



James Vernon West Sr.

February 20, 1935 - October 13, 2015

James Vernon West, Sr. 80, of St. Louis was born in Dundee, Mississippi to the late Louis West, Sr. and Carrie Mae West. He was the first of thirteen children preceding him in death were Eugene West, Louis West and Johnny West. He was employed as a Doorman at Hanley Towers. He leaves to cherish precious memories three children Stanley (Janice) Bozeman, James V. West, Jr., and Vanessa (Marcellus) Speight; siblings Jean (Bennie) Meeks, Christine Valiant, Marilyn (Lionel) Anderson, Carolyn (Naim) Sharrieff, Anderson West, Richard (Arnita) West, Larry (JoAnn) West, and Jimmie West; grandchildren Sherika West, Takisha Strong, Rashonda Bozeman, Staron (Katrina) Bozeman, Raecheal Handson, and Gabrielle (Mark) Cooley; great grandchildren Kayla Bozeman, Dominic Bozeman, Mark Cooley, Jr and Maliyah Lane, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Lake Charles Park Cemetery

7775 St. Charles Rock Road
St. Louis, MO 63114

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Archway Memorial Chapel
111 Taylor Road
Hazelwood, MO 63042
(314) 895-3900
info@archwaychapel.com

Funeral Services

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BA

“ *Mr. West was firm in his faith, warm in his friendship, honest in his dealings, kind in his charity -- and in every way a gentleman. We loved him, and we miss him.*

Barbara and Ernie Adelman - October 23, 2015 at 06:14 AM

EF

“ *Oh goodness Mr. James, you were a gem! We were residents at Hanley Towers and were always greeted with a smile, a kiss on the cheek and some lovely sentiment. We have missed you. Your love of family, music and dancing is something we are honored to know about you. (Enjoyed your bartending skills as well.) May you rest in peace and may your family have peace knowing you touched so many lives.*

David, Erin & Madeira Fernandes

erin fernandes - October 23, 2015 at 12:07 AM

JS

“ *Every time I saw Mr. James was a treat. He would flash his bright smile and greet me as if I was a long lost friend. Regardless of my mood or the quality of my day, his spirit brightened my day and I always walked away better than I was before. He is one of a kind and I am lucky to have had the privilege of knowing him. He blessed everyone lucky enough to cross his path. He is dearly missed.*

*Sincerely,
Jill Schmalz*

Jill Schmalz - October 21, 2015 at 08:52 PM



“ I remember meeting Mr. James when I moved into Hanley Towers 4 years ago. He quickly introduced me to everyone coming into the building which made me feel welcomed and at home. His kindness and sweet disposition were his trademark and what I will miss most since he is no longer at my home's door. He was a great man and friend!

My sincere condolences to his loving family. He spoke of you often and I know how important you were to him.

Mary Schmalz

Mary Schmalz - October 20, 2015 at 06:46 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Vernon West Sr..



October 20, 2015 at 05:34 PM



“ Ronnie Love lit a candle in memory of James Vernon West Sr.



Ronnie Love - October 19, 2015 at 01:55 PM



RIP Uncle Red. A Yellow candle in your recognition-Dr. Veronica West/Sister Christine Valiant and Family

Ronnie Love - October 19, 2015 at 01:56 PM

LH

“ James brought smiles to the faces of so many who passed through the doors of Hanley Towers. He was the first person I met when I came here. I loved to chat with him and appreciated his sage wisdom. I had hoped that he would get to return for a last hurrah and send off. He will be missed by those of us who had the pleasure of knowing him. RIP, Mr. West.

Lana Hagan - October 18, 2015 at 09:11 AM

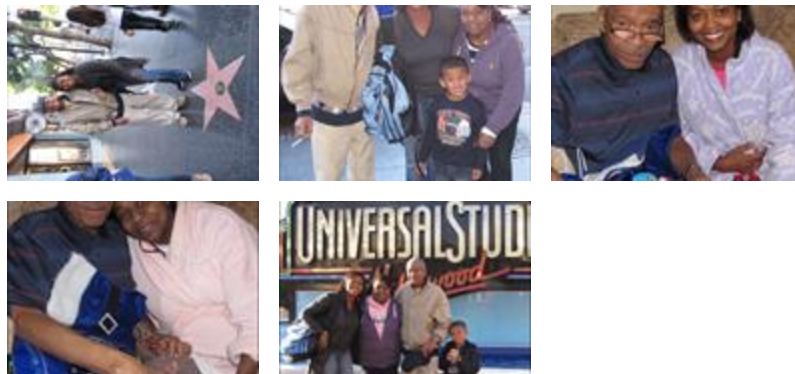
DW

“ My Uncle Red was a leader , out going , took care of his younger siblings with the ultimate Care!! He was the patriarch of our family ..

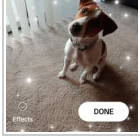
He Loved California , God , baseball, music and his family most! we loved you back and I'm so glad I shared a special bound with him and miss him dearly! He was so proud and would cal me niece Docotr!! Lol

Your niece

Dr Veronica West



Dr. Veronica West,LMFT - October 17, 2015 at 11:46 AM



“ *I miss my Dad and his smile. He was a good man and very kind to all who encountered him he touched so many lives. I was so blessed to have such a wonderful person as my father. I want everyone to remember the smiley face and most of all my Dad always being the life of the party. My Dad was the party. I am so happy to know he's gone home to be with our Lord I know he is Heaven still being the life of the party. I picture him dancing with wings he's probably really dangerous now. R.I.P. Papa. I Love You*



Vanessa Speight - October 16, 2015 at 12:05 PM

DL

“ *We die. That may be the meaning of life. But we do language. That may be the measure of our lives. - Toni Morrison*

RIP Uncle Red your language and presence was the epitome of humility!

DeMarcus Lewis - October 15, 2015 at 08:32 PM

LW

“ *My Uncle Red was indeed one of the strongest and most sincere people Ive ever known! His genuine spirit and that amazing smile will never be forgotten. My heart goes out to my cousins Vanessa, James & Stan. Thank you for sharing such a sweet and gentle spirit with us all. May God bless and keep you in your time of sorrow <3 Rest in Heaven Uncle Red I LOVE YOU!*

*DeLia West
(your Lily)*

Lia West - October 15, 2015 at 05:28 PM

LR

“ *Red*

*To his brothers, sisters along with his children. To me, Red was more than my wife Angela's uncle or the life of every patty and family gathering that turned into a party; more than the nimble dancer that his much younger nieces tried but never could out last on the dance floor; more than a music historian that you could always call with just a few line of of song and would instantly tell you the name of the tune who all recorded it and what year it was released. To me he was a great example of how life should be enjoyed as we live through the fall of our existence as men of color. To me he will always be an example of how to deal with the certainty of the winter of our life. To me, Red was a MENTOR that we love deeply
So I say thank you Uncle Red*



Larry Reed - October 15, 2015 at 06:34 AM

KC

“ *Ken And Archway Chapel lit a candle in memory of James Vernon West Sr.*



Ken and Archway Chapel - October 14, 2015 at 01:25 PM