



James Wylie Westbrook

May 8, 1926 - March 10, 2020

James Wylie Westbrook passed away peacefully on March 10, 2020. "Jimmie", the fifth of seven children, was born on May 8, 1926 to Ed and Annie Wee Westbrook in Rock Hill, South Carolina. He was raised in a loving, Christian family.

Jim earned his bachelor's degree at Appalachian State Teachers College and his master's degree from "Ole Miss". He was a coach and teacher in North Carolina before marrying Carolyn Gail Pulliam and moving to West Palm Beach.

During his thirty-six years as an educator in Palm Beach County, Jim taught math at Palm Beach High School and Golfview Jr. High School. He then taught math and served as an administrator at Forest Hill High School, Twin Lakes High School, and Palm Beach Lakes High School. Following his retirement in 1991, he continued to teach through the Adult Education Program.

Jim lived his life for Christ, putting Jesus first, then others, then himself. He loved life and all of the people in it. He often expressed gratitude for his family, friends, and every act of kindness.

Jim was an active member of First United Methodist Church, Grace United Methodist Church, and then the United Methodist Church of the Palm Beaches. Through the years, he served in many areas including choir, Sunday School (as a teacher and Superintendent) , United Methodist Men's group, Vacation Bible School volunteer, and numerous committees.

Jim is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law Larry and Vicki May and Tom and Patti Webber, grandchildren Kenneth and Kate May,Carolynn and Chad Girard, James and Auburn May, Katie Webber, Betsy and Clint Neville, Melanie and Jeremy Sims, Aimee and Cody Walden and great-grandchildren Landon, Blake, and Wyatt Girard, Orin May, Jace May, Austin, Haley, and Wesley Neville, and Cooper Sims.

Jim was predeceased by his wife and best friend of 54 years, Carolyn Gail Pulliam Westbrook.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the children's ministry of the United Methodist Church of the Palm Beaches or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Service have been postponed until a later date. Please check the United Methodist Church of the Palm Beaches website at: <https://www.umcpb.com>

Tribute Wall

MD

“ *Mr. Jim - what a loving world you introduced my daughters to on Sunday morning. I can still hear the bells as the coins rolled down the tube into the offering basket. They say that one's life is judged by how many were brought to Jesus. Well done good servant. Mike Dell*

Mike Dell - May 29, 2020 at 08:16 PM



“ *I remember Mr. Westbrook fondly from my years at Twin Lakes from 1972-75. Condolences to Vickie and Patty. He was slow to anger and quick to forgive.*

John Archer - April 27, 2020 at 07:35 PM

TT

He was indeed. He got me out of more trouble than I can remember. I don't think he had a mean bone in his body. I was at twin Lakes from 79 to 1983.

Todd Thomas - September 14, 2020 at 01:38 PM

JK

“ *Fondest memories of Mr Westbrook both in and away from school. Always cheerful greetings and a smile. Spoke with a pure heart as did his wife Gail. Lifting thoughts and prayers for Vicki, Patti and their families as well as friends. John.*



John Kiger - March 21, 2020 at 05:52 PM

DW

Mr Westbrook had a great personality. During the early 70s it was a tough couple of years but he was always so calm

Diane sattely walsh - April 05, 2020 at 09:05 PM

GL

“ I enjoyed working with Jim when I became an administrator, and he helped me in so many ways to develop good habits and practices. He always exhibited his Christian attitude in dealing with everyone, including those kids that I'm sure tested his patience - but he never let it show. I think Jim would say he was most proud of how he and his wife raised two great daughters. I was happy that I was able to see him again at his grandchild's school activities. I know his family has many great memories of a wonderful man.

Glenn Heyward

Glenn - March 19, 2020 at 06:45 PM



Glenn Hayward, John Archer. I remember you fondly

John Archer - April 27, 2020 at 07:29 PM

SH

“ I remember us rednecks put him threw some stuff.he was a patient man And a very good Dean .
R.I.p

Stella hall - March 16, 2020 at 06:35 PM

KH

“ I would have never gotten through high school without this wonderful man and all of the kindness he showed me while I was there. I was so thankful to have him for my dean.

kyla hays - March 14, 2020 at 07:56 PM

LW

“ Mr Westbrook was dean at Twin Lakes When I went to school there he was a great man he was a lot of fun I used to give them a run for his money when I try to skip school and he would chase after us I'm going to miss him

Lynda Henderson Wheatley - March 14, 2020 at 11:27 AM

CH

“ I had the privilege of knowing Mr. Westbrook from church, while attending Twin Lakes High School, and later while working for him at Twin Lakes. He was a wise man, leading by example with a sense of humor. Mr. Westbrook cared for each of his students as if they were his own. Whether he gave up part of his lunch time to help a student pass an equivalency test to receive a "real diploma", checked in with another who had a family emergency, or reminded a new student that we were available to help them adjust, there are so many stories of his kindness. Mr. Westbrook saw the best in all of us. We were blessed to have known him.

