



Melvis Clyde West, Jr.

December 1, 1947 - November 28, 2022

Melvis Clyde West, Jr., age 74, of Bigelow, Arkansas, passed away on Monday, November 28, 2022. He was born on December 1, 1947, in Round Mountain, Arkansas, the son of Gineva Schimmel and Clyde West, Sr. He was the widower of Betty West whom he married on July 12, 1986. Clyde was a devoted husband, father, and papa. He was a member of Welcome Home Missionary Baptist Church and loved raising cattle and farming. He was a proud FFA teacher and taught 34 and half years out of 40 at Bigelow. He is survived by his children, Christopher (Courtney) West of Houston, Karen (Richard) Malone of Stony Point, and Kevin (Tina) Franklin of Hot Springs; grandchildren, Blake, Brent, and Benjamin Malone, Noah, Nathan, and Nora West; and great-granddaughter, Chassidy (C.C.) Malone. Other than his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his brother, Lambert West. Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 2, at the Welcome Home Missionary Baptist Church with Bro. John Williams officiating. Burial will be at Aunt Dilly Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Aunt Dilly Cemetery

274 Welcome Home Rd
Casa, AR 72025

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St
Morrilton, AR 72110
(501) 354-4575

Funeral Service

DEC 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Welcome Home Missionary Baptist Church
268 Welcome Home Rd.
Casa, AR 72025

Tribute Wall



“ *He was a great teacher and a great guy he will be missed* ”

Chad farley - March 21, 2024 at 05:23 PM



“ *Melvis Clyde West, Jr.* ”

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *So deeply saddened to hear of his passing. Clyde was a fellow teacher and such a kind and gentle soul.* ”

Cathy Throneberry - December 06, 2022 at 09:33 PM

SL

“ Deeply saddened by the passing of Mr. Clyde West who was one of my favorite teachers at Bigelow High School.

Mr. West was the Future Farmers of America (FFA) Advisor and I proudly served as President during my high school years so we worked closely together especially during my junior and senior year.

I do not think there is a teacher (high school or collegiate) who has had a greater impact upon my life than Mr. West! He encouraged me take up public speaking and to compete at various FFA Conferences around the Natural State. Additionally, he also encouraged me to take part in parliamentary procedure and to also compete in this area as well. I would later use these skills when I started my political career and in fact, I still use them today.

Thank you, Mr. West for believing in me and always serving as a source of encouragement and inspiration.

Sending heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy to the West Family!

Sergio De Leon - December 02, 2022 at 10:38 PM

SP

“ Uncle Clyde was a gentle, kind man with an old soul and soft heart. He loved his agri class, his family, and God above all. He always took time to share and visit. My heart grieves for everyone who knew him. I'm so sorry I didn't make it to his funeral. May God comfort all of you!

Sandy Wise Priddy - December 02, 2022 at 08:32 PM

JJ

“ Clyde was a kind and caring man. John and I have known him almost forever. Christopher , I’m so sorry. I told our son John Paul that he had passed and he said, “ He was a nice man .” That he was I spent some time with him late at night cooking for FFA Banquets, he was funny in his Clyde kinda way I know all his children and grands will miss him dearly .

Jo Ann Jordan - December 01, 2022 at 06:58 PM

BG

“ Dear friends. They come and they go.
Here lately the reality of them going has come
for me. My brother passing just 3 weeks ago
without warning.

And now with Mr West. I saw him at the Perry
county Fair with a glow in his eye. A happiness
never seen before, as he watched his grandson show the first time
at the county Fair.

He was as lit in the daytime as bright as any lighthouse in the dark."
The pride for his own." But in years past, a lot of that pride we saw
as he watched us accomplishing our own awards. Awards we could
have not been done without him.

He was a Great Agri Teacher! Selfless and very knowledgeable,
teaching us anything and everything we wanted to learn. Going to
many competitions and winning many awards. He made us always
feel we could do anything. And we did!!

His pride he showed us and the kindness of a teacher that wanted
only the best for us, watched as we grew and developed our own
pride for what we did.

Now as I try to pass that on to my own children and watch what they
can and will do, I see what Mr West watched.

With this, a "Big Thank You" to Mr West for my love of agriculture
and for the lessons and love he showed me growing up to share
and teach my own children.

A heartfelt goodbye, and a sorrow for his family. Blessings on you,
and know you all are in my prayers.

Mr West will be always remembered, and never forgotten.

