



Robert Earl West, Sr.

August 14, 1960 - March 20, 2025

Robert Earl West, Sr. was born in Laurel, Mississippi on August 14, 1960 and went to his heavenly home on March 20, 2025.

Robert attended and graduated from Northeast Jones High School and worked as a truck driver for Whitestone Transportation and everyone knew him by his CB handle "Swamper."

He loved his children and grandchildren and would always say when they came to visit, "Get Out, Come In!" whether he was standing at the front door or sitting on his favorite bench outside under the shade tree. His kids and grandkids were always joking with him about his tree limbs being too low and he would joke back and say, "learn to duck!"

He loved to hunt, fish, and work hard in his personal and professional life. He lived life in the way he loved and wanted to live. Although, occasionally he had what he referred to as, "A little boy hair-cut," deep down in his soul he was just like his favorite country song, "Long Haired County Boy." He loved his country music, his donkey Bennie, "Ben Ben," and his old dog Boo.

Some of his favorite things to do were having cookouts with his close family, going for long rides in the DeSoto National Forest with his kids and grandkids, and crawfish boils and fish fries.

He will be greatly missed by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family, and friends.

We love you Dad (Papaw). You will be forever in our hearts.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents Jack West, Sr. and Elsie Audrey Shedd West.

He is survived by his children Michael Nix (Alise) of Laurel, Robert (West Jr.) Fenwick (Holly) of Tuscaloosa, AL., and Audrey Welch (Josh) of Laurel, one brother Jack West Jr. (Sherry) of Wayne County, two sisters Carolyn Robinson (Robin) of Mize, Betty Robinson (Neil) of Wayne County, twelve grandchildren, three great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

Visitation will be at Memory Chapel, Sunday at 1:00 pm with a graveside service at 2:00 pm in the Myrick Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Junior Shedd, Josh Welch, Jose Yanez, Basilio Yanez, Randy Gordon, and Richard Richardson.

Honorary pallbearers are John Michael Nix and Nathan Welch.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Myrick Cemetery

1490 Lower Myrick Road
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapel-laurel.com/>

Graveside Service

MAR 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

Myrick Cemetery
1490 Lower Myrick Road
Laurel, MS 39443

Tribute Wall

KY

“ He was such a good person and I love that im his granddaughter I miss you grandpa Robert

Kylie - April 21 at 12:21 PM

LT

“ A great man that I had the privilege of knowing and working with. My prayers are with the entire family during this difficult time.

Lance Taylor - April 26, 2025 at 11:50 PM

B(

“ He was a good friend of mine, we moved rigs together at tk, deepwell. Gonna miss you old friend. Until we meet again.

Brad Deese (Catfish) - March 28, 2025 at 04:23 PM

HF

“ His loving children and their families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Earl West, Sr..



His loving children and their families - March 28, 2025 at 11:57 AM

RR

“ I Loved this man like a brother he loved family and friends always wanted to do something with family on the weekends I will miss you brother. R.I.P.



Richard Richardson - March 27, 2025 at 08:32 PM

PF

I thought alots of Robert we talked about two hours ago day at work I have missed our daily conversation RIP

Patterson Felix - March 28, 2025 at 01:20 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert Earl West, Sr..



March 27, 2025 at 07:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Earl West, Sr..

March 27, 2025 at 07:25 PM

AW

“ There are no words to express how much my daddy will be missed. There are too many special and special memories with him to express in one post. He loved his kids, grandkids, and great grandkids more than anything in the world. We would give anything to have just one more day, hour, minute, or even seconds with him. Tomorrow is never promised and that reality has never hit harder than now. We will love you forever and always, dad. Your shade tree branches are still too low and I still haven't learned to duck. I love you. -Audrey

Audrey Welch - March 27, 2025 at 06:20 PM

AW

**precious and special memories
It's hard getting the correct words out when your heart is shattered into a million pieces, but I believe my daddy knows exactly what I meant to say.*

Audrey Welch - March 28, 2025 at 11:08 AM

KY

We all miss him aunt Audrey I miss him like crazy but I remember so many memories with him and I wish I could have known him more but it was his time to go i wish I could've seen him more than I did but I remember so many craw fish boils and everything else I love you grandpa Robert you will always be in our hearts-Kylie

Kylie - April 21 at 12:39 PM

PF

“ Parrish Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Robert Earl West, Sr..



Parrish Family - March 27, 2025 at 05:16 PM