



Donald Keith Westmoreland

December 3, 1960 - August 17, 2025

DONALD KEITH WESTMORELAND, AGE 64

And a resident of Franklinton passed away Sunday morning August 17, 2025 at North Oaks Medical Center after a lengthy illness. He was born in New Orleans on December 3, 1960 and grew up in Harahan. Donald obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of New Orleans and later received his Master's in Library Science from Louisiana State University. He had a long career as Director of the St. Tammany Parish Library System and upon retiring was recognized by the Parish President for his many years of dedicated service. During this time, Donald also served on the Board of the Washington Parish Library System for several years before leaving in 2021. He was an avid reader and enjoyed genealogy for his family. Donald often went to great lengths and took many far trips to document the grave locations of his distant relatives. He loved taking road trips and going out to eat, many times combining the two by visiting different restaurants all around Louisiana. Donald liked to play card games with his friends and family and he was always a proud patriot, displaying the American flag and Louisiana state flag at his home. He was a member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Chalmette.

Survived by:

Husband: Jose Ocasio-Westmoreland of Franklinton

Sister and Brother in law: Linette and Barry Pourciau of Metairie

Nieces and Nephews: Brooke, Bryan, Penny, Wolfgang and their families

He was preceded in death by his parents Odie Duest Westmoreland and Thelma Patridge Westmoreland, a sister Kathleen and other family members.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home (1109 Bene Street, Franklinton) on Monday August 25th from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 11:00 am Monday with Pastor Sandra Barnes officiating. Burial will follow in the Corkern Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ I first met Donald when he started working for STPL and from that moment on he became so much more than just a colleague—he was a dear friend. We worked side by side for many years, always finding ways to laugh, even in the busiest of times. His sense of humor, kindness, and generosity left an imprint on everyone around him.

One of my favorite memories is when Donald found a tiny kitten and entrusted Brett and me to give him a home. That little act of compassion still lives on in our family today, and it's a reminder of the gentle heart behind his quick wit.

I will always treasure the years of friendship, laughter, and shared stories. Donald, you will be deeply missed, but the joy you brought into our lives will never fade.

Louanne Bertrand - August 24, 2025 at 07:53 PM

BM

“ Donald brought a very high level of professionalism to our library system. He was a very caring person who treated everyone, high or low, with an equal measure of respect. He will be missed.

Bill McHugh - August 22, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Keith Westmoreland.



August 22, 2025 at 02:38 PM

TB

“ Tommy and Diane Brehm planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Keith Westmoreland.

Tommy and Diane Brehm - August 22, 2025 at 09:12 AM

TB

“ Tommy and Diane Brehm purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Donald Keith Westmoreland.



Tommy and Diane Brehm - August 22, 2025 at 09:12 AM

FR

“ Fresenius Home Team and Dr. Rab purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Keith Westmoreland.



Fresenius Home Team and Dr. Rab - August 21, 2025 at 12:34 PM

CM

“ Donald was a sweet, humble, and very descent human being. He had great respect for everyone he met or knew. He had a great sense of humor and was very fair in the workplace with no prejudice toward anyone.

My prayers and heartfelt sympathy go out to his significant other and family. I know he'll be sadly missed by all.

Claudette Mora

Claudette Mora - August 21, 2025 at 10:51 AM

RM

“ *Ricky, Connie, Josh, Lauren & Megan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Keith Westmoreland.*



Ricky, Connie, Josh, Lauren & Megan - August 21, 2025 at 08:32 AM

RE

“ *He was a great man, with great intuition and compassion and humor. A public servant through and through. His love of libraries was evident as was his love of our country. A lovely man , may he be with Christ now in eternal peace* 🕊️

Ramona Elder - August 20, 2025 at 11:07 PM

LM

“ *So sorry Linnette to hear about your brother from Laura Mason*



Laura Mason - August 20, 2025 at 09:29 PM



“ *Mr. Westmoreland was such a wonderful person. He was the director at my first public library position, and he was so encouraging and kind. I was thrilled when I realized he was a member of my new library's board. He really had a way of making people feel special and seen. His love of libraries and serving the public was also amazing. He genuinely cared about people and the community. I'm so sorry he's gone. My heart goes out to Jose and the rest of his family.*

Sonnet Ireland - August 20, 2025 at 03:27 PM

GP

“ *So sad to hear this. He was a lovely man and will be remembered fondly by many.*

Ginger Peak - August 19, 2025 at 06:15 PM

AM

“ *Argiro L Morgan purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Donald Keith Westmoreland.*



Argiro L Morgan - August 19, 2025 at 04:25 PM

MI

“ I was fortunate to work with Donald at Jefferson Parish Library and St. Tammany Library. He was a fine, intelligent gentleman who was dedicated to his work.

I always enjoyed working with him as well as lunch time and work breaks spent together. I'll forever be grateful to count him as a friend.

Jose, thanks for your dedication and love for Donald. May God bless you.

Mimi - August 19, 2025 at 03:48 PM

ER

“ Mr. Westmoreland was an amazing person with a heart of gold. He was always very kind, supportive and compassionate about the library. Donald was such a knowledgeable person about the library and the role it played in the community.

As an avid reader and board member, he wanted the best for our parish. During his illness, he was concerned about the libraries and the role they played in the students life. Donald was looking forward to seeing the upcoming mileage passed in October.

So sorry to hear of his passing. Please know that God Almighty will sustain the family during the difficult days ahead. Please continue to pray and trust God.

*Emma J. Ross,
President
Library Board of Control*

Emma Jean Ross - August 19, 2025 at 01:04 AM

LG

“ *This Linda Ginn from Washington Parish Library I would like to send my Condolences to the family Mr. Donald was great Person want the family to know we are praying for you all*



Linda Ginn - August 18, 2025 at 06:42 PM

WH

“ *Our deepest condolences, so very sorry for your profound loss. Mr. Donald is the kindest person and he was always the same. Always wore a smile and gave encouragement whenever I had the opportunity to see him. His presence here will be sorely missed.*

Waleah Herrera-Dillon - August 18, 2025 at 06:02 PM

LP

“ *A sweet and kind brother I will miss him but now he is in heaven with his heavenly Father*

Linette Pourciau - August 18, 2025 at 02:45 PM

WO

He loved to play football games when I was little. Great uncle! Great leader! †

Wolfgang - August 18, 2025 at 03:21 PM

MI

My fondest memory of Donald was when he took us to explore New Orleans, along with the library he ran. It took our minds off of the hurricanes we were fleeing from in Florida. He will be truly missed by his family.

Michelle Westmoreland

Michelle - August 19, 2025 at 08:24 AM

MH

My condolences to the family.

I remember working along side of Donald when we worked at the Lobby Library of Jefferson Parish.

He really was a computer person. He had one of the first commander computers and tried to explain the workings of the computer to you.

He was right in front of me when we graduated from LSU with our MLIS degree. I will always remember that.

My recollection was that he was a kind person and passionate about things he believed in.

He is at peace now.

A colleague and friend.

Marylyn

Marylyn Haddican - August 19, 2025 at 09:53 AM