



## Ty Westerhoff

September 27, 1962 - May 17, 2005

Ty Westerhoff -- Kankakee Memorial visitation for Ty W. Westerhoff, 42, of Kankakee, will be from 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, West Kankakee. Cremation rites have been accorded by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Crematory. Memorials may be made to the family's wishes. Mr. Westerhoff died Tuesday (May 17, 2005) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital. He was born Sept. 27, 1962 in Kankakee, the son of John and Joan Reardanz Westerhoff. He loved music and sports, the Lakers and was an avid Cardinals fan. Surviving are his parents of Kankakee; paternal grandparents, Norma and Marvin Westerhoff of Kankakee; maternal grandmother, Dorothy Reardanz of Kankakee; one sister and brother-in-law, Tami and Jeff Kinkade of Kankakee; two brothers, Dennis Westerhoff of Kankakee, Rick Westerhoff of New Hampshire; one nephew, Clinton Kinkade of Kankakee; two nieces, Rachel and Mackenzie Kinkade of Kankakee; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. His maternal grandfather, Myron Reardanz; and one cousin, Bart Haney, are deceased.

# Tribute Wall

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“ My favorite memories were when I got you a full case of AquaNet Hair Spray. You ran around the club showing it to just about everyone and my other memory is when Juliet was playing the OP in Daytona and I asked you what you wanted for your birthday and you asked for an original StLouis Cardinal baseball jersey and you got it and I think you slept in it the 1st night.

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Linda Barrow - September 16, 2025 at 10:16 PM

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“ Ty buddy I miss you! I will remember when Ryan and I met you at the capitol records building for that video shoot to feed the starving people of Africa. That was about 1989. We were in the green room down in studio one while the guys from Toto were land basic tracks! You always seem to have complementary tickets and I just happen to have a car to drive us to shows and events in Los Angeles! You're one of the coolest guys I have ever met and a good friend to all that no you! You looked amazing on stage and your bass chops were just thumping, in the pocket and amazing! I remember when you showed me the poster of Wendy Westerbrook in your hallway at your apartment on Orange Street in Hollywood. I went to a Michael Bolton's bombers versus Rick Dees celebrity baseball game down in Hollywood that night. I saw Wendy there with Rick Deas and I said "hey Wendy where the heck is Ty, is he coming tonight?" "When do you look kind of stunned. She had that great show on kiss FM it was kind of like the call In, love hour talk. I would be laying in the tanning bed at city town in Studio City, your phones on, and I would hear Wendy dedicating all the songs to her boyfriend Ty! L O L I'll meet up with you in heaven my friend God bless you and your family. Michael Healea now of Seattle Washington.

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michael healea - June 26, 2023 at 05:40 AM



“ *To the westerhoff family so I was an amazing human being and he was so much fun and so full of life for so long and I want to remember him as being that guy that didn't put hairspray in his hair LOL and he was just a normal guy playing music :-)* with so much talent and love to give.

Tracy Palmere - March 28, 2023 at 03:04 PM



“ *I think of you often! My fondest memory of you was when you be getting ready for a gig doing your thing and one particular time Jimmy's girlfriend washed his pants and they had apparently blue ink and lemon I had to be the one to tell me this white pants for blue LOL and of course you were laughing right along with us :-)* I think of those days my friend.

Tracy Palmere - March 28, 2023 at 03:04 PM

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“ *Donnq lit a candle in memory of Ty Westerhoff*



donnq - October 29, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Album*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - December 07, 2010 at 02:16 PM



“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the Westerhoff family. I started first grade with Ty at St. Martin's and graduated high school with him at Westview. What a great guy. Ty was a true friend and will be sorly missed.##imported-begin##Jace Kohan##imported-end##

May 19, 2005 at 08:30 AM



I almost feel like I know him from his brother Dennis . Ty was a hell of a guy

RoyGilbert - September 07, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ Dear John and Joan,<br><br>Our hearts are breaking for you. I can't imagine losing one of your children. You are in our prayers.<br><br>Glendal and Roger Kilbride##imported-begin##Glendal Dubree Kilbride##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Mary Moneymaker##imported-end##

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“ Even now in death our bond can not be broken. You can hear it in our music, you can feel it in our memories. You will never be forgotten, just missed. You are on Mexican soil now brother and no one can touch you now.##imported-begin##The McGee Family##imported-end##

