



John Beverly West

February 26, 2026

The inward dweller of John Beverly "Bev" West, of Lisbon, Portugal, and formerly of Altavista, Virginia, reunited with the universal consciousness on February 26, 2026.

He is survived by his son, Christian B. West of Lynchburg, Virginia; his daughter, Stacey M. Allcorn (Nathan Allcorn) his cherished grandchildren- Emilie, Charis, Helen, Isaac of W. York, Illinois, and his brother Courtney S. West, and Courtney's husband, Adam S. Bobrow, of Lisbon, Portugal.

His life partner and love Marcia Ballariny of Lisbon, Portugal provided unconditional love and care until his very last breath. She made his final days more comfortable and peaceful. Through good and bad times, they are bound by love throughout eternity.

Bev was deeply appreciative of the friendship, kindness, and guidance of the many family members, friends, colleagues, and mentors who shaped his personal and professional life. Among the advice that stayed with him always was a simple directive from Robert L. Byrd: "If you tell someone you are going to do something, do it." This became his personal credo, one he shared generously with others throughout his journey.

He enjoyed a lifelong and unbreakable friendship with Terry J. Arthur, a bond

strengthened by fate and their shared Taylor family roots. Their adventures-whether in Altavista, at Virginia Tech, or in countless places beyond-were legendary. Terry's wife, Diane, often reminded Bev with affection, "We know you are crazy and love you anyway."

Bev held special gratitude for the doctors, nurses, and staff of the Champalimaud Foundation and Hospital da Luz whose professionalism and compassion provided him with what he believed to be the finest medical care in the world.

He asked that a paraphrase of a famous soliloquy be included in remembrance:

"I've seen and done things most people only dream of. All those moments will be lost in time, like tears in rain."

At his request, there will be no memorial service. His ashes will be scattered in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of his beloved adopted home of Portugal. He was always most at home in and beneath the sea, and his return there was his final wish.

Those who wish to honor Bev in a special way may make a contribution to the Kidney Cancer Foundation (KCA).

Farewell to everyone who made his life better and worthwhile.

Tribute Wall

SW

“ *Stan, Adam, Stacey and Brad*
I was so sorry to hear of Bev's death. I spoke with him last April and continued to touch base with him until about a week before his death. I know he suffered a lot. It's hard to lose a loved one but his suffering is over. Please accept my condolences to you all. Susan

Susan West - March 02 at 10:21 AM

JM

“ *JoAnn Martin lit a candle in memory of John West*



JoAnn Martin - February 28 at 09:11 AM

PV

“ *Paul VanKerckhove lit a candle in memory of John West*



Paul VanKerckhove - February 28 at 08:07 AM

JB

“ *Had'nt been in touch with Bev for quite some time, but have some fond memories of our school days. Will think of him often!*

Jerry Barnard - February 27 at 08:30 PM

TF

“ We (Terry A., Keith F., Flip R., Terry F., & Bev) had some great times and memories in college and at Night Gallery.

Terry F. - February 27 at 05:19 PM

DR

I will always remember Bev (and his crew) with a smile on my face and with many fond memories. Rest well, Bev.
Donna Reynolds

Donna Reynolds - February 27 at 07:15 PM

MR

Bev was always an entertaining and interesting guy. I haven't seen him in years but had great times with him back in the day. He was a unique, full of life and energetic man. Rest in piece big guy. Mitchell Reaves

Mitchell Reaves - February 28 at 08:27 AM

CP

Bev and his family were dear next door neighbors when I was a child living in Altavista. I have some good memories of those days. We moved, we grew up, and we lost touch. I am so glad he had such a good life. ❤️

Cynthia Rice Peterman - February 28 at 10:29 AM

AN

Karen.

Anonymous - April 11 at 03:49 PM

MF

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Marguerite Finch - April 23 at 04:08 PM