



Donald R. West

April 23, 1954 - July 6, 2014

Donald R. West Sr. was born April 23, 1954 in Bastrop, LA to Irma Lee Peters and the late Oliver West. He was one of fourteen children, two of which preceded him in death. Donald moved to Kalamazoo at a young age, where he graduated from Old Central. Donald received Christ and became a member of Agape' Christian Fellowship Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Nathaniel White Sr. Donald later joined Galilee Baptist Church where he was an active member of the Deacon's Board, the male chorus and was head of maintenance. In 2001, he moved his membership to Way of Life Family Christian Church where he served in many areas, including Armor Bearer for his pastors. Don worked for James Rivers and Hexacom/Pactiv where he ventured off to start his own landscaping business.

Don loved his family and always enjoyed having them in his presence. Don also loved to fish and help anyone in need. Don loved to share his wisdom and was a mentor to many young people. You could always catch Don with a smile on his face. Everyone who was privileged to know him became family to him.

Donald left this life suddenly on Sunday, July 6, 2014 and is now receiving his reward. He was preceded in death by his father, Oliver West; brothers, Willie James Carson and Cedric Dewayne Peters; his special nephews, Reginald West and Brian Peters; his god-parents, the late Nathaniel White, Sylvella

Sibley and George Daniels.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his loving and caring mother, Irma Lee Peters of Bastrop, LA; his five children: daughters, Chestity West, Sharnice West, Demarra (Curtis) Gardner all of Kalamazoo, MI and Deondra West of Chicago, IL; son, Donald (Jasmine) West Jr. of Kalamazoo, MI; his seven grandchildren: Zhanaria West, Da'Vari Jackson West, Quayvion Lampkins, Miracle West, Donald West III, Zane' Gardner and Javarion Boyd all of Kalamazoo, MI; his former wife and childhood sweetheart, Debra West; nine sisters, Dorothy Deyo of Kalamazoo, MI, Effie Peters of Bastrop, LA; Brenda (Al) West Smith of Hamden, CT; Glenda (Elisha) West Hutchinson of Abilene, TX; Angela Peters of Milton, FL; Irma (Michael) Peters Smith; Carol Peters; Linda K. Looney of Dallas, TX and Sharon Peters of Los Angeles, CA; two brothers: Curtis L. Peters Jr. of Los Angeles, CA and John Peters of Bastrop, LA; his fiancée', Teresa Owens; two 'special' children: Montrell Baker and Ari'Rel Baker; godmother, Lillie Daniels; god-daughter, LaShonda (Terrance) Hubbard of Kalamazoo, MI; godson, Tyson (Ayriss) Brown; five god-sisters: Vanessa (Vernon) Coakley, Valerie (Jeff) Boggan, Rebecca (Windel) Smith, Theresa Daniels and Patricia Daniels; two god-brothers: Nate (Kim) White and Calvin (Juanita) Daniels; a special niece, Khiera Matthews of Kalamazoo, MI; two special nephews, Sherrod Matthews and Jemari Matthews both of Kalamazoo, MI; two special friends, Charles (JoAnn) Bradford of Bastrop, LA and Less Owens of Kalamazoo, MI; mother-in-law, Annette Matthews; and a host of sister-in-laws, brother-in-laws, nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

JUL 18. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

A Service in Loving Memory

JUL 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald R. West*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Donald R. West*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Emily Whyte lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West*



Emily Whyte - May 31, 2015 at 10:06 PM



“ *I just heard about Don sorry for your loss. A good friend we worked together at James Rivers. I am praying for the family.*

Joseph Bolden Jr. - July 24, 2014 at 03:19 AM



“ *Raised me like ah men is suppose to Love My Father Dearly .
#SeeYouInParidise*

Donald Ray West , Jr - July 23, 2014 at 03:07 AM

DE

“ *Kay and Dot*
So sorry to hear of Don's passing. May you find comfort in your faith and the memories you shared.
Dee

Dee - July 20, 2014 at 06:31 PM

DJ

“ *Loved my pops fa real . Fathers are not Fathers because of blood there fathers because of the effort patience and love that they put into being a Father .*