Carolyn K. Herron Hipley - March 14, 2020 at 01:24 AM

JR

“ Mr. Westbrook was my Dean at Twin Lakes High School. When my mom passed away my senior year, he called to ask how I was and then came to her funeral. I have never forgotten his kindness and compassion. He was a dear sweet man.

Joanne Rufty - March 13, 2020 at 07:18 PM

LB

“ My condolences to the Westbrook family, he was a great coworker and his life as educator had a very positive impact on me as a young teacher and coach. Be blessed.(Twin Lakes 1984-1987)

Leonard Banks - March 13, 2020 at 02:02 PM

TF

Our family (The Dell's) remembers Jim as a very kind and friendly man. He always had a smile on his face for us and always a kind word. God speed Jim. You will surely be missed. 🙏❤️🙏

The Dell Family - May 29, 2020 at 11:46 AM

WF

“ MR.WESTBROOK RIP A TRUE LEADER

Winston favors - March 13, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ Mr. Westbrook was a sweet and gentle man. He wasn't the principal of my particular class from 87 till the change to Palm Beach Lakes, but I had plenty of communications with him and never had any negative encounter. I also never knew of any student who thought bad of him. A very fair administrator. A meaningful life well lived. Rest In Peace...

Joe Morrone - March 13, 2020 at 08:38 AM

JS

“ *Mr. Westbrook was a great man. I remember his presence on Twin Lakes campus during the late 70's and early 80's. Mr. Westbrook walking around the campus with his walkie talkie. RIH Mr. Westbrook we will all join you one day.*

Jerome Simmons - March 12, 2020 at 10:05 PM

JR

“ *Great man great coach*

john rodriguez - March 12, 2020 at 09:11 PM

MG

“ *Great man at Twin Lakes High School. Liked and loved by all. RIP my friend.*

Mike Gershberg - March 12, 2020 at 08:39 PM



“ *I didn't have Mr. Westbrook as my dean, but I used to see him around TLHS campus, always mixing with the students and keeping an eye out. Well, one day, me and some other delinquents were piled into my car during "activity period", which is to say, we were going to McDonald's and the beach for awhile. We were headed down the hill on the one-way, and Dean Westbrook stepped out into the road. I stopped, up the hill about 200' away, but there was nowhere to go. I was just telling my buddy Joe, "Just be cool man, let's see." We eased down the hill and Joe rolled his window down, as the Dean leaned in to see four more people stuffed into the back seat of my VW, he said, "Where y'all going?" Joe, in a genius moment said, "Up to McDonald's, you want anything?" Maybe taken by surprise at the offer, Mr. Westbrook smiled and said, "Nah, you have fun and be careful," and waved us on. We all exhaled in relief. But you know, I learned something that day. Not only was he a good and fair man, but I also learned that authority figures weren't "out to get us". They were just looking out for us, trying to keep us safe and make our own good decisions. If we didn't, they were there watching, but sometimes we had to explore on our own in order to learn. I appreciated his trust in us that day, and I look around at my friends and know, hey, we all did really well! Thanks Dean Westbrook for treating us like we were responsible adults even though we weren't, at some point we all rose to that level. A great guy.*

Scott Harrison - March 12, 2020 at 08:38 PM

RJ

“ *RIP Mr Westbrook. You were a great man.*

Robert Lombardo Jr - March 12, 2020 at 08:16 PM

CW

“ *Mr. Westbrook was at Forest Hill during my time there Class of '72. Mat he RIP.*

Chet S Wancewicz - March 12, 2020 at 08:05 PM



“ *Margie Kirby lit a candle in memory of James Wylie Westbrook*



Margie Kirby - March 12, 2020 at 07:47 PM



*R.I.P. Mr. Westbrook
Was an honor to have you as my Dean at Twin Lakes...I will always have the memories of getting you your doughnuts in the mornings.*

Margie Kirby - March 12, 2020 at 07:49 PM

CB

Thank you for being the easiest dean to talk to and for tolerating 5/6 of the Chesel girls. May you rest in peace.

Carol Boettcher - March 12, 2020 at 08:07 PM



& Margie Kirby is (1) of those Chesel girls...thanks sis!

Margie Kirby - March 12, 2020 at 11:09 PM

DU

“ *Mr. Westbrook was an excellent educator and administrator. Did not have him as my Dean at Twin Lakes High School (class of 1986) but he knew everyone of the students and always greeted us as one of his own. Can still remember Mr. Westbrook walking in the halls or at "The Wall" in front of the school and always greeting me or any student with a smile. We will miss you Mr. Westbrook.*

Dean Urbaniak - March 12, 2020 at 07:30 PM

MW

Mr. Westbrook was always someone I could count on to give honest caring and advice. I definitely could have listened to more of it. He was open and approachable and he related well with students even when he picked up on our mischievousness. He could be once returning from playing at the Palm Beach Mall arcade during one of our very lengthy "Wednesday activity periods". We exchanged a few words, some campus clean up, and his concern for me. It was a privilege to have a gentleman and mentor exhibit such caring. He is now in our citadel where water meets the sky. Thank you, Mr. Westbrook:) Rest In Peace, Twin Lakes Ram.

