



Hugh Westlake

March 12, 2026

Hugh Westlake, age 63 of Magnolia, passed away March 12, 2026. The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home extend condolences to the Westlake family during this difficult time.

No services are scheduled through the funeral home.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

APR **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Matthias Catholic Church
302 Magnolia Blvd.
Magnolia, TX 77355

Tribute Wall

JT

“ *Julian White & Civil and Structural Team purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Hugh Westlake.*



Julian White & Civil and Structural Team - April 09 at 12:55 PM

JW

“ *Jay Welsch purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Hugh Westlake.*



Jay Welsch - April 03 at 07:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Hugh Westlake.*



April 01 at 04:46 PM

“ Some kind words from Hugh's colleagues in API SC2 community:

Albert Ku - I have known Hugh since around 2000, and throughout that time I always regarded him as an exceptionally strong engineer, particularly in the design and analysis of jacket and fixed offshore structures. His depth of understanding was obvious, but what stood out even more was how quietly he carried it.

Around 2015, when Hugh was with BP, I went to UT Austin to give an afternoon course on the seismic design of offshore structures. Hugh was there as a participant. For him, it was part of a full one week course covering all aspects of jacket design and analysis. It was clear he was taking it easy during that week—not out of disinterest, but because his level of knowledge already exceeded that of the instructors. In truth, he could just as easily have been teaching the course himself.

That was very much Hugh: highly capable, deeply knowledgeable, and never needing to assert it. He listened carefully, engaged thoughtfully, and carried himself with quiet confidence.

He was also, unmistakably, an English gentleman—both in his accent and in his manner. There was a calm courtesy and warmth about him that made conversations easy and disagreements respectful.

I will remember Hugh as a true professional and a valued colleague, but also as a friend.

Rest well, Hugh.

Paul Frieze - I also heard the sad news from Riaz but was not aware of the Visitation and Funeral Information, it is helpful. That, to me, gentle giant, seems to have died young.

I have not seen him for many years. My first encounter was when he was working with MSL in Houston back in 19xx. Many years later, we next met up in Kuala Lumpur where we were working on a project but which was aborted because Nigel Nichols and I spent a few days away together with our families – don't ask.

In KL, Hugh and I met a number of times, together with his wife on a least on occasion, I seem to recall she was French. I feel we differed quite significantly in our approach to a number of engineering issues due, mainly I think, to the fact he was a Mechanical Engineer whereas I was a Structural Engineer. Our engineering schoolings had been quite different.

Saddened by the news. Hope you all have some fond memories of him.

In thought,

Paul

Adel Younan - The news hit me hard as Hugh was a few months older than me!

Giant and gentle, indeed! He had the heart of a child; we never had anything but an honest discussion, and I always enjoyed sitting and chatting with Hugh.

Our career paths crossed 3 times:

- While at EQE myself, Hugh was with Lloyd's working as a hat contractor for Amoco. He was my reports checker, and boy, did he teach me English!*
- While at MSL, Hugh joined a few months later, and we worked few more months together.*
- API SC2 committees, meetings: Wherever we met, we managed to keep tabs on each other and have a chat. That includes API 2GEN: I followed his footsteps and rewrote it one last time, then parked it with API, and shared a copy with ISO WG1.*

So, Paul, you can see why this hit me hard!

Adel Younan, PhD, PE

Jeff Terenzi - When I first joined the API efforts, Hugh was a driving force. He would progress drafts quickly but with sound, clear input and always made himself available for a good chat. I'm grateful for the time I knew him and am sad to hear this unexpected news.

Jeff Terenzi, PE

David Petruska - March 31 at 08:35 AM

SO

In Loving memory of Hugh.

Even when time and life pulled us in different directions, our friendship with Hugh never faded. Whenever we found our way back to each other, it felt easy and familiar, like no time had passed at all. That kind of connection was a true gift, and we will always hold it close. Jim will especially miss his chess buddy, Hugh, who usually won, and the many games they shared along with their thoughtful post-game analysis. We will miss him deeply and remember him always.

Jim and Sonia Ness

Sonia - April 01 at 04:27 PM

PS

“ Very sorry to hear about the loss of Hugh. We first worked together at Lloyds Register in London in the late 1980s. They gave Hugh a desk in the middle of the office and his long legs stuck out so far that they became a major trip hazard. Fortunately our paths crossed many more times culminating in being in the same team at bp. As well as his expertise in structural integrity management, we had many long chats about politics, life and football (soccer) and his passion for Liverpool FC. I was particularly grateful to be invited over to share dinner with him, Clare and the girls on one of the 2-week visits to Houston. Thanks for some great memories, Hugh. With love, Philip Smedley

Philip Smedley - March 28 at 11:46 AM

DP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Hugh for many years at bp and always enjoyed our conversation whether being about work, life in general or trying to solve all the bp and world problems. He was an outstanding engineer and invaluable colleague. Hugh will be missed in the offshore structure engineering community and will keep his family in my thoughts and prayers. David Petruska

David Petruska - March 24 at 09:24 AM

AY

“ Adel Younan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Hugh Westlake.



Adel Younan - March 22 at 06:25 PM

FR

“ *In Loving Memory of Hugh.
I’m so sorry for your loss. I’ll always remember the conversations I shared with Hugh—sometimes about work and energy business, but more often about our families, sports, and vehicles, and occasionally politics—basically trying to solve the world’s problems one chat at a time.
Hugh will be deeply missed, and I’m holding you and your family in my thoughts.*

Fraser - March 18 at 05:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hugh Westlake.*



March 18 at 05:06 PM

CO

“ *Colleagues from bp Houston Office purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Hugh Westlake.*



Colleagues from bp Houston Office - March 18 at 02:58 PM

VM

“ I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Hugh. He was not only a valued colleague but also a kind and genuine person who left a positive impact on everyone around him. Please accept my condolences during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Thinking of you during this difficult time,
Vugar from bp Azerbaijan

Vugar Mammadov - March 17 at 11:32 PM

PC

I am so sorry for your loss. May the healing touch of Christ envelop your family in this time of grief.

Pat Coker - March 18 at 07:50 AM