



James Albert Westbrook

June 10, 1944 - March 7, 2021

Mr. James Albert Westbrook, 76, of Wynne, died on Sunday, March 7, 2021.

Mr. Westbrook was born in Memphis, Tennessee, on June 10, 1944, to the late James and Doris Suit Westbrook. He was a 1962 graduate of Wilson High School. Known as "Coach" to most, he was a history teacher and coached football and track for the Wynne Public Schools. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing. Mr. Westbrook was a member of the Wynne Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his son, Jay Westbrook and wife Tommie of Wynne, daughter, Neely Tuttle and husband Josh of Memphis, grandchildren, Grey and Cole Westbrook and Novie and Norah Tuttle.

Mr. Westbrook's wishes were to be cremated and scattered in some of his favorite places. Memorials may be made to the Wynne Presbyterian Church at 1735 Poplar Avenue, Wynne, Arkansas 72396.

Tribute Wall

LM

“ *Lynn Miller lit a candle in memory of James Albert Westbrook*



lynn miller - April 20, 2021 at 05:00 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. James was a special person. He will be missed. Sincerely, joe and Sharon Needham*



Joe Needham - March 23, 2021 at 01:53 AM

EH

“ *Dear Jay and Neely and family. I am heartbroken to hear news of James Alberts passing. I have known him since 1948 at Bassett. He truly was like a brother to me and definitely a "friend of my heart" I send my deepest condolences, Esther Harnden, Chapel Hill NC*

Esther Harnden - March 11, 2021 at 09:27 PM

RR

“ Coach Westbrook came to Earle very early in his career. His second job, I think. He was a favorite of mine, and a strict disciplinarian. I'm sure we needed it. I remember a time when a couple of boys were talking about girls in the locker room, (crudely, as boys would do), Coach overheard and very strongly corrected the entire room about the proper way to treat the fairer sex. It must have made an impression because I remember it over 50 years later. Good job, Coach!

Ricky Rogers

Richard H. Rogers - March 11, 2021 at 03:54 PM

JM

“ My absolute favorite teacher! He would let me help coach football in my down periods! He was the best! So many amazing memories of this man!

Jamie Morgan - March 09, 2021 at 11:39 PM

BL

“ This came as a big shock for Nita and I as we went to high school with James. He was a great person and would go out of his way to help you. Many of my memories of James was playing football James played defensive tackle and I was a linebacker right behind him. James was much bigger in high school than he was in later years and was a terror at defensive tackle. Nita was in the same class with James and loved him very much. We always looked forward to seeing him when we came back to Wilson for a class reunion. He may be gone but he won't be forgotten.

Bob Lynch - March 09, 2021 at 05:50 PM

JB

“ I remember having him in study hall back in his days at Earle. He did a good job of keeping order and that was a challenge, sometimes. He was a really nice guy .

Jim Bond - March 09, 2021 at 03:10 PM

JH

“ Oh, how I loved this man so much! He was literally the reason I graduated high school!! He never gave up on a student. Many fond memories of him!! Prayers for comfort for Jay, Neely and the rest of the family!!!

Jenni Hall - March 09, 2021 at 07:25 AM

PN

“ I have great memories of the years we worked together at WHS.

Paul Nichols - March 08, 2021 at 09:31 PM

MB

“ I'm sure James is "Coaching" Football again. He was a great man. He will be missed by many! Prayers for Jay and the rest of the family!



Marice Boardman - March 08, 2021 at 10:05 AM

HL

“ I’ll always remember Coach Westbrook fondly. I was lucky enough to be in his history class and on his track team. At my first track meet I was so nervous I felt sick. He ran alongside me inside the track, encouraging me to keep going. I’m pretty sure I didn’t place in the top three that day, but when I crossed the finish line, I felt like a champion! His encouragement that day meant the world to me and helped me believe I could accomplish whatever I put my mind to. He was a good man.

Heather Lonneman - March 08, 2021 at 09:38 AM

EB

“ So long Coach Westbrook. Enjoyed being your student and friend. Good times!

Eldridge Brawner - March 08, 2021 at 08:57 AM

RB

“ In 1972 James was one of my favorite people. Teacher, coach, but also a friend. Lost touch over the years, but still have a lot of great memories . RiP coach.

Richard (Dickie) Baker - March 08, 2021 at 08:30 AM

KE

“ Rest Easy Coach!! Prayers to Jay and the rest of the family!

Ken Eubanks - March 07, 2021 at 11:51 PM

AR

“ Loved this sweet man! He was a great teacher, coach & friend! I always enjoyed his class! Prayers for his family!
April Hess Rice WHS Class1990

April Hess Rice - March 07, 2021 at 10:54 PM

DE

“ So sorry for your loss. James was my bus driver when I went to school in mccrory. He would always tell everyone he met when we were together. He was also family which a lot of people don't know. He will be greatly missed. Prayers to Jay and Neely and rest of family.

Diana Ellis - March 07, 2021 at 09:18 PM

LR

“ Sad to hear this. He was a great guy. Much love to family. Harold and Lamar

Lamar Rolland - March 07, 2021 at 08:26 PM