



William George "Buddy" Westcott

June 17, 2020

William George Westcott passed away quietly in the night at the age of sixty-nine, on June 16th, 2020, due to complications from diabetes. William was born January 9th, 1951, in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He was the fourth of five children born to Ed and Esther Westcott, who preceded him in death. He worked for many years as a dutiful employee at Walmart in Oak Ridge.

His warm smile came easily and his kindness was contagious; he never met a stranger. As a native Oak Ridger, William could spin long, colorful yarns about local lore that would leave you wondering what was true. He knew a great deal about Oak Ridge having seen his father, Ed Westcott document so much about Oak Ridge history through photography. An enthusiastic learner of new things, William was a member of the Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning (ORICL), where he was enrolled in classes to advance his learning of the stock market. He was an avid follower of current events. In addition, William was a gentle soul in love with music, and he often helped organize local musical events. He reveled in the camaraderie of singing and playing with others, and his musical comrades referred to him fondly as Buddy. A great Harmonica player, he always seemed to have one in his pocket and was not afraid to use it. He loved his community, and it loved him in return.

William had a lust for life's activities, which included his riding bikes, yard work, rebuilding Cushman scooters with his brother-in-law, and participating in the local recovery community. William also enjoyed the hobby of amateur "HAM" radio, using call letters N4NCI. Through the years, William had used his radio to communicate with his father, as well seeking to speak with those in foreign countries, and even to playfully track Santa Claus. William had recently obtained his father's old call letters W4UVS, helping him to rediscover his passion for this form of communication.

William was a dedicated father and grandfather who gave love freely to his friends and family. His absence leaves a deafening and unbearable silence with those who knew and loved him. He is survived by his children, Clara Mount (Jason) and Daniel Westcott

(Natacha); his grandchildren, Orion and Maverick Mount, and Nicolai Westcott; his brothers and sister, Jimmy Westcott (Vickielynn), David Westcott (Anita), John Westcott (Danielle), and Emily Hunnicutt (Don); his partner in life, Jane Jarvis; the mother of his children, Suzanne Wasilik; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins who mourn his passing.

The family invites you to celebrate his life and memory on Saturday, June 27th at noon on the grounds of the Midtown Community Center (Wildcat Den), 102 Robertsville Rd in Oak Ridge. Bring a lawn chair, stories of William, and if you play an instrument bring that too. We will be serving lunch. We ask that you please bring a face mask to protect friends and family who are at an increased risk of severe illness during this trying time.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent by mail to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215. Online donations can be made at www.diabetes.org/donate.

Comments



“ Such a shock I worked with him at Walmart he was a pleasant and helpful person never heard him say a bad thing He will be missed by lots of people the family is in my thoughts and prayers

Vickie Wilson - June 28 at 08:32 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Billy was always very kind to me and I will miss him. I am the neighbor in the blue house. Carolyn Williams

Carolyn Williams - June 25 at 06:05 PM



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David Westcott - June 24 at 07:10 PM



“ There's that smile we were waiting for.

David Westcott - June 24 at 07:10 PM



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Suzanne Wasilik - June 24 at 05:23 PM



“ This is a very sad time for me and my grown children. Although he and I have been divorced for nearly 20 years, he was always a part of our family gatherings, and he was there for me when I needed to talk, or just needed a ride to the body shop. Yup, he has left a huge void in our lives. But I'm sure his Spirit is happy.and at peace.

Suzanne Wasilik - June 24 at 05:28 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Photos from brother Dave



David Westcott - June 24 at 12:09 PM



“ Loved you much brother. Forever in my heart. Kiss Mom and Pop for me . Until we meet again in paradise rest easy.

Anita Westcott - June 22 at 09:30 PM



“ Anita Westcott lit a candle in memory of William George "Buddy" Westcott



Anita Westcott - June 22 at 09:25 PM



“ I played guitar with Buddy and several others on Tuesday nights in Oak Ridge and on Friday mornings in Karns. Buddy was always eager to learn new songs. He played his harmonica to add variety to many of our songs. We'll miss his friendly and cheerful attitude. My condolences to his family.

Kenneth Sirois - June 19 at 01:42 PM



“ Buddy was a member of our Friday Morning Guitar group (Neil, Ken, John And Buddy), we will all miss him greatly, he always brought his Green guitar, harmonica and other odd ball instruments to the sessions. We never knew what he had in his instrument bag. We plan to get together soon to sing some of Buddys favorite songs like Tightrope, If my eyes were blind and Desperato waiting for a train. It wont be the same without him. Buddy, hope you get to play the Harmonica in Heaven.

Neil Crateau - June 19 at 11:44 AM



“ Buddy was always friendly, kind, and eager to help others. I could always see Christ living through Buddy's actions. Buddy was a fun loving and easily likable person. I enjoyed playing music and singing with Buddy at the Oliver Springs DAV functions. Buddy can be seen playing guitar and harmonica on the left side of the attached photos. I'm confident that Buddy is now playing and singing in heaven. I look forward to seeing, playing, and singing with him there when my time comes.



John Allred - June 19 at 09:54 AM



“ David Neidig lit a candle in memory of William George "Buddy" Westcott



David Neidig - June 18 at 10:03 PM



“ My lifetime partner I will love and miss you always. Rest in peace. Jane Jarvis

Jane Jarvis - June 18 at 12:22 AM



“ Buddy always had a big smile for me- made me smile too. It was fun to watch him grow musically- what passion he had! It's a loss far too soon. My condolences to the family.

Pat Parr - June 17 at 09:28 PM



“ You were such a kind person. My condolences to your family, I can't imagine their loss.



Angela Atwood - June 17 at 08:49 PM



“ Emily and Don, please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of your loved one, Buddy. You and Buddy's family and friends are in my prayers. R.I.P Buddy

S. Ray Smith - June 17 at 02:07 PM



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Daniel Westcott - June 17 at 01:59 PM