



Walter Truman West Jr.

September 25, 1930 - August 26, 2017

Mr. Walter Truman West, Jr., 86 left his temporary home in New Bern, NC for his eternal home in Heaven on August 26, 2017 after an extended illness. Born in Myrtle Beach, SC on September 25, 1930, Walter was the eldest of the late Walter Truman West, Sr. and Lula Jane Watts' seven children. He was a member of the last class to graduate from Socastee High School with only eleven grades. He attended a semester at Columbia Business College in Columbia, SC before returning home to help his family.

Walter married his lifelong family friend and high school sweetheart, Joanne Sarvis, on July 16, 1950 at Sweetwater Branch Baptist Church in Conway, SC. Joanne supported him throughout his 20 year career in the United States Air Force where he retired as a Special Agent for the Office of Special Investigations. Walter's family spent their final seven years in the service at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, TX. They left a piece of their hearts in San Angelo to return to their large families in Myrtle Beach, where Walter worked for 20 more years before retiring (again) as a Loan Officer/Vice President from Coastal Federal Savings Bank.

During his careers and especially after retirement, Walter devoted much of his time to serving his Lord by serving those in his church families as a Sunday School teacher, Deacon and in other areas as needed, beginning with Park Heights Baptist in San Angelo and finally with Forestbrook Baptist in Myrtle Beach.

He is survived by his children, Sonja Joanne West Barbarich (Stan) of

Sausalito, CA, Walter "Walt" Truman West, III (Sylvia) of Myrtle Beach, and Nannette West Gaylord (Graham) of New Bern, NC; two grandsons, Robert Anthony "Tony" West and Patrick Graham Gaylord; two granddaughters, Kiersten Joanne Gaylord Baumgardner (Seth) and Carinna Keli Gaylord; four great-grandsons, Nick Hayes of VA, Wade, Donovan and Simon West, all of Myrtle Beach; brothers, Donald Wayne West, Sr. (Katherine) of Conway and Thomas Earl "Tommy" West (Annice) of Myrtle Beach; sisters-in-law, Jane Sarvis Ammons of Linville, NC, Lindy Sarvis Bryan of Charleston, SC, and Sandra Herring West of Myrtle Beach; brother-in-law Samuel "Sammy" Sarvis (Marge) of Lehigh Acres, FL, and many loving nieces and nephews.

Walter was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Joanne Sarvis West; granddaughter, Ginger Lynn West Hayes; and four siblings, Sarah Lou West Duncan, Agnes Hazeltine West Clardy, Franklin Eugene West and Joseph Randall West, Sr.

A funeral service will be held at Forestbrook Baptist Church on Wednesday, August 30 at 1:00PM, officiated by Dr. Randal E. Helms, Dr. Freddie M. Young, and Dr. Gene S. Ammons. Burial with military honors will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, from 5:00PM-7:00PM on Tuesday, August 29, 2017. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Craven County Hospice, Craven County Health Department Foundation, P.O. Drawer 12610, New Bern, NC 28561.

Please sign the online guest register at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, is serving the family.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 347-4909
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home
606-610 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 248-4211
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

Forestbrook Baptist Church
2051 Forestbrook Rd
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
(843) 236-2224

Tribute Wall

BT

“ Our condolences to the West family. He and Joanne were friends with our family for many years.

Bob and Shirley Tarte - August 30, 2017 at 05:20 PM

DF

“ David & Michelle McDowell & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Walter Truman West Jr.



David & Michelle McDowell & Family - August 30, 2017 at 09:38 AM

DF

John 11:25: JESUS said.. I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in ME, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Praise GOD Mr. Walt is celebrating his "NEW LIFE" with our FATHER, Ms. Joanne, Ginger and many other family and friends. Love & prayers.

David & Michelle McDowell & Family - August 30, 2017 at 09:49 AM

SC

“ Nannette, to you and all of Mr. Walters family, I send my deepest sympathy. Your family was so special to me at Langston. Didn't know your Mom had passed, so I am saddened, but still I rejoice in their heavenly home going. Your Dad reminded me so much of my Daddy, making every remembrance of both so special! God bless you always! Shirley Cribb

Shirley Cribb - August 29, 2017 at 08:55 PM

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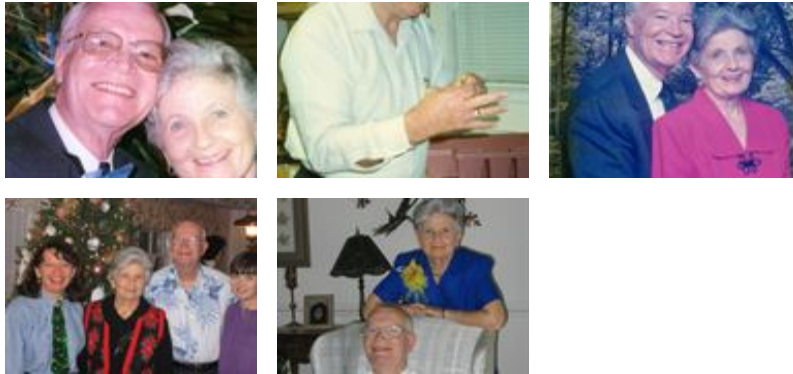
“ Nannette, we have been friends since grade school- I adored your parents. I am praying for you and your family during this time. I know your Mom was waiting just inside the gate to greet him. Memories help us to smile through the tears. God bless you! You are loved



Tracy Currie Todd - August 29, 2017 at 02:17 PM



“ 60 files added to the album LifeTributes



Goldfinch Funeral Home - August 29, 2017 at 12:23 PM

BM

“ Belinda Mills lit a candle in memory of Walter Truman West Jr.



Belinda Mills - August 29, 2017 at 10:12 AM

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“ Thanks for your service Airman !!!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps



Wayne Williams - USMC - August 29, 2017 at 10:00 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family
of Walter Truman West Jr..



August 28, 2017 at 11:12 PM



“ Garden Cross was purchased for the family of
Walter Truman West Jr..



August 28, 2017 at 09:50 PM

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“ Lois Rogers lit a candle in memory of Walter
Truman West Jr.



Lois Rogers - August 28, 2017 at 09:45 PM

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“Walter was such a kind, lovely man. We met him when our family members, Bill and Maxine Shea, joined Forestbrook Baptist after they retired and moved to Myrtle Beach. Walter was their deacon, a frequent visitor to their home offering support and encouragement. He was a true and godly servant, a bright reflection of Christ's love and care. Our hearts are with you all. George and Mauna Shea

George and Mauna Shea - August 28, 2017 at 07:50 PM