Donald Ray West , Jr - July 19, 2014 at 08:29 PM

CJ

“ *The Carolyn Jackson family in North Carolina sends our condolences to the West family. You will continue to be included in our prayers and heartfelt thoughts; we pray that Jehovah God brings you comfort, peace and understanding. We are truly sorry for your loss.*



Carolyn Jackson - July 18, 2014 at 07:38 PM



“ *Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West*



Karest Willis-Brown - July 17, 2014 at 09:12 PM

GR

“ Don this is Gerald. U were a uncle to me before u were an uncle to me. I know the advice u gave me as a youth has helped me to stay out of trouble, jail and will keep me from going to ----. Thank you brother. Say hi to everyone and I will see y'all someday. And to the rest of the family... stay close, we all we got. God bless. Gerald Robinson.

Gerald Robinson - July 17, 2014 at 07:59 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Bradford and Family



Dorothy Campbell Bradford - July 17, 2014 at 07:05 PM

NB

“ Nancy Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West



Nancy Buchanan - July 17, 2014 at 06:22 PM

NB

Praying for the family.

*Loving Regards,
J.D. Winfield and family*

Nancy Buchanan - July 17, 2014 at 06:25 PM

SC

“ It is with great sadness to hear of the loss of Brother West, God bless the family and comfort them at this most difficult time. Stanley and Sherry Coffey-Ezell

sherry coffey-ezell - July 17, 2014 at 01:33 PM

SC

“ Sherry Coffey-ezell lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West



sherry coffey-ezell - July 17, 2014 at 01:32 PM

TF

“ The Mitchell Family lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West



The Mitchell Family - July 17, 2014 at 07:30 AM

TF

Our Prayers are with the Family. The Mitchell Family

The Mitchell Family - July 17, 2014 at 07:31 AM

AW

“ To the family of Donald West you are in our prayers. Don will be greatly missed.

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Archie Williams and family

Archie Williams - July 17, 2014 at 04:37 AM

TM

“ I will always keep you in my heart. I've had you as my brother all my life and there has never been another like you. You always showed me me to walk away from unnecessary things and was always there with a smile and positive message. God has taken you home to continue your work and you will be missed. I love you always and forever. Theresa Matthews Your sister always

Theresa Matthews - July 17, 2014 at 04:36 AM

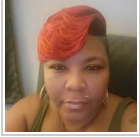
CJ

“ Prayers go out to the West family & Matthew family ! You will be truly missed and so loved.... Cherished memories.. And share a beautiful daughter. Who so loved her daddy....

Carol Hollimon Johnson

Psalm 23...

Carol Hollimon Johnson - July 17, 2014 at 02:34 AM



“ DAD MY YOU R.I.PARADISE, YOU PLAYED A BIG PART IN MY LIFE FOR THE PAST 35YRZ & JUST KNOW I WILL TAKE HEAVE TO EVERYTHING YOU EVER TAUGHT ME.....I LOVE YOU & WILL MISS YOU DEARLY, JUST KNOW I'M GLAD YOU GOT TO SEE ME GET MARRIED LAST YEAR MAKE SURE YOU TELL MY PARENTS I MADE A BEAUTIFUL BRIDE, UNTIL I JOIN Y'ALL LOVE Y'ALL.....

MzShanda Hubbard - July 17, 2014 at 01:40 AM

LC

“ GOD Bless



Lucy Cruz-Jackson - July 16, 2014 at 09:21 PM

EF

“ Earline Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald R. West



Earline Fields and Family - July 16, 2014 at 09:21 PM

MR

“ Maxine McMillon Roberts lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West



Maxine McMillon Roberts - July 16, 2014 at 07:28 PM

LS

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald West.....GREAT guy & WONDERFUL FRIEND.*
Larry Scott

Larry Scott - July 16, 2014 at 06:23 PM

HF

“ *to the family of Donald West, remember that God is always there when you need him. look to God and draw strength from him. the battle is not yours it is the lord's.*



Hill family - July 16, 2014 at 01:00 PM


Caneka
Yarbrough

“ *Prayers going out to the west family*

Caneka Yarbrough - July 16, 2014 at 09:58 AM

LC

“ *Lillie Cotton lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West*



Lillie Cotton - July 16, 2014 at 08:12 AM

RW

“ *Royetta Fry-Walker lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West*

