



## North Ottis West

November 11, 1940 - January 17, 2022

North O. West, 81, a devoted husband, beloved father and grandfather, peacefully went to be with his Lord on Monday, January 17, 2022, in his San Antonio home surrounded by his family.

North was born November 11, 1940, on Veteran's Day, in San Antonio, Texas, to Ottis Ancil West and wife, Laverna Gilberta Seyler West.

North was a 1959 graduate of Harlandale High School. Thereafter he entered the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M University and graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1963. The years that he spent in Aggieland changed and shaped the man that he became. He learned honesty, integrity and service and many other attributes that he adopted into the fabric of his life. North loved his Aggies. Anyone that met him knew this instantly as he was typically wearing some form of maroon most of the time, in addition to his beloved Aggie ring. He enjoyed football season and was a season ticket holder who missed very few home games. Words cannot express how much his time in College Station meant to him. Following his time in college, he attended St. Mary's University and earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence. North was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 1966.

North knew that he wanted to serve his country and volunteered rather than waiting to be drafted. He entered the United States Army as an officer on November 6, 1966. He, and his wife Connie, were sent to New York where he

was the Special Agent in charge of the Albany Field Office. Following his time in New York, he was sent overseas during Vietnam as a Military Intelligence Officer. He completed his military service in 1968 with the rank of Captain.

Upon his return to the United States, North joined his father's law practice, West & West Attorneys, and from there his legal career began. North truly loved the practice of law. He enjoyed finding solutions for complicated legal matters and helping his clients. During his legal career, he was licensed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, the Texas Supreme Court, and all other courts of the State of Texas; and was a member of Phi Delta Phi honorary legal fraternity, the San Antonio Bar Association, State Bar of Texas, American Bar Association and many professional, legal and real estate associations and councils. For a time, he taught law courses at Our Lady of the Lake University. North was Special Counsel to the Harlandale Independent School District and to Bexar Metropolitan Water District.

North loved his family and his "family" extended far beyond blood relatives. From his Aggie buddies, to his West & West family, North never met a stranger and was always generous with his time. Anyone who met North knew that he always had a story to tell you and always had a teaching moment thrown into the story. No one could tell a story like he could. He enjoyed vacationing in Port Aransas with his family, family gatherings and regularly attending services at his church, River City Community Church. His life was about taking care of others, his family and setting a strong example of right and wrong and the importance of listening to the Holy Spirit nudging you in the right direction.

North was preceded in death by his parents, Ottis Ancil West and wife, Laverna Gilberta Seyler West, his wife of thirty years Roberta Howle West, and step daughter, Betty Saunders. He is survived by his son Jason C. West,

and wife Kristina, his daughter Jennifer L. West, and step sons, Patrick Brown and Michael Brown, and wife Mary, and sister-in-law Susan Howle. He is further survived by numerous grandchildren and many lifelong friends, specifically Rita A. Packard who has worked alongside North for well over 50 years.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M., Friday, January 21, 2022 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels – South. 1700 S.E. Military Drive, San Antonio, TX 78214. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South. The family will receive family and friends from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M., Thursday evening, at the funeral home.

A special thank you to our dear friends Eloisa and Nick Friesenhahn who have been by his side for almost 30 years, and to the loving staff at Davita Kidney Care and River City Home Care.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Service

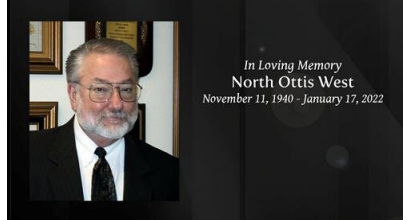
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# Tribute Wall



“ Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of North Ottis West



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - January 20, 2022 at 01:55 PM

RH

*This is a beautiful video story. Cried my eyeballs out.*

Rhonda. - January 20, 2022 at 08:37 PM

JL

*Thanks for filling in the years since I first met North at Huff Elementary in 1947. He was special!*

Jo Alys Giuoco Long - January 24, 2022 at 01:41 PM

JP

*I know this has been years upon Mr. West passing, but I need to give him his respect or as the young people day now his flowers. Mr. West helped me out in a tough situation a very dark time in my life. I was a new client. He treated me as if I was a life long friend. I meet him through business but I would like to think we became friends in some way. I wish I would have knew about his passing but unfortunately I didn't. Thos is the best I can do. I decided to do this it was the best I could do. Thank you North O West. It was an honor and privilege to meet a man who was a 100 percent professional and a even more genuine person. Rest in peace sir.*

Jarnell Porter - October 10, 2025 at 09:16 AM

PO

“ Always a twinkle in his eyes and love for all and all for him.  
Captured beautifully! His faith in Christ insures we will see him  
again!

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**Priscilla Ocker** - February 21, 2022 at 11:54 PM

RP

“ I knew North longer than anyone I work for. I was hired in 1965 and  
still work for the firm to this day. North was bigger than life.  
Everything in his life became a funny story. His most remembered  
comment on the many stories he loved to tell, was a client who said  
if you ask him what time it is, he will tell you how the clock works.  
Everything he did was a learning experience. He did not want to you  
just take what he said and do it, he wanted you to know why you  
were doing it. He was a great boss, and I will miss him greatly. Rest  
in Peace North.

