



Wallace "Wally" Westbrook

October 31, 2020

Wallace E. Westbrook, of Shenandoah, Texas, completed his journey on this earth on October 31, 2020. He was born on December 27, 1947 in Jasper, Texas, to Elmer Leo Westbrook and Sarah (Sholars) Westbrook.

His childhood included years in southeast Texas and also a couple of years in Okinawa, Japan, where his father was stationed in the Air Force. In 1958 the Westbrooks settled in El Paso, Texas, which became home and where he would make friends that would last for a lifetime. Wally graduated from Coronado High School in 1966.

Wally entered the workforce to work at a local bank, following in the footsteps of his father, but then soon joined his brother off the coast of Louisiana to work in the oil and gas pipeline industry. After a few years he moved to Lubbock, Texas, where he enrolled in the Sunset International Bible Institute from 1971-1972. Although his career path would not result in formal ministry, Wally's education at Sunset made a long-lasting impact on his Bible knowledge, his faith, and his major life decisions.

In the mid-1970s Wally opened the Roaring 50s, an ice-cream parlor modeled after 1950s décor and expanded his restaurant business. He also became an insurance salesman, and he maintained this license for several years even after his family moved to Houston in the late 1970s.

Wally was a visionary who had the perfect blend of artistic creativity and persuasion, a combination of talents that prepared him for building quality homes. In 1980, Wally launched Westbrook Building Company, Inc., and from 1980-1996, his commitment to excellence in workmanship and attention to detail would leave his footprint on the building industry throughout Texas—Spring, The Woodlands, Dallas, and Austin. His homes were known for their elegance, large square footage, and innovative design. During his years as a builder, his homes were featured in magazines and other print literature. Leo Westbrook, Wally's brother, also moved to the Houston area to build houses through his own company, Unique Custom Homes, Inc. Under Wally's leadership, Westbrook Building Company contributed a great deal to the direction of large, stylish homes in The Woodlands.

After suffering from a major stroke in 1996, his health issues forced him to step away from building, but he never abandoned his work ethic and creativity. After he recovered from his stroke, in 1998, he formed Westbrook Designs and continued to design homes for the next 22 years.

In 2012, Wally suffered another medical emergency that left him with kidney failure and a complex health situation. In 2016, Laurie Hartley graciously became his living kidney donor and extended his life and quality of life for 4 more years.

Throughout his life, Wally Westbrook maintained a commitment to his faith, his family, and his work. As family gathered around him in his final days, he told each one that he loved him or her. His eyes would light up each time he would see one of his grandchildren. He would say with tears in his eyes that he has a wonderful family. As his physical body expired, there is no doubt that he was received on the other side with the words "Welcome to your reward, my good and faithful servant."

Wally Westbrook was welcomed in heaven by his parents Elmer Leo Westbrook and Sarah (Sholars) Westbrook and by his granddaughter Zerona Hartzog. He leaves behind his wife Ella Westbrook (married on February 22, 2002); his children Drs. Tim and Anessa Westbrook, Sarah Westbrook, Chris and Stephanie Snowden, and Donnie and Jennifer Pogue; his grandkids Alina Westbrook, Anna Westbrook, Theo Westbrook, Bowen Westbrook-Hartzog, Sawyer Westbrook-Hartzog, Collin Snowden, Shilo Snowden, Drake Pogue, and Madelynn Pogue; his brother E. Leo Westbrook, Jr.; and his kidney donor Laurie Hartley.

ALL FLOWERS SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE CHURCH SATURDAY MORNING.

The Committal Service in Woodville, Texas is private.

The stream of the service can be seen at the following address:

https://youtu.be/bwavm8U_Mds

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

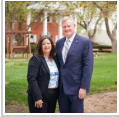
Woodland Oaks Church of Christ
7300 Crownridge Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77382

Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Wally was one of a kind. He will be missed. My prayers go out to the entire Westbrook family.* ”

Kate Castro - November 07, 2020 at 10:35 PM



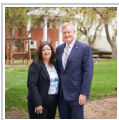
Thank you, Kate.

Tim Westbrook - November 11, 2020 at 05:27 PM

MJ

“ *wally was the best brother-in-law to have. Ella is wonderful as a sister-in-law and Tim & Betsy are the niece and nephew to know! I do so miss you, "Bubba" but i know you walk with the Lord. Randy * I will keep in touch with EVERYONE for you as you watch from above. Love you very much! Too many memories to put in writing. Love, Mary Jo (Westbrook) Jackson* ”

mary jo jackson - November 07, 2020 at 10:55 AM



Thank you, Aunt Jo. Love you!

