



## Charles West Red, Jr.

March 9, 1952 - February 29, 2024

Charles West Red, Jr. (Wes), 71, of Hendersonville, NC passed away on February 29, 2024, after a short battle with cancer. He was born in Laurens, SC, and had resided in Hendersonville for the past 35 years.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles West Red, Sr., and brothers Larry and Thomas Red.

Survivors include his mother, Laura Lee Red of Laurens, SC, Joan Red, former wife and mother of their children, of Arden, NC, son, William Watt Red, of Hendersonville NC, and daughter, Elizabeth Lee Red of Greenville, SC.

Wes earned his BS in business mgmt. from Carson Newman University, and MS from East Tennessee State University. He was president of his fraternity at Carson Newman. He worked locally at Eaton/Cutler Hammer and Steelcase as an inventory control/production analyst and manager.

Wes was an active member of Mills River United Methodist Church for 34 years, where he especially enjoyed spending time with the "Primetimers," now known as MRLEC.

He was a lifelong avid model railroader and was enthralled with all things related to trains. He enjoyed activities as a member of the Apple Valley Model

Railroaders.

Wes consistently took long, daily walks in his neighborhood, Stoney Mountain Estates over the years, which led to many close friendships with his neighbors. He enjoyed hosting neighborhood gatherings with his world-famous smoked barbeque.

Wes and his family met many angels during this difficult time. He especially enjoyed the visits from his church and neighborhood friends, railroad buddies, and extended South Carolina family during his last weeks at Laurels. He said those visits made him “feel like I mattered.”

The family extends deep gratitude to Dr. Paul Kim and staff, Advent Health, and Laurels of Hendersonville for the excellent care Wes received. His physician for many years and friend, Dr. Randy Tryon, faithfully provided support to Wes and his family with all things spiritual as well as guidance through the sometimes-complicated Healthcare System.

Wes requested a Celebration of Life Service. It is to be at Mills River Methodist Church on Saturday, March 9th at 11:00 am. As that day is his birthday, please join the family in the fellowship hall after the service for birthday cake.

Wes often shared his philosophy with those he knew along his life journey: “Enjoy life, share a good time, and always be positive.” He lived it.

Please remember Wes as he would want. Eat some good barbeque, ride a train, and consult your physician about preventative cancer screening. Do it for your family.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mills River Methodist Church  
137 Old Turnpike Road  
Mills River, NC 28759

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ We have lived in Stoney Mtn. Estates for 29 years. Wes was a great neighbor to us for all those years. We will miss our talks with him as he was out on his walks through the neighborhood. It is a comfort to know that one day we will see him again in Heaven.

*Jerry and Judy Angel.*

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**Judy Angel** - March 14, 2024 at 10:54 AM

MS

“ May you rest in peace now Wes, will always remember you, you were awesome friend, one of the best. We talked alot on hhe phone, went out for lunch alot. Uou planted flowers I gave you. You were always there when needed advice & I'll never ever forget you. You're now in heaven with angels & family & friends surrounding you. I will miss you!

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**Marie Shipman** - March 08, 2024 at 09:43 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Charles West Red, Jr..



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March 06, 2024 at 12:01 PM



“ 26 files added to the album Memories



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**Highlands Cremation and Funeral Care - March 05, 2024 at 12:46 PM**

JA

“ Wes and I grew up in Laurens County, SC. He was a Laurens Tiger and I was an arch-rival Clinton Red Devil. We did not know each other even though I went to high school with his cousins.

We met each other when we worked at Steelcase in Fetcher, NC. We became quick life-long friends due to common friends back home in Laurens and our love of smoked pork BBQ and pork/beef Hash with dry mustard powder, vinegar and "mucho" onions, preferable cooked in cast iron kettle over open fire of seasoned oak and green hickory. We were self-proclaimed BBQ/Hash experts rating every BBQ place we ate. A high degree of smoke flavor was required for an A rating. Wes entrusted me with a copy of his mother Laura's Hash recipe that she served at her boarding house in Laurens for years. I keep it with my mother's recipes.

We called each other frequently with a 15 or 20 minute conversation plan what went from an hour to an hour and a half from one story to another.

RIP my buddy and good BBQ and Hash upstairs with the Master Cook,  
Your ol' buddy  
Jimmy Alexander

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**JIMMY ALEXANDER** - March 05, 2024 at 11:24 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Charles West Red, Jr..



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March 05, 2024 at 10:26 AM

LA

“ *Love:Lindsay, Brandon, Kayson, and Aston purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles West Red, Jr..*



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**Love:Lindsay, Brandon, Kayson, and Aston** - March 04, 2024  
at 09:19 PM

TL

“ *I met Wes years ago walking around the neighborhood in Stoney Mt. Estates. He was always so kind and had an encouraging word to share. He came to the service when my husband passed away several years ago. I won't ever be able to walk around the block without thinking of him. Prayers for peace and comfort for his family.*  
*Teresa Lancaster*

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**Teresa Lancaster** - March 04, 2024 at 04:36 PM