Royetta Walker - July 15, 2014 at 07:56 PM

RW

“ Royetta Fry-Walker lit a candle for Donald West

Royetta Walker - July 15, 2014 at 07:46 PM

JC

“ Jonni Cummins lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West



Jonni Cummins - July 15, 2014 at 11:34 AM

LT

“ Lolita Thomas

Lolita Thomas - July 15, 2014 at 09:44 AM

CS

“ Carmen Steward sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald R. West



Carmen Steward - July 15, 2014 at 06:57 AM

CS

May the peace of the Lord rest upon the family in their time of need.

Carmen Steward - July 15, 2014 at 06:58 AM



“ *Carmen Clark-Steward lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West*



Carmen Clark-Steward - July 15, 2014 at 06:55 AM



“ *PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West*



PATTERSON FAMILY - July 15, 2014 at 06:51 AM



“ *Don you will be missed*

Blackirish Hubbard - July 14, 2014 at 11:20 PM



“ *Saying a prayer for the west family n mostly my dear friend/ sister CHESTITY love u all*

Caneka Yarbrough - July 14, 2014 at 08:12 PM



“ *Hazel Tellis lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West*



Hazel Tellis - July 14, 2014 at 07:24 PM

AS

“ *Alma Snell lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West*



Alma Snell - July 14, 2014 at 05:31 PM



“ *Sending heart felt sympathy to the West Family. Don was so loved by everyone , I am so sadden to hear this. He was another family member to the Fry Family in Battle Creek. May God bless you and keep you all in this time of sorrow.*

*The Fry Family
Battle Creek/Atlanta Ga*

Donna Fry-Brown - July 14, 2014 at 02:28 PM

MA

“ *Mother Mary Walker & Abbott's lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West*



Mother Mary Walker & Abbott's - July 14, 2014 at 01:22 PM

GF

“ *GEORGIA WILLIAMS & THE WILLIAMS FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West*



GEORGIA WILLIAMS & THE WILLIAMS FAMILY - July 14, 2014 at 10:52 AM

LL

“ Remembering you from childhood. Will keep your family in my prayers. To God be the Glory.



Lois King(Thomas), formly of Bastrop, La - July 14, 2014 at 10:34 AM

FF

“ Frank & Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West



Frank & Betty Ford - July 14, 2014 at 08:38 AM

PS

“ PERCY&CINDY SMITH lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West



PERCY&CINDY SMITH - July 14, 2014 at 07:38 AM

GS

“ May God be with the West family!

Gwendolyn Smith - July 13, 2014 at 09:05 PM

GS

“ Gwendolyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West



Gwendolyn Smith - July 13, 2014 at 08:52 PM

DS

“ My condolance to the family of Don West

denise sheppard - July 13, 2014 at 08:38 PM

AB

“ Arlene Buchanan sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald R. West



Arlene Buchanan - July 13, 2014 at 05:10 AM

MW

“ Merita Wilson lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West



Merita Wilson - July 13, 2014 at 01:00 AM

JE

“ *JoAnn Embrey lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West*



JoAnn Embrey - July 12, 2014 at 06:46 PM

MR

“ *Maxine McMillon Roberts lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West*



Maxine McMillon Roberts - July 12, 2014 at 04:15 PM

DJ

“ *Deacon William A. & Sis. Laverne Jones lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West*



Deacon William A. & Sis. Laverne Jones - July 12, 2014 at 12:22 PM

RL

“ *Ramona Seaberry Lumpkin lit a candle in memory of Donald R. West*



Ramona Seaberry Lumpkin - July 12, 2014 at 11:20 AM

RL

May God give you the strength and peace you need at this time, my prayers are with you all, He will be missed greatly by me.

Ramona Seaberry Lumpkin - July 12, 2014 at 11:22 AM

RJ

I'm sorry I'm late! Don and I were a lot a like, good people in the streets trying 2 have some money, not hurting people or going 2 JAIL! Robert Essix Jr. & my Family. ONE LOVE...

Robert Essix Jr. - June 26, 2015 at 10:05 PM