



Melinda G. West

July 16, 1958 - March 23, 2015

Melinda Griffin West, 56, loving wife and mother, passed away on Monday, March 23, 2015 at her home.

Born in Greenville County, on July 16, 1958, she was the daughter of the late William Ray "W.R." and Bonnie Lee Griffin. Melinda was a member of Brushy Creek Baptist Church. She was the founder and director of Camp Luv-A-Lung, a camp for children with lung diseases. Melinda was a graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina, and was a respiratory therapist, employed by the Greenville Health System for over 35 years.

Surviving are her husband of 34 years, Don West; three sons, Austin Lynn West, Christopher Chase West and Nickolas Griffin West; a sister, Gail Braziel (Jim) and two brothers, Ray Griffin (Debra) and Mark Taylor.

Along with her parents, Melinda was predeceased by a daughter, Carlee Alexis West.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 29, 2015 at 3 p.m. at The Howze Mortuary Chapel with visitation prior from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to the GHS Cystic Fibrosis fund at Office of Philanthropy and Partnership, 300 E. McBee Ave., Suite 503, Greenville, SC 29601.

Cemetery Details

Private Burial

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Service

MAR 29. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ The last time I saw Melinda was shortly after Carlee Alexis was born. We cried together as I reminisced the pain of burying a child. I never forgot that evening. She was working on the pediatric wing of GHS. I was doing volunteer hospice with a 3 year old. I remembered Carlee's birthday many years and said a special for Melinda and family. I am so sorry for your loss. It is very rare to meet a person so beautiful on the outside and on the inside. Melinda has left heart prints on most of the people who knew her loved her. I'm praying for strength for the West family. James Splawn, Spartanburg, SC

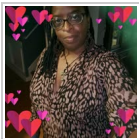


James Splawn - April 07, 2015 at 11:24 PM

IM

“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of Melinda. I will never forget what a wonderful, intelligent, kind, and warm person she was. I will be praying for courage and strength for her family.

iris m. - March 31, 2015 at 09:12 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. Melinda was a sweet, kind and funny friend. She will be dearly missed. Rest in peace sweet friend.

Stacey Knight - March 28, 2015 at 04:57 PM

 Becky
Pace

“ *My prayers and thoughts to Don ,Austin,
Chase and Nick. Melinda will be missed by so
many. She was one of a kind. We had lots of
fun summers together when we were young.
I'm going to miss our long talks and especially
the sweet laughter. I Love You Melinda and you will always be my
best friend.*

Becky Raines Pace



Becky Pace - March 28, 2015 at 04:51 PM

LB

“ *We have lost a great lady Melinda you will
allways be remembered .Your family is in my
prayers .*



Lee Beauchemin - March 28, 2015 at 09:48 AM

 Sandie
Smith

“ *I'm so sorry for your family Melinda was such
a wonderful woman, always kind and helpful
to everyone. I am so honored I met her,
worked with her and considered her a friend.
A true lady, beautiful inside and out*

Sandie Smith



Sandie Smith - March 27, 2015 at 06:26 PM

JA

“ *Melinda, was the sweetest , dearest, most loving ,carrying friend. She will be missed terribly. My thoughts and prayers to Don, Austin , Chase and Nick.. Love to you all.*



julie alexander - March 27, 2015 at 06:14 PM

LS

“ *Sorry for your loss. Praying for the family.*

*Lisa sloan
Furman university*

lisa sloan - March 27, 2015 at 05:09 AM

LK

“ *Lisa Kurta lit a candle in memory of Melinda G. West*



lisa kurta - March 26, 2015 at 09:24 PM

GB

“ *I knew Melinda from high school and remember her cheering and being so popular , she was a beautiful girl She was a very sweet and kind person then and it sounds like she remained that way through her life. I know you all will miss her so much and I will be praying for you all and the only peace we can have is knowing we will see her in Heaven one day. Gerri Pace Burns*

Gerri Burns - March 26, 2015 at 08:13 PM



“ *Diane Floyd lit a candle in memory of Melinda G. West*



Diane Floyd - March 26, 2015 at 07:12 PM



“ *Melinda touched the hearts of many with her caring and empathy. She always had a good word and stood above the fray. The people who's path she crossed will forever be a little bit better for knowing her. Prayers for her family.*

Tony Maddonna - March 26, 2015 at 07:02 PM



“ *Don, Austin, Chase, and Nick heaven has a beautiful angel now. I will miss Melinda sooo much. She was a true friend.*

Pam Gaillard

Pam Gaillard - March 26, 2015 at 06:04 PM

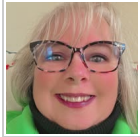


“ *Don,*

My prayer is strength and togetherness for your family. Please lean not to your own understanding, but always trust in God and rely on His wisdom and love.

