



Wilford Victor West, III

March 2, 1939 - March 1, 2021

Wilford Victor "Vic" West, III passed away quietly and peacefully at Gordon Hospice House on Monday, March 1, 2021.

He was born March 2, 1939, in Greenville, South Carolina, the only child of Nan Hughey West and Wilford Victor West, Jr. He graduated from Greenville High School in 1957 and The Citadel in Charleston, SC in 1961.

He is survived by his family of whom he was extremely proud - his wife of 61 years, Martha Frances Drummond West; four children, Major General USAF Retired, Scott Drummond West (Jane) of Rockledge, FL; Attorney Wilford Victor West, IV "Russ" (Vera) of Mooresville, NC; Attorney Viki Melissa West of Mooresville, NC and Dr. Mark Warren West (LeClaire) of Charleston, SC; four grandchildren, Dru West (Kara), Challie West, Rachel West and John Michael West; and one great grandchild, Zaelynd West.

He was a member of Mooresville First Baptist Church for 52 years.

He spent his professional years in the textile industry, spending the greater portion representing textile machinery manufacturers whose manufacturing operations were located in Europe, Canada and Mexico. His professional work required extensive travels which he enjoyed.

Although a businessman, he had the mind of an engineer and artist, a

renaissance man. He enjoyed restoring classic cars and boats. His travels fed his curiosity and appreciation for different cultures. He was inclusive and valued diversity. An ardent student of wine and excellent experimental cook. He enjoyed stimulating conversation and laughter. He enjoyed sailing and boating, participating annually in the Michelob Cup and other races on Lake Norman and thoroughly enjoyed the company of the revelers who docked their boats at the infamous F Dock at the former Outrigger Harbor. However, his passion was music, classical to jazz and old Baptist hymns. He was an accomplished pianist and had the opportunity to play for the Christmas Eve services at his church for decades. He also enjoyed playing for weddings, funerals, neighbors, friends and family.

Most of all he enjoyed living and was blessed with the privilege of a life well lived.

Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 2 pm at First Presbyterian Church, Mooresville, NC, with Reverend Eddie Hicks presiding. The service will be followed by a reception at Heritage House, Mooresville, NC. Covid Protocols will be followed, masks will be mandatory.

For those who are unable to attend the church service, you may go to the following link for the live stream <https://www.facebook.com/CavinCookFuneralHomeServices/>

Memorials may be sent to Lake Norman Multiple Myeloma Support Group
Checks payable to: "IMF" (International Myeloma Foundation) c/o Lou Mintzer,
P.O. Box 3421, Mooresville, NC 28117.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, NC, is serving the West family.
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 13. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
249 W. McLelland Ave.
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

WK

“ Martha, Sherry and I were so sorry to hear of your loss. Vic was such a kind soul and so full of life that its hard to believe he is gone. We have so many fond memories of our times with you, Vic and Viki at West Park Wines. You all were such great hosts, even with those of us who didn't know when to leave; even following you to the Waffle House after closing! Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

*With deepest sympathy,
Sherry and Walter*

Walter Klepfer - March 17, 2021 at 05:53 PM

SW

Walter and Sherry--we appreciate your kind thoughts. The West Family

Scott West - March 17, 2021 at 07:15 PM

MR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Michael Roberts - March 13, 2021 at 04:11 PM

PJ

Absolutely beautiful. Rest In Peace Vic.

paula jeffers - March 14, 2021 at 08:08 AM

MR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Michael Roberts - March 13, 2021 at 04:04 PM

EM

“ Oldest son Scott was one of my best friends growing up. Spent a lot of time at their house. Mr. West was always a fun guy. Both he and Martha treated me like family. Love, peace and condolence to the family. ~ Emette Massey

Emette Massey - March 11, 2021 at 08:13 AM

SW

Emette--thank you for the note above, it's much appreciated by me and my family. I hope all is well. Scott

Scott West - March 14, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ Sending prayers for God to wrap his loving arms around your family and give you the peace which passes all understanding. Mrs West it was so nice to see you both out a few weeks ago when you stopped in front of our house leaving Vicky's and we enjoyed Mr West's humor until you said you needed to leave so we could go eat. What a please he was and I am sure will be so missed. Hugs to each of you.
Jeff & Nancy Moore Davidson

