn & Melissa & boys our sympathy goes out to your family. Your hearts will dearly be missed by Briggs Owen West. May GOD comfort you in this time of your loss one. We love you Aunt Judy & Uncle Leonard, Keaton & Kolton Solis from Stanton*

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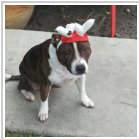
**Judy & Leonard West** - January 20, 2018 at 08:37 AM

 Judy Chase

“ *My deepest sympathy to your family. Prayers go out to you.  
Steve and Judy Chase*

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**Judy Chase** - January 19, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Kristin Kelly  
True North Steel*

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**Kristin Kelly** - January 19, 2018 at 05:59 PM

MS

“ *Melissa,  
Sharing our thoughts and prayers to you and your family during this  
time of loss. Peace to all of you.  
Murray Semanko and the whole Metal Tech crew.*

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**Murray Semanko** - January 19, 2018 at 05:31 PM

LM

“ *We are saddened by your loss of Baby Briggs.  
Praying that you'll sense God's presence in this time of grief  
and feel God's love surrounding you.  
Brad and Chad Mohns  
All of us at HitchDoc in Jackson, MN.*

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**Linda Mohns** - January 19, 2018 at 05:22 PM

JO

“ *Melissa--  
I am so very sorry for you and your Family. My thoughts are with  
you.  
God Bless you and your Family.  
Joe Bartell  
CWMF CORPORATION*

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**JOE** - January 19, 2018 at 04:59 PM

AS

“ *Melissa and Shawn no words can express our sorry at the loss of  
Briggs. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the time of need.  
April and Larry Smolek*

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**april smolek** - January 19, 2018 at 04:46 PM