



## Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West Jr.

September 19, 1923 - February 28, 2023

Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West, Jr., of Chestertown, MD, passed away on February 28, 2023, peacefully in his sleep. He was 99 years old.

Dr. West was born in Kinston, NC, on September 19, 1923, the son of the late Dr. Clifton Forrest and Susan Perry West. His sister, Lillian West Parrott, and brother, Robert "Bobby" Perry West predeceased him.

He graduated from Woodberry Forrest and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He completed his medical training at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. In 1946, he married the love of his life, the late Joan Darby. He was a devoted and loving husband for 73 years. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army and served as a surgeon in a M.A.S.H. unit during the Korean War and served a year in Japan. He enjoyed sharing his stories with family and friends.

Dr. West spent his medical career at Lankenau Hospital as a general surgeon before his retirement in 1984. He enjoyed his patients and teaching surgical residents from the Jefferson Medical College. He kept in shape by never taking an elevator in the hospital, always the stairs. He and his wife spent their retirement traveling around the world on many adventures with family and friends. They loved their farm in Quaker Neck, where he enjoyed hunting, fishing, sailing, swimming, and playing golf. Dr. West had a particular love for

gardening orchids, amaryllis, camellias, growing azaleas from cuttings and building and planting troughs for his alpine plants. For many years, he and his friend, John Ray, entered them in the Philadelphia Flower Show and always returned with a pile of ribbons.

He was an active and devoted member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Chestertown, Brotherhood of St. Andrews, Chester River Yacht and Country Club, the ROMEO's (Retired Old Men Eating Out), a life member of the Maritime Museum, and the North American Rock Garden Society. He served on the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital Board for nine years and was Board Chairman for two years. He also served on the Board of the United Way. The Committee of the Chestertown Memorial Day Parade selected Dr. West to be Grand Marshal of the 2023 Parade and will honor him posthumously during this year's parade.

He is survived by his children, Betsy Dripps (Craig), Forrest West (Patricia), Carolyn Pace (Kevin), Doug West (Sue); twelve grandchildren; and twenty-three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held on Sunday, March 19, at 3 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Chestertown. A reception will follow at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Emmanuel Episcopal Church at P.O. Box 875, Chestertown, MD 21620.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 19. 3:00 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
101 N. Cross St.  
Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall

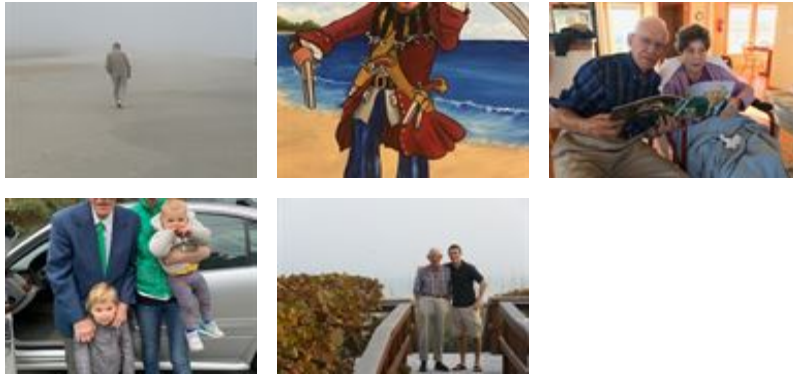


“ *Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *216 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 16, 2023 at 02:46 PM



“ *Paul W. Kelley lit a candle in memory of Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West Jr.*



Paul W. Kelley - March 09, 2023 at 02:56 PM



*What a true gentleman! Always had a smile when he met you.!*

Paul W. Kelley - March 09, 2023 at 03:01 PM

DL

“ I knew your Dad from working at Lankenau Hospital since 1964. Always a gentleman and his great smile would knock us young girls over. We all had a crush on him! He would stop in the laboratory to say hello on his way to office hours or to grab a glass of our homemade Ice tea. Will always remember his smile and kindness. He and the late Hunter Neal will be together again swapping stories and be reunited with your Mother. May your sadness be comforted by Jesus's promise of everlasting life.  
Kindest regards, Dale Lauletta

Dale Lauletta - March 09, 2023 at 02:11 PM

LH

“ Dr. and Mrs. West were great neighbors in and longtime great friends to us at Quaker Neck Landing.