Nancy Davidson - March 08, 2021 at 06:35 PM

SW

Jeff and Nancy--we appreciate your note. The West Family

Scott West - March 09, 2021 at 12:42 PM

SW

*To The West Family our prayers are for you during this time ! Please feel our love and prayers
Sharon and Norman Wilson*

Sharon Wilson - March 11, 2021 at 10:24 PM

SW

Thank you Sharon and Norman. The West Family

Scott West - March 14, 2021 at 04:22 PM

DC

“ *Dennis Cowardin lit a candle in memory of
Wilford Victor West, III*



Dennis Cowardin - March 08, 2021 at 10:16 AM

DC

To the West Family, we love you.

Dennis Cowardin - March 08, 2021 at 10:17 AM

SW

Thank you Dennis. The West Family

Scott West - March 09, 2021 at 12:42 PM

MP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the West Family. We have wonderful memories of Mr. Vic West playing the piano at First Baptist. Our family especially enjoyed hearing him play at the Christmas Eve services. He will be missed.*

Mike and Gail Parker

Mike and Gail Parker - March 07, 2021 at 06:34 PM

SW

Mike and Gail, thank you for the kind thoughts. The West Family

Scott West - March 08, 2021 at 09:57 AM

MP

“ *Mike & Gail Parker lit a candle in memory of Wilford Victor West, III*



Mike & Gail Parker - March 07, 2021 at 06:30 PM

HI

“ *Great Memories. Vic and I were Classmates and graduated together at the Citadel (The Military College of South Carolina) in 1961. We (Vic and I) together with four other classmates had a band in Charleston during one summer school (1959-1960). That summer our band played a regular nightly venue at the 5 O'clock Club across the street from what is now the Fleet Landing Restaurant. Vic was our piano man and anchor in the band. As a Citadel men we had lifelong bond and I will dearly miss him. I can only say, well done and well lived Vic. Rest in Peace.*

*My sincere and heart felt condolences to the family,
Hugh G. McKay III
Maiden, NC
Citadel Class of 1961, M Company*

Hugh McKay III - March 05, 2021 at 06:50 PM

SW

Thank you Hugh. Go Dogs--my father would want me to say that. The West Family

Scott West - March 06, 2021 at 12:05 PM

DK

“ *Fondest memories of Vic in his element at ParkWest wine tastings, regaling the crowd with tales of his travels, the characters he met and the meals and beverages shared. Remembrances of many a Fourth of July with Vic and Martha and Viki, the most enviable picnics under the stars in Kannapolis as the symphony played and the wine and laughter flowed. And more than one festival or concert where you would always see Martha and Vic shag dance, moving in unison just as smoothly as they navigated six decades of marriage. All who knew and loved Vic can now lift a glass to a life well-lived, a wife well-loved, a family well-raised, and a mountain of memories left behind that will bring a wealth of smiles, laughter and comfort at the sound of a tinkling of piano keys or the sound of a cork popping.*

*Condolences to Martha, Viki, and the entire West family,
Debi King*

Debra King - March 05, 2021 at 02:22 PM

SW

Thank you Debra. The West Family

Scott West - March 06, 2021 at 12:04 PM

SW

“ *My favorite memory of Mr West is dancing with him at a party in their garage ... I think graduation...and every Christmas candle light service at First Baptist Church loved hearing him playing the piano*



sara messer wilkinson - March 05, 2021 at 12:51 PM

SW

We did too. Thank you Sara. The West Family

Scott West - March 06, 2021 at 12:04 PM

TB

“ Thoughts and prayers to you all. I am so sorry for your loss but what a great testimony of a life well lived.

