



Wayne W. Westgor

January 9, 2013

Westgor, Wayne W. 91, a resident of Friendship Village in Bloomington went home to be with the Lord Jesus on the morning of January 9th, 2013. Wayne was born in Slayton, MN on June 26th, 1921 and served our great country in the US Air Force during WWII. Wayne was a devout Christian and loving family man. He married his beloved wife Marta Leal in 1943 and they enjoyed just shy of 70 wonderful years together. Wayne is survived by his children, Jerry (Jo), Bette (Bo), Barbara (Anthony), Jeff (Patrice); 4 grandchildren, Christian, Christopher, Travis and Andrew; and 3 great-grandchildren, Annika, Carson and Addie. Throughout his life, Wayne was a successful entrepreneur and businessman who cofounded HMBA (Hotel Motel Brokers Association) which was the largest association for hotel/motel brokers in the country. In addition to his for-profit ventures, he was also passionate about helping others and giving to non-profit ministries. In the late 70's, he played a key role in the launching of Tentmakers, a Christ-centered training organization that has trained over 15,000 individuals to date. Wayne was a born dealmaker who was always willing to help and worked hard to make others happy. He had such a zeal for life with such genuine love for people that it was extremely difficult, if not impossible, to find someone who didn't in some way love and appreciate him. His personality was friendly, positive, outgoing and enthusiastic. He was a true people person that could light up a room with his presence. In the past few years of his life, Wayne often commented on how fulfilling he and Marta's lives were together as residents of Friendship Village

and he was always so thankful and complimentary of the staff there. While at Friendship Village, he founded The Monarch Ministry which enabled him to share his faith and impart hope to others through the story of the monarch butterfly. He was fascinated by both the transformation and long journey of the monarch. He would often say "If God can guide a butterfly thousands of miles to the same destination in Mexico every year, then how much more will He guide our spirits." Wayne W. Westgor was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed by all who were so blessed to know him. Interment Fort Snelling Cemetery. Funeral service 11 AM Tuesday with visitation 1 hour prior to the service at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436
(952) 920-3996
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Tribute Wall

TD

“ *My condolences to the family. When I first started in the hotel broker business, I had a few lengthy and memorable conversations with Wayne about the hotel business that I remember fondly. He reached out to a rookie, welcomed me to the fraternity and passed along a few war stories. One of the good guys for sure.*

Tim Duffy, MBA Hotel Brokers Iowa

Tim Duffy - January 16, 2013 at 10:05 AM

SF

“ *Jeff and Family:*

I was very sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. He was a true visionary and pioneer in a field that has been very good to me and my family, and I am grateful for his contributions. It was always a pleasure to be around him, just as it is always a pleasure to know and work with you. We will always remember him fondly and be thankful for his legacy. My best to you and everyone in your family.

*Steven R. Ferrarini
ProCom Lodging Brokers, Inc.
Paso Robles, CA*

Steven R. Ferrarini - January 15, 2013 at 02:38 PM

FF

“ During the times I had the pleasure of being around Wayne he struck me to be quite a man, who evoked respect. The founding of HBI was a brilliant concept, with great benefit to scores of hotel brokers - including me. The fact that it has existed since 1959 and increases in strength and industry respect is a testament to Wayne's foresight. I'm proud to be an HBI member, and grateful for Wayne's contribution.

*Fred F. Ferrarini
ProCom Lodging Brokers, Inc.
Paso Robles, CA*

Fred F. Ferrarini - January 15, 2013 at 02:36 PM

JD

“ *Westgor Family:*

When I was growing up in Windom there was a span of time that Jeff and I were the best of friends. We did everything together. Wayne and Marta were like my second parents because I spent so much time with them. I will never forget their generosity towards me. The memories I have of the visits to the office, where Grandma Westgor opened the pop machine so we could retrieve the bottle caps we collected for potential free prizes; to the free pop she always gave us; the sleepovers at the house by Island Park; trips to events in the Twin Cities; the MN Twins Games. I have many special childhood memories because of the Westgor family.