Liz (Gates) Haslbeck - March 06, 2023 at 10:23 PM

JW

“ Jo Wilson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West Jr.



Jo Wilson - March 06, 2023 at 07:16 PM

LK

“ He was always one of my favorite customers at Kingstown. So devoted to his wife, and loved his dog! I'll miss him...

leslie kemp - March 06, 2023 at 07:06 PM

BE

“ Bonnie And Ron Edwards lit a candle in memory of Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West Jr.



Bonnie and Ron Edwards - March 06, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ Clif and Joanie were long time friends - back together again. He's there too with a bunch of hunting buddies and I'm sure the stories are flowing. Vale Clif!



Barbara Parker - March 06, 2023 at 12:26 PM

CK

“ Cindy King lit a candle in memory of Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West Jr.



Cindy King - March 06, 2023 at 09:58 AM

LM

“ We always preferred Doctor West's version of how we met. It was so much more romantic to imagine Bill floating down by parachute into our back garden in England than meeting him At a dance on the army base !

lesley murray - March 06, 2023 at 09:47 AM

PS

“ Patricia And Billy Sutton lit a candle in memory of Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West Jr.



Patricia and Billy Sutton - March 04, 2023 at 07:53 PM

MG

“ Hope they have a lot of oysters in heaven! We will all truly miss you!



Melinda S Graham - March 04, 2023 at 03:10 PM

CR

“ Wonderful family - and full of love! Shared by all of the Wests.....



Cathy Middleton Raphael - March 04, 2023 at 06:00 AM

CF

“ Connie Fithian lit a candle in memory of Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West Jr.



Connie Fithian - March 03, 2023 at 10:51 PM

JH

“ *Joan Hatcherson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West Jr.*



Joan Hatcherson - March 03, 2023 at 07:16 PM

CF

“ *Chester River Health Foundation lit a candle in memory of Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West Jr.*



Chester River Health Foundation - March 03, 2023 at 02:05 PM

MR

“ *Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West Jr.*



Maryann Ruehrmund - March 03, 2023 at 02:05 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West Jr.*



Jeanette Stubbs - March 03, 2023 at 10:09 AM

FD

“ Franklin & Jane Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West Jr.



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**Franklin & Jane Dill** - March 03, 2023 at 10:01 AM

LS

“ Liz Smith lit a candle in memory of Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West Jr.



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**Liz Smith** - March 03, 2023 at 08:52 AM

JC

“ Jo Ann Connolley lit a candle in memory of Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West Jr.



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**Jo Ann Connolley** - March 03, 2023 at 08:15 AM

DH

“ Denise Hepbron lit a candle in memory of Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West Jr.



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**Denise Hepbron** - March 02, 2023 at 05:24 PM

MB

“ *Mary Baker lit a candle in memory of Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West Jr.*



**Mary Baker** - March 02, 2023 at 01:15 PM

MM

“ *Dr. West was a great man. He will be missed by many. My condolences to his family. So glad to have had a recent visit with him. God Bless.*



**Mark Mumford** - March 02, 2023 at 11:24 AM

PB

“ *Phyllis Brown lit a candle in memory of Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West Jr.*



**Phyllis Brown** - March 02, 2023 at 10:42 AM

PB

*He was a beautiful man and a great friend to all. He never met a stranger. Love, Phyllis*

**Phyllis Brown** - March 02, 2023 at 10:44 AM

GS

*Tow and I have known Clif and Joanie for 30 years. We managed Signal Inn Condos on Sanibel Island and they rented for a month or so every winter. We became good friends and visited them in their home. We were also sailors and enjoyed a fun sail on the Chester River with them. Doug and Sue took wonderful care of Joanie first then Clif. Tow passed in July. We've lost two good men this year. Rest in peace.*

*Greta Swain*

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**Greta Swain** - March 03, 2023 at 06:50 PM

CT

“ *Carroll Thompson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Clifton Forrest "Clif" West Jr.*



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**Carroll Thompson** - March 02, 2023 at 09:18 AM

AC

*Dr West was such a good friend. When he would see you and greet you with his happy smile it always made me feel so good. He will be so missed.*

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**Alan Carroll** - March 07, 2023 at 10:08 PM