



Myra Ann West

June 16, 1933 - October 8, 2021

Myra Ann (Lawrence) West entered fully into the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ on Friday, October 8, 2021. She died peacefully at her Gloucester, Virginia home with her two daughters by her side. She was 88.

Myra was born June 16, 1933 in Blanket, Texas. She was the only child of the late Edwin Ralph and Henrietta (Cade) Lawrence. She married Clayton L. (Pete) West (deceased) in 1954, the same year she graduated from Texas State College for Women (now Texas Woman's University) with a degree in Education. She later earned her Master's in Education from Texas Woman's University. She was married for 55 years until Pete's death in 2009.

Myra taught second grade for 23 years in Aubrey, Texas. She enjoyed reading, music, and nature, and often incorporated these interests into lessons with her students. Myra served as church pianist at Aubrey's First Baptist Church, then First Rock Fellowship for almost 50 years. One of her greatest joys was playing the piano, and she passed along her love of music to her four children. She accompanied many students over the years in University Interscholastic League competitions, including her oldest great-granddaughter who plays viola. At 82 years old she played the piano for one of her granddaughter's weddings.

Myra loved the Lord Jesus and she fully surrendered her life to Christ when

she was in her mid-twenties. She walked with the Lord all her days as He grew her more and more into the image of Christ. She was a true servant who joyfully helped and encouraged others as God led her.

Myra served on the Aubrey Area Library Board for many years, helping write grants for computers, organizing fundraisers, and assisting with book sales. She served as an election judge and worker for several years in Aubrey. Myra remained active in the Aubrey community until she moved to Gloucester, Virginia in 2019 to live with her daughter, Kathleen.

Although it was hard for Myra to say goodbye to her church family at First Rock Fellowship in Aubrey, Texas, Myra quickly grew to love her Redeeming Grace Baptist Church family in Gloucester, Virginia, and was continually blessed by their welcoming love and kindness to her the last two years of her life. She appreciated visits, cards, encouraging words, greetings, care and concern by her beloved church family. Myra loved each of her brothers and sisters in Christ in both Virginia and Texas.

Myra West is survived by her four dearly loved children: Carson West and his wife Terry; Teresa West Mancuso and her husband Gus; Edward West and his wife Caoimhe; Kathleen West Thompson and her husband Mike.

Myra also is survived by her eight grandchildren: Clint West, Melinda Borroel, Rodney Mancuso, Kathrine Christ, Kaitlin Shipley, Marilyn Searcy, Eamonn West, Aisling West, as well as 14 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Friday, October 15, 2021, at 5:00pm at First Rock Fellowship in Aubrey, TX, followed by the funeral at 6:00pm.

Donations in memory of Myra may be sent to the Aubrey Education Foundation's Pete and Myra West Scholarship Fund at [https:// www.paypal.co](https://www.paypal.com)

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Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

First Rock Fellowship
201 N. Cherry Street
Aubrey, TX 76227
(940) 365-2445

Funeral Service

OCT **15**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

OCT **16** (CT)

Oakwood Cemetery
Hamilton, TX 76531

Tribute Wall

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“ Our loss is certainly Heaven's gain. Myra was a loving person to everyone around her. She loved her husband and children unconditionally. She was a marvelous teacher to her students. I had the privilege of completing my student teaching with Myra. Then she taught both our daughters. She was always so encouraging to all of us. I loved to hear her soft, bubbly laugh. God truly gifted Myra not only in music but also in her ability to instruction children in the three R's.

Diana Schmittou

Diana Schmittou - October 15, 2021 at 04:30 PM

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“*Myra and I shared a couple of decades together as the worship team at First Baptist Aubrey. I had sung in choirs all of my growing years and my adult life but I had never lead music. I felt so inadequate as I stood before the choir and congregation those first few times but Myra was patient and lead me along. She taught me how to approach the congregation and choir, what to say to put them at ease. She was so good to me and she always had time to talk with me or play through a piece of music I was struggling with. I lost my grandmother a couple of years into the journey with Myra and she sheltered my broken heart. She was such a wonderful mentor and friend to me. When I would get upset or stressed about events taking place in the church, Myra was a comfort and a rock. We often prayed together and I learned to read her facial expressions. If I chose some piece of music she thought would not work she would just get that "look" and I would soon learn to choose something else. I missed her so much when my family no longer went to church with her but I tried to stay in touch. We occasionally had lunch with Thelma and Nancy Irick. All of those women were such strong influencers in my life. Myra, I can't wait to join in so we can sing together once again. This time, my grandmother will join us!*

Norma Sissney - October 14, 2021 at 11:30 AM

PH

“ I have so many memories of Myra working with her when I was the Elementary Secretary. She was also my youngest son's teacher which when it came to teaching there were none better nor anyone that cared so deeply for her students than she did. She was always so proud of their accomplishments and made sure everyone knew of them. As a co-worker she was always so strong and knew just what needed to be done. I'll never forget when she took her class outside for a break I believe and to get some fresh air, and not sure if one of the kids locked the door as they went out or if she did and just forgot to get her keys....but the first we knew in the office of any problem was when we realized she was getting back in and determined as she was she was able to get her hands on a hammer and broke the window out and I remember H.L. and I running down the hall and looked in the window on the door and they were in the classroom! H.L. and I were speechless and it was always a good story or Aubrey Elementary Excitement! She will be missed and always loved listening to her play the piano.
Pam Kuzov Holcomb

Pamela Kuzov Holcomb - October 13, 2021 at 07:45 PM

PM

I met Mrs West a Nursing home in Plano where I was working and had the privilege to take care of her late husband Pete. She introduced me to Pastor Harrold and I found my Church and Myra till today. May the Lord Jesus receive her wonderful soul. Amen.

Passmore Makoni - October 14, 2021 at 12:09 AM

JJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss . I loved when you would post her playing the piano. She was really good. When I heard the news I immediately thought well they are all together again. My parents counted Pete and Myra as friends, Mother loved her dearly. I know she was happy right to the end. Thank you for sharing her with us.

Jeannette Hood Jernigan

Jeannette Hood Jernigan - October 13, 2021 at 06:56 PM