

J. Paul West

March 10, 1941 - August 6, 2011

J. Paul West, 70, passed away Saturday, August 6, 2011 at E.T. York Hospice House in Gainesville, Fla., from complications following a stroke. Paul was born Thursday, March 10, 1941, in Double Springs, to the late Elbert Earl and Sarah Cleo (Templeton) West. He was also preceded in death by his high school sweetheart and wife of 32 years, Sandra Howell West, in 1994. Paul was well-known in Gainesville, as the owner of Paul West Ford-Mitsubishi 1987-1998. His "Bad Bart" television commercials and tagline "Hope to see you down at the store" were airwave constants during that time. Paul was a staunch supporter of the University of Florida athletic program. A college athlete himself, Paul played quarterback and running back for Morehead State University in Kentucky, where he was also Student Body President and graduated with honors in 1962. After a stint in the mobile home industry, he began selling Fords in Memphis in the early 1970s, then managed dealerships across the Southeast before acquiring his Gainesville store. Paul was inducted into the Winston County Sports Hall of Fame in 1999, having lettered in three sports at Haleyville High School in the late 1950s, including leading the football team as quarterback. Paul counted Coach Bubba Scott as one of his life-long inspirations. A passionate aviator, Paul flew at every opportunity, and owned a series of small airplanes throughout his life. Travel was another great love, and he and Sandra circumnavigated the globe several times, counting Egypt, Thailand and China as particular favorites. He is survived by his daughter, Tina West Isbell, Atlanta; sister Ann West Richmond, Birmingham

and aunt, Bobbie Sorrell, Winter Haven, Fla. Graveside services will be held at Winston Memorial Cemetery, Saturday, August 20, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. with Vance Hutton officiating. Paul will be laid to rest with his wife. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mr. West's name may be made to Haven Hospice, 4200 N.W. 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606 or at: www.havenhsopice.org/donate_now.html.

Previous Events

Service

AUG **20**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Graveside Service-Winston Memorial Cemetery
Haleyville, AL

Tribute Wall



“ I attended Morehead State University at the same time with Paul and Sandra.

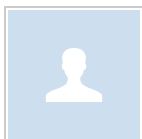
I am sorry to hear of his passing and would like to get in touch with sister Ann West Richmond in Birmingham, AL as I have a Morehead year book from 1962 with several pictures of Paul and Sandra.

Please call me or e-mail with your phone number. My cell number is 205 910-0339.

I have contacted Sandra's college roommate Diane Davidson Greene who lives in Olive Hill, KY.

I too live in Birmingham (Hoover) area.##imported-begin##rick capps##imported-end##

August 30, 2011 at 07:02 PM



“ We thought so much of Paul, it was always a pleasure to see and talk with him . So sorry we could not be at the service to see the family and pay our respects as we are in Tuscaloosa keeping grandchildren. We sent our love to all of his family. Jim and Jeanette##imported-begin##Jim and Jeanette Masdon##imported-end##

August 20, 2011 at 08:33 PM



“ Ann, Tina and family,I want you to know that I always enjoyed knowing Paul. When we were in school, Ann, he was always the little brother, but he always had a big smile for everyone. It was a pleasure to have him around. I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Kellon Phillips Bates##imported-end##

August 19, 2011 at 02:14 PM



oscarphillips426@gmail.co
Oscar Lee Phillips
we Roomed together in
College for 3 years before Carol and I got Married.
Where our Son , Michael Lee Phillips was born Paul was with us at Dr
Louise Caudle delivered him in her clinic in Morehead, Ky.
I never met Tina .
Paul called me a while after he had the stroke. Miss you Travel well Big
boy
Oscar

Oscar Phillips - April 23, 2024 at 06:54 PM



“ I am so sorry. Always in your heart.##imported-begin##Angela
Posey##imported-end##

August 18, 2011 at 01:06 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the death of Paul. I knew the family well and
Ann, you were one of my favorite teachers of all times. I wanted you
to know that I cared.

Love,

Walt##imported-begin##Walt James##imported-end##

August 17, 2011 at 11:48 AM



“ *Ann and family. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Paul. Know that all of you are in thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Neita Reed Pierce##imported-end##*

August 17, 2011 at 10:03 AM