Marna Weston - March 14, 2020 at 09:30 PM

R1

“ Mr. Westbrook was the Dean of Boys , at Forest Hill High School, in 1969. He had overheard my Graduation Counseling session with Mr. Chaney. I was told not to attempt College! Mr. Westbrook took me aside and said Robert don't listen to him. Go college you will do well. I did, receiving an BS from UCF and two Masters from Troy University. Thank you Mr. Westbrook you were a great Man!

Robert W Gleichauf FHHS class of 1969 - March 12, 2020 at 07:07 PM

SB

“ I had the privilege of knowing Mr Westbrook when I was at Forrest Hill High many moon ago! He always had a smile and had time to chat with you. Sending prayers and comfort to his family. Suzanne Comp Beck

suzanne beck - March 12, 2020 at 05:51 PM

TE

“ Rest In Peace to my favorite dean.

Thomas Edwards - March 12, 2020 at 05:40 PM

DK

“ I have fond memories of Mr. Westbrook. He always had a smile on his face, always helpful always fair. Some of my best memories of school were working as an office aide for him. I saw him at the post office about 12 years ago and he still had that same smile & remembered me 😊 He had also taught my mom at Forest hill high. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Denise Kemp - March 12, 2020 at 05:23 PM

SW

“ He was such a wonderful man and will be missed. I'm excited that he was a Christian and that I will see him again. I remember him sitting through a play that would bore anyone and he was so kind and gracious to me. Loved seeing him in the office. He would brighten anyone's day!!! Love to the family and I know I speak for all the Di Tocco's.

Susan Woerner - March 12, 2020 at 05:07 PM

SH

“ I remember Mr Westbrook from Grace United Methodists Church where he was the leader for the UMYF group. Have thought of him over the years! Rest In Peace Mr. Westbrook, we will see you in heaven!

Sarah Barker Hughes - March 12, 2020 at 04:59 PM

JR

“ Heaven is a better place now that Mr. Westbrook is there. He was a positive influence in the 60's at Forest Hill High School when I was a student. It was great to see him again at United Methodist Church of the Palm Beaches where my grand daughter saw him when his daughter taught Sunday School. Our prayers and thoughts are with the entire family during this time. He will be missed by many. Much love, Joyce Weber Russell

Joyce Russell - March 12, 2020 at 04:19 PM

JR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Joyce Russell - March 12, 2020 at 04:10 PM

BC

He will be missed by many he was a wonderful leader I will never forget him from Forest Hill high RIP my Friend 🌸

Bob Crozier - March 12, 2020 at 05:03 PM



I remember him as a neighbor and the dean of Twin Lakes High School. He was very kind and just. I remember as a kid egging his car on Halloween. It was one of those things one does, that one thinks about and feels badly about for a long time. I know I did. I remember thinking he and his family didn't deserve that. I am sorry Mr. Westbrook and family. May you rest in peace and may your family feel joy in their memories of you. You made a difference in this world and in my humble opinion that's the best we can all hope for. Thank you for your contribution to decency. .

Laurie Bendell - March 12, 2020 at 05:11 PM



Dean Westbrook was the best! He was kind, wise and always had a smile for you. His entire family is a joy and a testimony to the legacy he leaves. I remember wishing he was my Dean. The Dean I had was not in it for the kids like Mr. Westbrook

Debbie Coombs - March 18, 2020 at 12:26 PM

SI

“ *Mr. Westbrook was a one of a kind teacher. R.I.P sir, your patience and kindness impact many lives for the better.*

Stephanie Iannuzzi - March 12, 2020 at 04:06 PM

RT

“ *He was a very special person I remember his low voice and respect he showed his students. I took his Algebra class at PBHS class '61 he was very patient with me. Prayers for his family.*

Ruth Turlington-Wozniak

Ruth Turlington-Wozniak - March 12, 2020 at 03:08 PM

LK

“ *I am so sorry to hear this. He was a very special man to me and my parents. Please know that I am praying for the family during this time.*

Lisa Kiger

Lisa Kiger - March 12, 2020 at 10:29 AM

EW

“ *I have happy and comforting lifelong memories of the Westbrooks. My earliest memories begin at Grace Methodist Church then all through elementary, middle and high school, where Mr Westbrook was in Administration. He was highly respected and will be missed by many. God Bless.*

Elizabeth Broome Wagner - March 12, 2020 at 10:07 AM

MY

“ *Mr. Westbrook was a smart, warm and caring man. He and Mrs. Westbrook taught my children in Sunday School - along with Vicki and Larry and Linda Broome. He shares the same birthday with my daughter Lisa and he always sent her a card. He was also a great school administrator. I will miss his smile and his wry humor. He leaves a great legacy with his amazing daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.*

Margie Yansura - March 12, 2020 at 08:12 AM

PS

“ *Mr. Westbrook was a great father. I knew him through his daughter Vickie or Spookie. He loved his family and they loved him. He was the master leader of his family and a great leader in education. My family sends thoughts and prayers to the family.*
Prayers and love,
Powell and Regina Sailors.



Powell and Regina Sailors - March 11, 2020 at 09:04 PM