*Gerlinda E. Witcher
Westside HS Class of 1974*

Gerlinda E. Witcher - March 26, 2015 at 09:32 AM



“ Prayers for Melinda's family. She was a great lady who will not be forgotten.



Nancy Lance - March 25, 2015 at 10:06 PM

LC

“ Melinda was a special person-always smiling and upbeat, especially each summer at Camp Luv A Lung. That is her legacy in this world.



Lisa Conry - March 25, 2015 at 08:42 PM

CC

“ I worked in ICU and remember how sweet and caring Mylinda was. What I didn't know was her legacy she leaves behind. It seems so unfair to loose her so young. I know she is in a beautiful place where children are free of illness and they all are with the Lord.

Cindy Caruso - March 25, 2015 at 08:36 PM

CF

“ I sure will miss Melinda. She was eternally cheerful, fun and a wonderful person. Melinda truly loved being a Respiratory Therapist and was passionate about her profession. She made a difference in many lives.

Cindy Farmer - March 25, 2015 at 07:45 PM

CF

“ *Cindy Farmer lit a candle in memory of Melinda G. West*



Cindy Farmer - March 25, 2015 at 07:40 PM

AA

“ *Dear Family
Please know you are in our prayers at this time. I am a friend of Gail and Jim, I know Melinda will be missed. We have the assurance we will see our loved ones again one day soon..
Annie Anderson*



Annie Anderson - March 25, 2015 at 07:16 PM


Peachie Buzbee

“ *Peachie Buzbee lit a candle in memory of Melinda G. West*



Peachie Buzbee - March 25, 2015 at 03:14 PM

Wanda
Bonham

“ Don....so sorry for your loss. Melinda will forever be remembered as a kind, loving soul & a great advocate for children. Such a shame to lose her so soon, but I hope you find peace in knowing that she is pain free & whole again. My prayer are with you & your boys in this very difficult time.



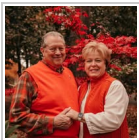
Wanda Bonham - March 25, 2015 at 02:23 PM

BC

“ Betty Campbell lit a candle in memory of Melinda G. West

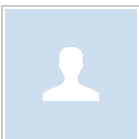


Betty campbell - March 25, 2015 at 01:47 PM



“ Don, I'm so sorry for your loss. I pray that God will be with you and your boys during this very difficult time.
Beth Mullinax Chapman

Beth Chapman - March 25, 2015 at 01:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melinda G. West.



March 25, 2015 at 12:38 PM

DL

“ *Dan Long lit a candle in memory of Melinda G. West*



Dan Long - March 25, 2015 at 11:44 AM

SS

“ *Don, So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Steve and Sylvia Speares*



Steve Speares - March 25, 2015 at 10:57 AM

JK

“ *Melinda always made me laugh! Even now when I think of her, she puts a smile on my face. I will miss her dearly! We have all lost a very special person! My thoughts and prayers are with you and the boys during this difficult time.*

Jane Kirkland - March 25, 2015 at 10:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melinda G. West.*



March 25, 2015 at 10:02 AM

DL

“ Truly a great loss to all who had the pleasure to know her. My deepest sympathies to the incredible men of her life.

Donna Lyerly - March 25, 2015 at 09:58 AM

RM

“ It was a pleasure to work and be associated professionally with Melinda. Her enthusiasm and perpetual cheerfulness will be sorely missed by those of us who worked with her.

Robert McLean - March 25, 2015 at 09:37 AM

TI

“ Tina lit a candle in memory of Melinda G. West



Tina - March 25, 2015 at 08:36 AM

LB

“ Melinda you will be missed by many. You were a great friend to me you touch many lives you have left a lasting memory on this earth. I know you are in Heaven with your baby girl Carlee and your Mother. I pray for Don and your Sons as they go on with their lives that God will guide them and give them the strength to go on. REST IN PEACE MY DEAR FRIEND MELINDA

Lee Beauchemin - March 25, 2015 at 06:21 AM

KR

“ DON OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND THE BOYSWEVE ALL LOST SUCH A SPECIAL PERSON ...WE DONT NEED TO REMEMBER HER BEING SICK OR GONE FROM THIS EARTH ,BUT WE NEED TO THINK OF ALL THE GOOD TIMES WE HAVE SHARED WITH MELINDA THE LAUGHS &THE LOVE SHE SHARED WITH US ALL

KAREN RAINES - March 25, 2015 at 04:25 AM

BG

“ *May Melinda's memory be Eternal and we hope God will grant the family Peace at this sad time. May the Angels lead her Into paradise.*

Barbara Gregory - March 24, 2015 at 10:55 PM

SE

“ *Sarah Beth Eaton lit a candle in memory of Melinda G. West*



Sarah Beth Eaton - March 24, 2015 at 09:54 PM