



Donald G. West

March 15, 1956 - February 28, 2025

Donald Gerald West passed away at his home in San Antonio in the loving presence of his family (and his guitars), on Friday, February 28, 2025, at the age of 68. Until the very end of his life Don was passionate about his guitar collection and never stopped shopping for a new Taylor guitar.

Born in Kumagaya, Japan, to Elmer Grant and Sachiko (Uemura) West on March 15, 1956, he spent his infancy in Japan before his family was restationed around the globe at various military bases, and eventually settled in San Antonio, Texas.

After graduating from McCollum High School, Don enlisted in the US Air Force while his best friend, Andy Trimble, enrolled at Texas A&M University. An invitation to travel to Bryan-College Station with Andy's sister, Peggy Trimble, resulted in a love match. The two were united in marriage on April 26, 1980, with Andy serving as the best man. Don and Peggy made a home for their two sons, David Warren and Brian Grant, on the southside of San Antonio, where Don spent their 44 year marriage serving local ministries and investing in the lives of young people as a parent and educator at his alma mater. He retired from Harlandale ISD in 2024.

Don was a gentle, kind man who loved spoiling Peggy, endlessly serving the Lord, and helping others. As a guitarist and vocalist he devoted countless hours to preparing and leading praise and worship. He was also a dedicated prayer warrior, Bible study teacher, and mentor who greatly influenced the spiritual growth of others. He treasured relationships with his friends and family and found joy spending time with each of them, often traveling long distances for just a few moments in their presence.

For his sons he was a band dad, a theater dad, a fishing buddy, basketball opponent, and guitar teacher who was a wonderful Godly example of what a father and husband should be. As the boys grew into men he continuously supported them in their lives. He even served as the Best Man in Brian's wedding.

Adoration is the only way to describe Don's relationship with his granddaughters, Brianna and Lauren. They had a special bond that often featured him playing Prince Papa to two little girls dressed up as princesses. He was always available for singing, dancing and twirling, rocket ship rides, Chuck E Cheese, tea parties, and anything gallant the little princesses could dream of. All grown up now the princesses spent their final time with

Prince Papa playing his guitars and singing to him.

Don was preceded in death by his father, Elmer G. West and brother, Thomas G. West. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Peggy (Trimble) West; son Warren West and partner Corey Porter of Hugo, Oklahoma; Brian West and wife Lora of Terrell, Texas; granddaughter Brianna West and boyfriend Jonathan McBride of Terrell, Texas; granddaughter Lauren West and boyfriend Rafael Cordoves-Picorelli of Terrell, Texas; his mother Sachiko (Uemura) West of San Antonio, Texas; sister Angela (West) McHugh and husband Rick of San Antonio, Texas; his fur baby Cody West; and numerous other family and friends.

A celebration of Don's life will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at KRBC Ministries (formerly Mayfield Park Baptist Church) in San Antonio beginning at 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Young Life at <http://giving.younglife.org/sasouth>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

KRBC Ministries (formerly Mayfield Park Baptist Church)

700 W Hutchins Pl.

San Antonio, TX 78221

Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald G. West*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - March 17, 2025 at 03:51 PM

MB

Glad to hear he's home safely. Wish I had known sooner. What a legacy he leaves. Rest well

Melody Booth - May 13, 2025 at 06:08 PM

KW

One of the finest men I've ever known...

Kelly Walker - November 13, 2025 at 05:40 AM



“ *Mr. West was a good friend and hard worker at McCollum High School. I was there for 12 years, and he was always there with a smile and ready to help any time, anywhere. He will be missed by all*

Scott Lancon - May 04, 2025 at 10:40 PM

CA

“ *One of the best influences Don had in my life was his positive attitude and welcoming smile. Whenever you saw him he would light up with that big smile and make you feel loved and appreciated. The biggest influence though was the kindness and sharing of his musical talent. When I decided to sing at my own wedding Don graciously agreed to accompany me on his guitar. So there we were in the balcony of Mayfield Park Baptist Church and Don was fantastic easing the pressure on me. Kathy and I will forever be grateful for his kind gesture and friendship in making our special day extra special.*