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“ You all have my sympathy. I will be out of town this weekend and will not be able to attend the services.##imported-begin##Dan Conway##imported-end##

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“ I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY IN THE RECENT LOSS OF OUR FRIEND/SON/GRANDSON, <br>NEPHEW, TY. HE WAS VERY SPECIAL TO ME AND TO EVERYONE. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED, BUT WE CAN ALL TAKE COMFORT IN THE KNOWING HE IS AT PEACE NOW AND HIS SUFFERING IS NO LONGER....HIS ENTIRE LIFE WAS FILLED WITH A LOT OF PAST ADVENTURES THAT WE HAD ALL DONE TOGETHER WITH SORROW WITH LAUGHTER FOR ALL THE FUN WE HAD "BACK IN HIS FAMILY KNOWS HOW MANY PEOPLE IN FLORIDA REALLY LOVE TY....WHENEVER WE ARE ALL TOGETHER WE WILL ALL REMINISC AND ALL WE HAD DONE TOGETHER....THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO WRITE AND EXPRESS OUR SADNESS....<br><br> LINDA BARROW##imported-begin##LINDA BARROW##imported-end##

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“ To the entire Westerhoff family:   
  
  
May God be with you during this difficult time!   
As you know, Ty & I had been close friends since my Freshman year of high school and yes, we met at the Skating Place.   
Ty picked me up in his Rambler to go skating.   
I didn't live far from the skating rink, but Ty always insisted he pick me up, as he use to tell me that I didn't need to be walking if I didn't have to.   
I remember the first time I met you, Mr. & Mrs. Westerhoff.   
I remember being at your house on 7th Ave., and we would talk & Mrs. Westerhoff, you'd always make sure I had something to drink.   
Ty & I shared a lot together; great times, sad times, talked all the time, whether about his girl friends, basketball and to great lengths about his love for music, his aspirations to "make it to the top" someday, his passion for art, anything.   
The most touching, straight-to-the heart memories I have of Ty was the beginning of my Sophomore year when Ty would always come over & ask me to listen to the new songs he had written.   
(My Dad, God rest his soul, would say: "Maynard, Blonde is here again with his guitar".)   
Ty had a gift, many gifts, that God truly blessed him with & Ty put his heart & soul into all he did.   
I know he is at peace; no more pain, no more suffering.   
I wish I would have been more persistent in my calling you & I should have stopped over anyway to see how all of you were doing.   
Ty, thank you for the wonderful memories, the wonderful friendship & most of all for "YOU"!   
You will always have a special place in my heart & my children think a great deal of you!!   
(Mr. & Mrs. Westerhoff: I promise to keep in touch with you!)   
May God bless you!   
With love & friendship,  
JoJo###imported-begin###JoAnna (Barnes) Armstrong###imported-end###

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“ May god give the Westerhoff family and friends the strength to find peace with in. This past Feb I lost my closest friend in an auto accident so I can feel some of your pain. I was determined to make something good out of the tragedy. and I did. We all did. Find the good in Ty's passing. Dig deep down inside yourself and let Ty help you make a life altering discovery. I don't mean to sound to deep. It helped me give purpose to my friends passing and maybe it might help you.<br><br><br><br>I have been out of touch for some years now, but Linda keeps me up to date. I am so saddened to hear that Ty is gone. Every November I pull Sue's photo albums out and look through all the great photos. What great times we all had. Those crazy 80's. The clothes and hairstyles. Many of you know how fond Sue was of Ty so imagine the great shots I have of Ty and the band as I am sure many of you have as well. I did not know Ty as well as most of you but when I think of him, kind soul, comes to mind. That is what he was to me. ½And remember...<br><br>If you think about calling someone DO IT RIGHT THEN! Don't wait.<br><br>Take care and I wish everyone comfort and peace.##imported-begin##Michelle Zelones##imported-end##

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“ Our condolences to friends & family. Ty was a great friend as well as a talented musician/songwriter. He will be missed and fondly remembered.##imported-begin##Jeff & Jessica Klosterman##imported-end##

