

*A Celebration of Life for
Dr. George R. West, Jr.*

Sunrise
September 27, 1925

Sunset
February 5, 2016



Friday, February 12, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ENGLEWOOD

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Obituary

Dr. George R. West, Jr. was born September 27, 1925 to George R. West and Ruth (Brown) West in Englewood, NJ. A lifelong resident, he was a familiar and respected presence. George graduated from Dwight Morrow H.S. where he gained recognition as a member of the Maroon Raiders track team. Described in a 1943 Bergen Record article as a “short but well-built colored lad”, he led his team to win that year’s Interscholastic League Championship.

George was also an avid equestrian. He developed a love of horses and riding early in life from his father who managed Fort Lee Riding Academy. Stories abound of George riding his pony Kinchita around town, to and from school.

Following graduation from high school, George enlisted in the Army and served during World War II. He earned an honorable discharge and enrolled at NYU earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1950. He then re-enlisted and served in the Korean conflict. After that period of service, he applied and was accepted to the Howard University School of Dentistry earning a DDS in 1955.

Returning home once again, he opened a successful dental practice on Palisade Avenue and became forever known as “Doc”. He maintained a private practice until his retirement.

In 1952, he married Audrey Mendinghall and they welcomed his first child, Eric.

In 1961, he married Annette Seal and her three children from a previous marriage, Claire, Toni and Frank. They welcomed George West, III and the family was complete.

Once his family and dental practice were firmly established, George was able to devote more time to his passion for horses. He moved his family to Closter, NJ where he was able to have a stable on his own land. This allowed him to board, train and show his own horses. He derived great personal and professional fulfillment from his success.

He was also an accomplished golfer and played every day he could. He was a familiar sight on local golf courses and a successful participant in tournaments, locally and elsewhere, known fondly as “Mighty Mouth”.

George is survived by: his five children, George West III (Raquel), Eric West, Claire Moran, Pearl Street, Frank West (Katie), eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is predeceased by his sisters, Natalie and Dorothy.

“I’m Free”

*Don't grieve for me, for now
I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard
Him call I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Final Disposition

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Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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