Anyone who ever rode with Wayne knew he drove with a heavy right foot. Wayne could tell numerous stories about how he was able to successfully talk his way out of speeding tickets. Never short on words, Wayne could strike up a conversation with anyone.

Because of my childhood friendship with Jeff, my parents became lifelong friends with Wayne and Marta. My mother and Marta spent many hours golfing together whether at the Windom course or Chaska Par 30. I still find it funny how Wayne and Marta could find so much humor in reminiscing about how their golf ball never ended up where they intended it to go. Just more evidence of the positive way they went about life. Wayne and Marta were two of the finest people I have ever known. They will be forever missed.

*Jim Douglas
Chanhassen, MN*

Jim Douglas - January 14, 2013 at 10:50 PM

TG

“ Dear Jeff & family,

We were very sad to hear of Wayne's passing. Our deepest condolences to you and your family from all of us at Greene, Canfield, De George.

Tony De George - January 14, 2013 at 01:11 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Wayne W. Westgor.*



January 12, 2013 at 05:23 PM

PG

“ *Jeff, Barbie and Family, I was so sorry to hear of Waynes passing. I have a lot of memories, both business and personal, and enjoyed him very much. I am sure your family will miss him and my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Phyllis Goyette

Phyllis goyette - January 12, 2013 at 01:07 PM

LP

“ Jeff, Barb and the Westgor Family,
We were very saddened to hear of the loss of your Father.
We always enjoyed visiting with Wayne and thoroughly enjoyed
your parent's visit with us on their trip to Montana.
We know that your Father was loved and respected by his Family
and all who knew him and he will be missed.
With deepest sympathy,
Rock and Linda Patten

Linda Patten - January 12, 2013 at 10:20 AM

RL

“ Rock and Linda purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Wayne W. Westgor.



Rock and Linda - January 12, 2013 at 09:43 AM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Wayne W. Westgor.



January 11, 2013 at 02:24 PM

SW

“ *Dear Jeff and family
I am so sorry for your loss. I only met your dad once but he seemed like a very nice man.
I've noticed everyone in HBI has a "Wayne story" and all those stories confirm the fact that he was a kind and generous man. May the Lord give you peace and comfort in your time of loss. God bless.*

Sherry Wiese, Hotel Brokers International

Sherry Wiese - January 11, 2013 at 01:56 PM

NG

“ *Jerry, Bette, Barbara and Jeff, and family members,
Please accept our condolences on the death of Uncle Wayne. He was always kind and encouraging to the 3 of us..ARMANDO and Norma, PAUL and JR., (your cousins-sons of Francis). We will always remember him and Aunt Martha with fond memories. We thank God for their lives. God bless you all.*

Armando and Norma Garza

Norma Garza - January 11, 2013 at 12:14 PM

BN

“ Dear Jeff & Family:

It is with deep sadness that I send my condolences. Wayne was a generous man, always willing to help the next guy whether in HBI or elsewhere. All those who are in HBI or have ever been in HBI owe Wayne a great deal of gratitude for starting the HBI organization in 1959. Because of the far reaching influences of the many brokers, sellers and buyers involved in the 10,000+ hotel sales of HBI they have in some way had a connection to Wayne. The whole hotel real estate and hospitality community will miss him.

On a more personal note: Wayne brought the buyer who bought my first listing back in 1989. I wish all of my closings since would have been as smooth. Over the years Wayne was always willing to mentor and help me.

Jeff, I wish your family and you the comfort of your fondest memories and the peace of knowing that Marta and he are together again. God bless!