Tim Westbrook - November 11, 2020 at 05:27 PM

DS

“ One of the sweetest men we ever knew. When he found out we were going to "buy" a storage bldg, he had me draw out the plans for what I wanted-and had it built, for the same price as a "ready made". When it was finished, he said "that house may blow away in a storm, but I guarantee you your storage bldg won't!" We shared a lot of fun times, scary times, and sad times w/Wally and Ella. We will really miss you, Brother!!! Love Danna (and Tex would say "Me Too
!

Danna Stevens - November 07, 2020 at 01:40 AM



He was so fond of you both! Thank you for sharing this memory.

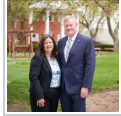
Tim Westbrook - November 11, 2020 at 05:28 PM

BH

“ My name is Bruce Hillegeist and for the past 26 years I have been the president of the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce. For 13 years prior to my chamber career, I worked for 11 years at First Bank & Trust in Tomball-- Wally was a customer (his Loan Officer was Howard Leverett). Every employee of the bank (in the 1980's and 1990's) knew and loved Wally-- his personality, his kindness, his care-- they way Wally made everyone he came in contact with feel made positive impacts-- no one could forget Wally Westbrook. I was pleasantly surprised when he called me at my chamber job years ago--I admired and respected Wally greatly and will remember him always! My prayers include the Westbrook family-- asking God to provide comfort and peace through the power of the Holy Spirit.

In Christian love, Bruce

Bruce Hillegeist - November 06, 2020 at 07:32 PM



Thank you for these encouraging words, Mr. Hillegeist.

Tim Westbrook - November 11, 2020 at 05:29 PM

YF

“ *Your MEI Rigging & Crating Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Wallace "Wally" Westbrook.*



Your MEI Rigging & Crating Family - November 06, 2020 at 12:07 PM

RF

“ *Richard Fry purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Wallace "Wally" Westbrook.*

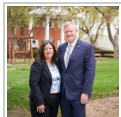


Richard Fry - November 06, 2020 at 12:01 PM

PS

“ *My condolences to all the Westbrook family and friends. I had the pleasure of speaking with Wally over the phone for many years as bookkeeper with SoftPlan Systems. We always had enjoyable conversations about life and work.*

pat shelton - November 06, 2020 at 11:34 AM



Thank you for your condolences and for sharing this memory.

Tim Westbrook - November 11, 2020 at 05:30 PM

BD

“ Beth and Dianne purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Wallace "Wally" Westbrook.



Beth and Dianne - November 06, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Wallace "Wally" Westbrook.



November 06, 2020 at 09:33 AM

JK

“ Jennifer K. purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Wallace "Wally" Westbrook.



Jennifer K. - November 05, 2020 at 11:56 AM

SL

“ Stilwell, Earl & Apostolakis, LLP purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wallace "Wally" Westbrook.



Stilwell, Earl & Apostolakis, LLP - November 04, 2020 at 01:48 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Wallace "Wally" Westbrook.*



November 04, 2020 at 01:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wallace "Wally" Westbrook.*



November 04, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ *Wally was a great friend to our family. We have many memories of all the family within our church family. Our deepest sympathy and much love to Ella, Tim and Sarah and all their families. Gary and Jean Erwin*

Gary and Jean Erwin - November 04, 2020 at 09:24 AM



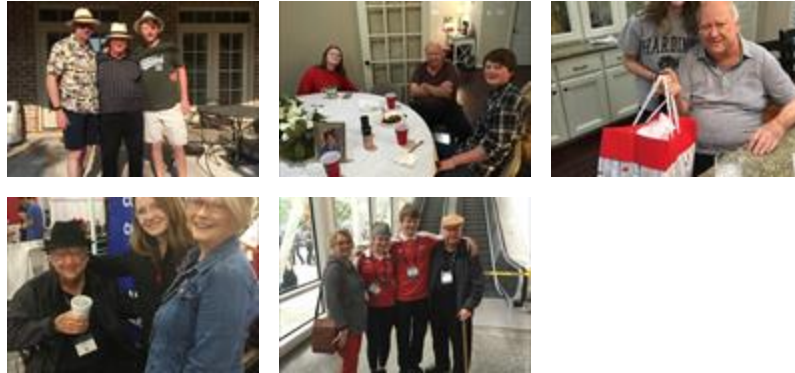
“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wallace "Wally" Westbrook.*



November 03, 2020 at 09:57 PM

TW

“ 8 files added to the album Granddaddy



Tim Westbrook - November 03, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wallace "Wally" Westbrook.



November 03, 2020 at 01:04 AM