Betty (Rappold) Gunther



Betty Gunther - December 01, 2022 at 02:45 PM

MB

“ He was a wonderful teacher had him all through school and so did
my son he will be missed

Michele Anderson bowman - December 01, 2022 at 08:19 AM

DB

“ Now I have the best story about Mr West he was my favorite teacher he had a son Chris in 1987 I had a daughter in Courtney in 1990 go on down the road and they married so MR West and I share the same Grandkids now I call that blessed.

Delana Blackmon - November 30, 2022 at 08:08 PM

SF

“ Prayers for all of his family. Mr. West was our HS shop teacher. He took us to numerous competitions with agricultural topics. My sister Theresa and I were on the Dairy team. I'll never forget his kindness and encouragement for all our endeavors.

He also had the messiest desk on earth. One day he was absent and we decided to straighten his desk for him as a surprise to “help” him. He was SO mad when he returned bc he couldn't find anything! Lol. We never touched it again. ❤️

Thankful for him. Rest in peace.

Susie Freyaldenhoven - November 30, 2022 at 03:55 PM

LR

“ Chris, I am sorry to hear about your dad. Mr. Clyde was truly a great man. When you and Samantha were always going to 4-H or FFA, he would come by and pick her up at the house, and the last thing he would tell me before he left was "I will take care of her as if she was my own. I knew he was sincere when he told me that. I would reply " I only trust you with my kid, and he would give me a big ole grin. It was an honor to know your dad, Chris. Sincerely, Lesia Reeves.

Lesia Reeves - November 30, 2022 at 02:46 PM

Cathy Lane

“ *Mr. West was my FFA teacher such a nice and sweet person so so sorry to hear about your loss* ”



Cathy Lane - November 30, 2022 at 02:12 PM

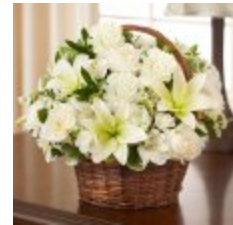
BS

“ *He was a great man and had an impact on many. So sorry to hear this* ”

Benny Spears - November 30, 2022 at 01:51 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Melvis Clyde West, Jr..* ”



November 30, 2022 at 01:12 PM

MW

“ I was. so sad to hear of Clyde Jr's passing. He and I have had a friendship spanning from little tots playing in the shade of a tree at the end of a cotton row ;while our moms picked cotton , to the present. He was truly an "Old Soul" from the first. He had such a kind, caring and nurturing spirit. It is little wonder that he chose to teach the young, and instill his vast knowledge to enrich their lives for years to come. A quiet man with a quick wit, he could always make you smile. The footsteps of his gentle memory will always fall along the hills of Rose Creek. Go rest high upon that mountain, my friend. You will be missed. My prayers to all the family during this difficult time.

Merlene Wegner - November 30, 2022 at 12:03 PM

DL

“ In the Fall of 1981, on Bigelow's first known trip to the Kansas City event, Conrad Gunther, Jr, Barry Allen, and myself went on a 3 day trip to the National FFA Convention, with Mr. West, at which the famous speaker Dr. Norm Vincent Peale who wrote the book 'The Power of Positive Thinking' was the keynote for the 20,000 attendees. As Dr. Peale made his closing remarks, Mr. West told us we were lucky to hear such a world famous person speak and we should remember this for the rest of our lives. But rather more than that, I will remember Mr. West for the rest of my life. Gods speed Mr. West.....Heaven welcomes the safest driver ever to those golden streets!
We all loved and respected you! Don Langston

Don Langston - November 29, 2022 at 10:48 PM

 Teresa
Dell

“ So sorry for your loss. I had Mr. West as a shop teacher and he was the kindest person you could ever ask for, he had the heart of a gentle soul, may he rest in peace. T. Zulpo Class of !984

Teresa Dell - November 29, 2022 at 10:15 PM

HH

“ *Mr. West was a good man. He was a dedicated teacher who many students respected. Prayers for his family as they go through this grief.*

Holly Balducci Herron - November 29, 2022 at 10:02 PM



“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Melvis Clyde West, Jr..*



November 29, 2022 at 07:57 PM

DH

“ *Mr West was one of the kindest men I have ever known. I enjoyed working with him at Bigelow. He always had a smile for you and a warm hello. My thoughts are with Christopher and the entire family during this difficult time. May God keep you in his loving arms.*
Diane Hood

Diane Hood - November 29, 2022 at 07:53 PM

AD

“ *Mr. West was a good man. Sorry to read of his passing. Prayers for the family.*

Allena Dixon - November 29, 2022 at 07:53 PM