Craig Andrews

Craig Andrews - March 22, 2025 at 11:24 PM

KT

“ Looking at the obit and the wonderful time Don had with his grand daughters was not the whole story! He obviously had training with Peggy's boys, his nieces and many other children- both in the family and at church because our girls adored Uncle Don (and they still do)! When we visited at MaMaw's and PaPaw's for special holidays- he was always available to play games with them, anywhere from simple card games to baseball and most of all he took time to visit with each one! There were so many times that I can't believe I am coming up with no pictures, but there are many in my memories and I know many are in God's mind, too. Don was also quick to encourage and find humor in the situation or a consoling arm- whatever was needed!
He even braved our home several times- in spite of being allergic to animal hair. It was still there- no matter how I tried, but he just hung on to his handkerchief and took some extra antihistamine! We all loved Don and his precious Peggy!
Thanking God for sharing such a precious child of His, Don West, with us!
In Love- Kathy Trimble

Kathy Trimble - March 22, 2025 at 09:55 PM

“ Don and I met at the surprise birthday party my Mom arranged for me at Harlandale Baptist Church back in 1970. We sang in choir together at church and in the fall of 1971, when I entered McCollum High school, we were again in choir together there as well. We really started doing things together at that time since we shared a love for music and guitars.

In the early years, we walked a lot. Sure we'd get a rides from our parents, but a lot of shoe leather was worn down going from my home on Garnett to his on Saipan. On the holidays, lunch was normally at noon at our house. Fortunately, Grant and Sachiko didn't have lunch till about 2:00PM, giving us ample time to make both meals. And again, leftovers from lunch at my house was at 6:00! We were pretty skinny in those days...and had hollow legs.

Since we had such hardy appetites, my Mom assumed Don liked all the same foods I liked. One of my favorites was coconut cake. Mom thought the ultimate birthday surprise for Don would be a 3 layer coconut cake made with fresh coconut. Only problem was Don didn't like coconut at all! Being the good friend I was, I did my best to help Don eat his delicious treat. What are friends for?

I remember when Don got his drivers license. There was no feeling quite like the feeling of riding along in that Plymouth Fury! It sure beat walking. (Remember gas was 35 cents per gallon in those days.)

Don was probably the most gentile and kind person I've ever known. Always caring and understanding, never flustered and always finding the good in every situation no matter what. Always willing to extend a helping hand. I've always wanted to be more like Don. He was a great role model for anyone to follow and a great person to have as a best man, and a best friend. I will miss you dearly old friend!

Andy Trimble

Andrew Trimble - March 19, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ 174 files added to the album Memories Album



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - March 17, 2025 at 04:22 PM

DP

“ I met Don when I was in 6th grade. I loved to spend time at his house with his sister, my Jr. High best friend, Angela. He was a sweet and wonderful soul way back then and I see now that he continued to live his entire life in that manner. May he rest in peace.
With our condolences ~ Sending love, faith and strength to all his family.
Sylvester and Donna Divin Perez

Donna Divin Perez - March 15, 2025 at 11:34 AM

KM

“ Karen and Mary purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald G. West.



Karen and Mary - March 15, 2025 at 10:48 AM

KM

“ Our hearts are with you, Peggy, Brian, Warren, and your precious family, as we send our deepest condolences. Words feel so small in moments like this, but please know that love, prayers, and gratitude surround you.

I am profoundly thankful for the time we shared at Bellaire. The memories of serving alongside you all are etched in my heart forever. Your family's unwavering devotion to the Lord, your willingness to serve in any way needed, and your boundless kindness were a source of encouragement and light to so many.

Don's joyful heart and readiness to lift his voice in worship were a priceless gift, especially to this very inexperienced worship leader! His voice and spirit brought such warmth and inspiration. The countless youth gatherings in your home, your generosity in sponsoring events, and your steadfast love for others—your family poured out blessings upon blessings, and I will never forget that.

May you feel the embrace of God's love and the outpouring of gratitude from all who have been touched by your kindness. We are holding you close in our hearts, lifting you up in prayer, and thanking God for the gift of Don's life and the legacy of love he leaves behind. ❤️

Karen Murphy - March 15, 2025 at 10:39 AM

IW

“ My deepest condolences, Peggy, & The West family. It was great to have known Donald. A very peaceful kindhearted brother in law. 🙏🌹

Isabel West - March 13, 2025 at 07:06 PM

TF

“ The Molina Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donald G. West.