Tina Davidson Buie



Tina Buie - March 05, 2021 at 12:20 PM

SW

Thank you Tina. The West Family

Scott West - March 06, 2021 at 12:03 PM

KS

“ *Martha, Scott, Russ, Viki and Mark: I am so sad to read this news. Vic West was as much a part of my youth as anyone. My fondest memories were the West Parties at the house and Vic sitting at the piano and laughing at the teens trying to act like adults. His humor was the greatest part of a man with so many great parts. The picture on this page of Vic captures him exactly as he was. A Wry grin and looking like he was up to something. The whole family will be in our prayers. He will be missed greatly.*

Kevin Scruggs - March 05, 2021 at 09:41 AM

AN

*Martha and family,
John and I always enjoyed our time with you both while you were visiting the Harris family on numerous holidays. We always knew that the occasion would be full of fun and laughter with Vic filling the room with adventurous stories about the boat, music and travel. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family. And, I concur with Kevin, Vic will be missed by so many. Ada and John Nicolay*

Ada Nicolay - March 05, 2021 at 12:37 PM

AN

We will have a special toast to Vic while in Charleston.

Ada Nicolay - March 05, 2021 at 12:39 PM

SW

Thanks Kevin, we miss him too. The West Family

Scott West - March 06, 2021 at 12:02 PM

SW

Ada and John, thank you for the kind note. The West Family

Scott West - March 06, 2021 at 12:02 PM

DW

“ *Condolences and blessings the the entire West family. Martha and Vic West have always been solid pillars of Moorssville. Mr. West's passing, to me, is a sad milestone for the town, but what an incredible legacy he leaves.*

David Whitlow - March 05, 2021 at 01:41 AM

SW

Thank you David. The West Family

Scott West - March 06, 2021 at 12:00 PM

 Cathie Williams

“ *So sorry to hear this news. Karl and I so enjoyed the wine tastings at his wine loft in Mooresville. He was a gracious man who loved life and family. Memories of him with Martha and Vickie will always be of having fun, laughing and enjoying life. Cathie and Karl Williams*

Cathie Williams - March 04, 2021 at 08:40 PM

SW

Cathie and Karl--thank you. The West Family

Scott West - March 06, 2021 at 12:00 PM

EE

“ I hate to see this news. As a neighbor for many years, I always loved talking with Martha and Vic, such fun people! All the best Martha and the West family, Eric Estes

Eric Estes - March 04, 2021 at 07:59 PM

JM

“ Joy Mauney lit a candle in memory of Wilford Victor West, III



Joy Mauney - March 04, 2021 at 07:56 PM

JM

I have missed my Sunday morning talks with my buddy. He was such a wonderful man and I loved his humor! It was hard for us to stop talking when the 11o'clock service would start! The music from Heaven is more beautiful, now.

Joy Mauney - March 04, 2021 at 08:00 PM

DW

Condolences and prayers to Martha and family in loss of Vic.

Donald and Gail West - March 05, 2021 at 07:54 AM

DS

“ Vic loved to play the piano, and we would get together sometimes when I lived on Fieldstone Road, to sing and play and entertain Martha!! He was an amazing man and he and Martha were wonderful friends!!

Deborah Szabo - March 04, 2021 at 07:49 PM

SM

“ *Suzanne And Don Markofski lit a candle in memory of Wilford Victor West, III*



Suzanne and Don Markofski - March 04, 2021 at 07:45 PM

CM

“ *We are so saddened to hear of Vic's passing, but am sure he is rendering great music in heaven. We loved hearing him play at Christmas. Our thoughts and prayers and love to you, Martha, and your family.*
Emory and Cynthia McLauri



Cynthia McLaurin - March 04, 2021 at 07:44 PM

KP

“ *So sorry for your loss- keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers 🙏💔🙏*

Karen Rogers Patterson



Karen Rogers Patterson - March 04, 2021 at 07:37 PM

JG

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.*

Jennifer Crawford Gandy

jennifer gandy - March 04, 2021 at 07:24 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. I know he and dad are up in heaven making wonderful music. Mr. Vic was a great man.* ❤️



Brynne Beaver - March 04, 2021 at 06:24 PM

CJ

“ *Cindy Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Wilford Victor West, III*



Cindy Jacobs - March 04, 2021 at 04:41 PM

DT

“ *Sending our deepest condolences. Prayers for the entire West family.*

Donna and Eddie Troutman



Donna Troutman - March 04, 2021 at 12:18 PM