



Lawrence D. West Sr.

December 30, 1950 - July 8, 2022

Lawrence Dudley West Sr.
(affectionately known as "Larry")

Lawrence Dudley West was born on December 30, 1950 to the late Musa S West and the late Lawrence P West. He was the oldest of 3 boys. Lawrence gained his wings early on Friday, July 8th 2022.

Lawrence was born in Asbury Park NJ & grew up in West Philadelphia. As a young child, Lawrence & his family attended Holy Temple Church of God in Christ in Philadelphia where he started his early Christian education. He was a part of Boy Scouts Troop 350 Calvin Presbyterian Church, 60th & Master Street, Philadelphia PA. Lawrence graduated High School Class of 1968 from Overbrook High school.

In 1962, his father, the late Elder Lawrence P West, was assigned pastor of the New Jerusalem COGIC in Twin Oaks, PA. Elder Lawrence P West and Mother Musa West truly believed in Proverbs 22:6 *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it* Lawrence and his brothers Ira and Daryn were the first choir members at the church were his mother was the choir director.

Larry attended college St Augustine*s University, a privately historically Black

Christian College in Raleigh, North Carolina where he graduated with a Bachelors in Business Accounting. After he returned from St Augustine*s he taught at Theis Temple School in Norristown, and also was a High School substitute teacher in the Philadelphia School District. Larry later enrolled into the Pennsylvania State Trooper Cadet program where he graduated from his training and became one of the few African American Pennsylvania State Troopers at that time.

After his retirement he went on to various PT jobs including a bus driver for Leisure Line Bus Company and was a member of the New Chester Recovery Group.

Larry loved and enjoyed fishing and golfing with family and friends and from time-to-time billiards. He was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan just like his father Lawrence P. West. He also had a love for Jazz as well as musical artist Sade.

Larry rededicated his life to the Lord and to the church in the early 2000s. He was ordained as a deacon of New Jerusalem Church of God in Chester, Pa, sang in the Mass Choir & also drove the church vans.

Larry was preceded in death by his father Elder Lawrence P. West, mother Mother Musa S West and his middle brother Ira West. Larry is survived by his youngest brother Elder Daryn West (Vanessa) and 2 sons and 1 daughter: Lawrence D West Jr (Jenna), Katrina R West Scott (Michael) & Aaron West.

Cemetery Details

Lawn Croft Cemetery

1000 Ridge Road
Linwood, PA 19061

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 22. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Jerusalem Church of Chester
2100 W. 3rd Street
Chester, PA 19013

Service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence D. West Sr.*

October 07, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *Lawrence D. West Sr.*

October 04, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family and all relatives of Larry West.

I will never forget Larry from our formative days growing up on 62nd Street in Philadelphia. Larry was a leader demonstrated in his involvement in sports and the Boy Scouts. Whenever we were hanging in the neighborhood and Larry was present, there was never a dull moment. Larry was always the life of the party with his charm, comedic nature, skills on the dance floor, and command of the lyrics of popular music of the time.

As we grieve the loss of our dear brother, Larry should be remembered for his involvement with Scouting and how he lived the Twelve principles of Scouting known as the Scout Law, a scout must be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. Larry was committed to the principles Scouting and being a servant to our community. He was a person that valued and embraced life with love and compassion. Larry will always be remembered for his leadership and achievements as a proud member of Boy Scout Troop 350.

Troop 350, 62nd in Philadelphia, and the world lost a committed and relentless comedian. Oh yes! Larry could have taken the path as a stand-up comedian.

Those who genuinely knew Larry know he loved life and met all his challenges head-on.

I hope that these words comfort us as we say farewell. I am grateful for the friendship and fellowship I had with Larry.

One who has lived a life like Larry West never truly dies but crosses a bridge into eternal life as an ancestor. May it ease our sadness a bit to know that the memories of Larry West will be yet another bridge between our world and the world of our ancestors.

Although I cannot attend Larry's home-going, I am here in spirit. Therefore, I pray for the peaceful and enlightening transition during the home-going of Larry West's soul.

I join all of my Troop 350 brothers in saluting the life of Larry West.

Peace and blessing,

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Aukram Burton

07/21/2022

Aukram Burton - July 22, 2022 at 09:42 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence D. West Sr..*



July 21, 2022 at 08:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence D. West Sr..*



July 20, 2022 at 09:27 PM

MC

“ *Mildred Cottom lit a candle in memory of
Lawrence D. West Sr.*



Mildred Cottom - July 14, 2022 at 04:58 PM

MC

“ *To the West family,
During this time, May the Lord draw especially near to you...to
comfort your heart, to bring you the hope of eternal life, and to fill
you with His peace.
As one whom his mother comforter, so will I comfort you; and you
shall be comforted.
Isaiah 66:13*

*With prayers and sympathy,
Elder Richard & Mildred Cottom*

Mildred Cottom - July 14, 2022 at 02:24 PM