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Matt 11:28

*Brandt Niehaus
Huff, Niehaus & Associates, Inc.*

Brandt Niehaus - January 11, 2013 at 09:55 AM

JW

“ 3 files added to the album Las Vegas 2007



Jeff Westgor - January 10, 2013 at 11:11 PM

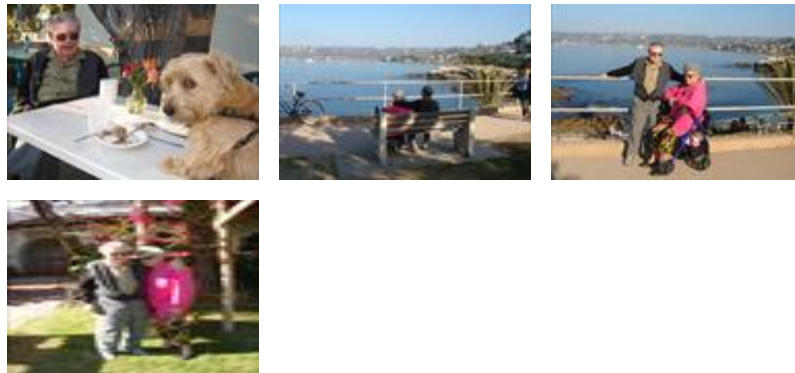
LG

*Jeff, Barbara, Jerry, Betty, and family,
As you know your father and I go back to 1964. It was the summer of 1964 that your father gave me my first employment. Since then our paths pasted many time as employee,partner, and as investors. The faith that Wayne exhibited toward our havenly father was the tie that bond us over the span of 49 years. His faith, wisdom, and family were the strand that wove Wayne into a great man. These are the qualities that I have tried to carry in my business, and family life. Wayne we are all going to miss you and your kindness. Larry F. Gehl*

Larry Gehl - January 12, 2013 at 04:25 PM

JW

“ 4 files added to the album California 2009



Jeff Westgor - January 10, 2013 at 11:06 PM

GW

“ Jeff & Family,
Words can not express how sorry I am for your loss. Wayne was a wonderful person who touched everyone with his honest generosity. He leaves behind an incredible legacy and volumes of wonderful memories. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn. May God bless you.

Glenda Webb, Hotel Brokers International

Glenda Webb - January 10, 2013 at 04:52 PM

SP

“ Jeff,
My deep heartfelt condolences to you and your family of such a huge loss of your dad. I had an opportunity to meet him at one of the meetings and I surely can write a long book of great qualities I saw and felt in him. May God bless his soul and rest in peace. My Prayers to Lord to also give you and the family to give you all strength in facing this loss.

Suresh Patel , MBA Hotel Brokers

Suresh Patel - January 10, 2013 at 04:12 PM

JW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeff Westgor - January 10, 2013 at 01:25 PM

GB

I had the honor of standing with three people I very much admire, Roger Bloss, Brant Niehaus and most of all Wayne Westgor whom I met in 1960 in Kansas City when our office joined the then MBAA. I took an instant liking to Wayne and the rest of the founding fathers of this great organization. Wayne was always at the forefront of any hotel activities and I can recall many visits with him in that regard and his frequent 4 AM phone calls, I held Wayne in the highest esteem and loved him like a brother, which in fact we were in our chosen field. Wayne will long be remembered by this writer as one of nicest; kindest men I had the privilege to know and I send my heartfelt condolences to Jeff, Barb and family for this tremendous loss. It is seldom one has the occasion to meet such a man and I know you will feel his presence in the future as you recall the happy moments spent in his presence "Thanks a million" Wayne for all the wonderful memories
George E Brown

George E Brown - January 12, 2013 at 02:00 PM

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Jeff Westgor - January 10, 2013 at 01:22 PM

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Jeff Westgor - January 10, 2013 at 01:20 PM

RK

Dear Jeff and family,

I have fond memories of Wayne. He was always very kind and supportive during my time with MBAA/HBI. Jill and I looked forward to spending time with Wayne and Marta at the association's annual meetings. And I particularly remember the gracious hospitality they extended to us on one of our visits to Minneapolis.

My thoughts are with you and your family.

Bob Kralicek

Robert Kralicek - January 15, 2013 at 03:04 PM