



## Franklin Ray "Frank" West

January 30, 1938 - September 19, 2019

Mr. Franklin "Frank" Ray West, 81, died on Thursday, September 19, 2019, at Wake Forest Baptist Health after a 10-month battle with cancer.

Frank was born in Altavista, VA, on January 30, 1938, to John Willard and Ada Elizabeth Arthur West. He grew up in Virginia, and furthered his education by obtaining his Associates Degree in Business from Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, GA. After graduating he returned to Virginia to start his sales career with Lane Furniture. During his time in Virginia he met and married Susan, the love of his life and they started a family. Frank and Susan attended Central Baptist Church in Altavista until moving to North Carolina in 1979, when they joined Calvary Baptist Church. Upon moving to North Carolina, Frank continued his career as a salesman with Modern Automotive. He was a genuine auto enthusiast with an extensive knowledge of cars. Frank also enjoyed golfing, playing the trumpet, and singing with the church choir. He was very musically talented and was asked to perform at many weddings and events. Frank got along with everyone, was very personable, and loved by all. He will be dearly missed.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Rudolph West; and two sisters, Clara Clay and Helen Shelton.

Surviving are his loving wife of 52 years, Susan Oakes West of Winston-

Salem, NC; son, Scott West of Boston, MA; grandsons, Kenneth West and Thomas West of Boston, MA; brother-in-law, Tony Oakes, of Lynch Station, VA; special niece, Dorinda Scruggs of Hurt, VA; special nephew, John Beverly West of Atlanta, GA; many more nieces and nephews; a loving church family, and a host of cherished friends.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September, 27, 2019, at Green Hill Cemetery in Altavista, VA.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 10 Glenlake Pkwy NE South Tower Suite 400, Atlanta, GA 30328 or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Hill Cemetery

300 Westwood Drive  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CF

“ Susan, i am so sorry to hear of Frank's death. Carl and I were good friends of your parents. My deepest sympathy. Cecile Farmer

Cecile Farmer - October 03, 2019 at 02:44 PM

RT

“ Susan and family.  
So sorry for your loss. May your memories comfort you. Blessings.

Regenia Tweedy - September 28, 2019 at 12:22 PM

DR

“ Darlene Billy Robertson lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ray "Frank" West



Darlene Billy Robertson - September 27, 2019 at 08:23 AM

BG

“ Susan and family. We are so sorry for your loss and pray that God will comfort you in this time of sorrow. I remember Frank so well from the First PH Church in Altavista where he played trumpet many times and was so musically talented. Such a nice kind and soft spoken man. I know he will be missed.



Betty & Bill Gillespie - September 26, 2019 at 06:16 PM

AF

“ *Anita Freeman-phillips lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ray "Frank" West*



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**anita freeman-phillips** - September 25, 2019 at 02:40 PM

PM

“ *Patti Morton lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ray "Frank" West*



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**Patti Morton** - September 25, 2019 at 09:13 AM

ME

“ *Sorry for your loss Susan. You all are in my thoughts & prayers at this time.*

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**Mary Yeatts Edmonds** - September 24, 2019 at 08:49 PM

ME

“ *Mary Yeatts Edmonds lit a candle in memory of Franklin Ray "Frank" West*



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**Mary Yeatts Edmonds** - September 24, 2019 at 08:48 PM

JW

“ *May your precious memories of Frank bring you comfort.  
With sincere sympathy,  
Ruth Rice and Janet West*

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**Janet West** - September 24, 2019 at 05:39 PM

AK

“ *Thoughts & Prayers for Susan and the Family  
& Friends.  
Class of 1958-Altavista High  
Alice Faye Krantz Keesee*



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**Alice K Keesee** - September 24, 2019 at 03:33 PM

NR

“ *Nancy Roark sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Franklin Ray "Frank" West*



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**Nancy Roark** - September 24, 2019 at 01:14 PM

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*I so enjoyed our days in the AltaVista High School Band. Frank was a great trumpet player and I see from his Obituary, he continued with his talents. RIP Frank!*

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**Nancy Roark** - September 24, 2019 at 01:17 PM