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**Rita Packard** - January 26, 2022 at 02:37 AM

EB

“ I'm recalling such fond memories of North as I type this. He was a  
good friend, next door neighbor, sax player & all around nice fellow..  
Sorry I didn't make contact with him in the last few years. My loss.  
Praying for comfort & peace for North's family. He was just a  
lovable, caring friend & will be missed by many. His funeral was a  
celebration of his outstanding life.  
Earla Williamson Bishop

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**Earla Williamson Bishop** - January 23, 2022 at 04:06 PM

NB

“ *May he rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. He served his country and his community with distinction.*  
*Nick and Linda Barron*  
*Neighbors*

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**Nick Barron** - January 21, 2022 at 02:31 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of North Ottis West.*



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January 21, 2022 at 10:08 AM

GB

“ *So beautiful! What a life well lived! You will be greatly missed Mr West, but your legacy will live on for many generations.* ❤️

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**Gina Boone** - January 20, 2022 at 11:31 PM

MI

“ *My condolences to the West Family. Prayers for comfort during this difficult time.*  
*Miriam Fernandez- Probate Court 2*

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**miriam** - January 20, 2022 at 07:42 PM

EW

“ Ed L. West purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of North Ottis West.



Ed L. West - January 20, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of North Ottis West.



January 20, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of North Ottis West.



January 20, 2022 at 02:32 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of North Ottis West.



January 19, 2022 at 10:51 PM

JM

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Joe Mann - January 19, 2022 at 10:38 PM



Thank you for sharing this.

Jennifer West - January 19, 2022 at 10:45 PM

RM

“ Grandpa North was, and still is, one of a kind, someone who can never ever replace him. He took in our extended family with love and made us ALL feel comfortable and like he knew our family from Day 1. He will always be alive to us. "See you on Friday, Grandpa, Counselor, Father-in-Law, Dad, etc."

Rhonda A. Martin - January 19, 2022 at 10:14 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of North Ottis West.



January 19, 2022 at 07:50 PM

JB

“ North was like a brother to my brother Bill Brashears and I. I lost Bill last June and now North this week. Our time at Harlandale and at A&M. I even took a graduate class in school law from North at OLL. We attended many many Aggie football games together and discussed every play in detail. North was “Old Ags” in a good way! He will truly be missed. [HERE](#)”

Jerry Brashears - January 19, 2022 at 06:13 PM

JV

“ Mr. North O West had a great sense of humor and was a pure joy to work with. He will be missed by Probate Court 2.”

-Judge Veronica Vasquez

Judge Veronica Vasquez - January 19, 2022 at 06:09 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of North Ottis West.”



January 19, 2022 at 06:09 PM

DD

“ I am saddened by North’s passing. In over 35 years of practice I worked with North addressing legal matters for common and adversarial clients. But the process was always the same - do the right thing; be courteous; and be professional. North was a respected friend and colleague who led by a bright example.”

DEMETRIO DUARTE - January 19, 2022 at 04:05 PM

PA

“ We Aggies lost a loyal comrade. I met Mr. West only once but was quickly reminded about him when I saw a notice from the San Antonio Bar Association about his passing. I immediately recognized his name but had no idea he was an attorney. On June 21, 2013, we were gathered at Sunset Funeral Home in San Antonio for my buddy Todd Clark who was KIA on June 8, 2013. He was interred at Fort Sam the next day. Nonetheless, in the corner of the viewing room sat an older gentleman. I did not recognize him, so I approached him for a chat and to ask him how he knew my friend. He said he had heard of the fallen Aggie hero and wanted to visit to pay his respects. Mr. West was also a fellow Aggie and former member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets. From my recollection, I also think he happened to be a member of our unit, Boozin' B-2! I never saw Mr. West again after that day in June. Nonetheless, when I saw the email from the San Antonio Bar Assoc. this morning I paused and thought about this kind old Ag. Gig 'Em, Mr. West. Thanks for exemplifying the Aggie Spirit. I expect my buddy Todd met you at the door with a cold Shiner, shot of Jameson and an itinerary of shenanigans. Prayers for comfort to his family and friends. Here.

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**Paul** - January 19, 2022 at 03:39 PM



Thank you for sharing this about Dad. This is something I can totally see him doing.

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**Jennifer West** - January 23, 2022 at 08:31 PM

RM

“ North was one of those guys you just assume was going to be around forever. We practiced in the same building which we jointly owned for years. I'm younger, so I learned a lot about the practice of law and the importance of honesty, integrity and fairness in doing so from North. He was one of those rare people who you never heard an unkind word about. I am sorry to hear of his passing and I know he'll have the "best seat in the house" at Kyle Field from now on. RIP, Mr. West.

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**Rob Myers** - January 19, 2022 at 03:30 PM

AA

“ I met North when we were both 5 years old and in my mother's kindergarten at the Harlandale Methodist Church. There are many good things to say about North, but I will say here that he was a smart and clever poet. He attended some of our high school class reunions--usually wearing his Harlandale football letter jacket--for which he composed long narrative poems that he stood up and read to the group. Those poems mentioned funny and insightful things about many of our classmates. His mention of me in one of his poems was that his first crush was on my mother when she was his kindergarten teacher.

*R.I.P., North.*

*-Alan Anderson.*

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**Alan Anderson** - January 19, 2022 at 01:18 PM

YF

“ *Yolanda H. Colebank and Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of North Ottis West.*



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**Yolanda H. Colebank and Family** - January 18, 2022 at 07:07 PM

BM

“ *Bert Myrick purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of North Ottis West.*



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**Bert Myrick** - January 18, 2022 at 07:03 PM