The Molina Family - March 13, 2025 at 05:01 PM

T&

“ Trimble's, Andy & Kathy, Girls & families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donald G. West.



Trimble's, Andy & Kathy, Girls & families - March 12, 2025 at 07:07 PM

KD

“ Kristin, Tommy and Denise purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Donald G. West.



Kristin, Tommy and Denise - March 12, 2025 at 10:59 AM

AB

“ Thankful to have met such a great soul. Mr. Don’s love for music was very inspiring for me early on. He was always so kind to my family and others. May he rest in peace.

Abram - March 11, 2025 at 01:12 AM

AM

“ always. Love, Bruce and Cindy Miller purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Donald G. West.



always. Love, Bruce and Cindy Miller - March 10, 2025 at 12:15 PM

MW

“ Brian, so sorry for your loss.

Melanie Wilson - March 05, 2025 at 05:42 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald G. West.



March 05, 2025 at 03:10 PM

DJ

“ Don was an exceptional individual who truly lived a life that matters. He will be dearly missed. “A beautiful life has come to an end. He died as he lived, everyone’s friend. In our heart a memory will always be kept. Of one that we loved and will never forget.”

Dr. Robert Jaklich - March 05, 2025 at 09:42 AM

ML

“ Definitely a man of God that would lead God's people into His presence with His worship. Now may He rejoice and worship in heaven. Going to be missed by many but know that one day we will see him again on the side eternity.

Love you Peggy and praying for God's comfort to be surrounding you and your family...Roger and Melissa Lopez

Melissa Lopez - March 04, 2025 at 10:50 AM

CC

“ The love we have for Don and Peggy West is so deep. They are treasured friends. We have so many, many memories of worship together. We have so many, many memories of fellowship and laughter together. We have so many, many memories of many hours of playing and singing together. Don has reached the place that we are looking forward to being! It was a joy and an honor to be Don's pastors and friends for many years. Peggy, our love and prayers are with you. Our hearts grieve, but not as those with no hope. We will always treasure the years we were pastors and friends to you and Don. We are truly "Friends Forever".

Love, Pastor Terry & Connie Cross

Connie Cross - March 04, 2025 at 12:36 AM

SM

“ I know Mr. Don is now initiated into the best praise team of all time. I met brother Don and Sister Peggy West when I was in youth group at New Vision COG. Because of him, I learned how to play the guitar, how to transpose music, and develop a love for praise and worship. I'm so blessed to have been able to know Mr Don and Mrs Peggy. Always have been examples of Christ here on earth. Praying for the family during this time. 🙏

Selah Melig - March 03, 2025 at 09:10 PM

CL

“ I met Don when I joined the praise team at New Vision Church of God. He led our worship team every Sunday. As an added bonus, his wife, Peggy, became a very close friend of mine. This couple helped me in my darkest of times. I love you, Don. This world has lost a true man of God.

Carol Leija - March 03, 2025 at 07:05 PM

JS

“ I thank God for blessing me with such a kind gentleman neighbor as Don, always had a smile and willing to help in anyway he could, his gentle voice will be missed, RIP

Jessica Sanchez - March 03, 2025 at 12:36 PM

MP

“ Being his next door neighbor for 10 years it has been a sincere pleasure knowing Don. He always greeted us with a warm smile either when he was out in the yard, walking his dog, or just arriving or leaving with his dog in tow. He had such a kind nature about him. I am so grateful and fortunate to have had such a wonderful neighbor as he. Rest in Peace. From Monica, Beto, and Isabel.

Monica Perez - March 03, 2025 at 12:35 PM

JT

“ Don was a beloved member of the Mercy Church Media team! He was eager to learn new things and always had a smile on his face.



Jonathan T - March 02, 2025 at 10:02 PM

SH

“ I look forward to seeing him again someday and hearing his unforgettable laugh. Uncle Don is special and we all love him very much.



Sarah Hodde - March 02, 2025 at 08:11 PM

MS

“ My Uncle Don, always loving and kind. He cared for his family and loved God! I will never forget being excited to see him as a child at family events - he was the fun uncle! You will be missed Uncle Don but you're in a better place now. I was thinking about how you get to see mamaw and papaw. Maybe you get to play your guitar all the time, no more pain, no tears, no suffering and you get to be with Jesus. I love you



Meagan Stepp - March 02, 2025 at 07:58 PM