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“ To the Westerhoff Family:<br><br><br><br>My heart go out to you during this difficult time. He was gifted, talented and truly loved by many. Like someone mentioned, he had an contagious laugh. Yes, his laugh was amazing. He had a smile that could light up any room at any time. Those dimples: who will ever forget those dimples? Surely not I. My friends here in California and Iowa will miss him greatly, and will keep you all in our prayers.<br><br><br><br>God Bless You!<br><br>##imported-begin##Dina Lopez##imported-end##

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“ I met Ty in 1988. I played trumpet sometimes for his band. Ty loved the Beatles. He was an amazing talented songwriter. Ty had a million girls throwing themselves at him. Ty could have two nickels in his pocket but still owned the room...he was amazing.  
i ½Everyone I knew loved Ty. i ½His heart belonged to a gal named Annie in Florida. I will always remember the many fun nights out in clubs with Ty. He was addicted to music.<br><br>Ryan Tower.##imported-begin##Ryan Tower##imported-end##

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“ I met Ty when I was modeling in Florida.<br><br>I will never forget the time we spent together. He was a magical person. We lost touch when I moved back to the midwest. I heard of his passing just this year. I will always remember his upbeat attitude, his wonderful smile, and his love for music.<br><br>He was a beautiful man.  
i ½##imported-begin##debbie diane##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. God be with you at this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Dennis & Lylette Lamie##imported-end##

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“ I was truly saddened to hear of Ty's passing. ĩ½My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. ĩ½Play it loud with the angels Ty. ĩ½We'll miss you<br><br>##imported-begin##Sue Antos##imported-end##

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“ As a musician, Ty Westerhoff had an immeasurable impact on me. I lacked the confidence to sing in front of people....Ty gave me that confidence as he consistently encouraged me and convinced me that I could do it. His praise of my guitar playing made me feel like a star and, to this day, every time I step on a stage I have a feeling of assurance that I owe to Ty. He possessed so much talent and was generous with his musical knowledge. He taught me a lot about live performance dicipline, vocal harmonies, different styles of music, etc. Ty Westerhoff is a figure in my life that will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Dean Johnson##imported-end##

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½Your son took our daughter to a dance a long time ago when they were teens. ½Ty visited our house several times. ½We thought he was a great kid and we liked him a lot. ½Sorry to hear of your loss. ½He played his guitar for us in our family room. ½We were impressed.##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. Jay Martin##imported-end##

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½My deepest sympathy goes out to the family. ½I dated Ty in high school and have fond memories of meeting him, of all places, the roller rink. ½He used to drive the coolest convertible rambler. ½½He was a great guitar player back then and didn't even know how to read music. ½He just played from listening to it. ½We went to Prom together and he looked great in a tuxedo, as he always did. ½I hadn't seen him in about 20 years but I'm sure he was such a nice, fun guy, just like he was in high school. ½You're in my prayers Ty!##imported-begin##DesNeiges (Martin) Richmond##imported-end##

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½Im sorry to hear about your loss-Ty was a truly special person-he could light up a room and truly had "God's Gift" which always shined so bright and he will be missed-memories and the knowledge that he helped make the world a better place thru the sunshine he spread to those around him !!##imported-begin##johnny piette##imported-end##

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“ Dear John and John, <br><br>I was so sorry to read of the loss of your son. I can't imagine losing one of your children and I will keep you in my prayers. I would have liked to attend the funeral, but my husband and I will be in Chicago tomorrow (Saturday) for the day and evening. <br><br>I was pleased to see that John's parents are still living. They were two of my favorite people growing up on the south side. I still remember wearing the boys' ice skates, which belonged to one of the boys because I didn't have any. I have great memories of hanging out with the Westerhoff boys and going to their house. I am blessed to still have my mother. My dad passed away 18 years ago. Roger and I have 15 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Your entire family is in our prayers. <br><br><br><br>Glendal###imported-begin##Glendal Kilbride###imported-end##

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“ My heart breaks for the entire Westerhoff family and all of Ty's friends and loyal fans. ĩ½If we could have only found a way to keep him here with us AND happy & healthy. ĩ½I'm not sure when the reality of this will truly sink in for me. ĩ½The tears I cry are only softened by the knowledge that our dear friend, with the smiling eyes & that beautiful soul is finally at peace. ĩ½Ty...I remember the story you told me about the day you found out John Lennon had died. ĩ½Here's hoping that the 2 of you are together now, writing your best songs, yet. ĩ½I will NEVER forget all our times together and will miss you every day until I see you again. ĩ½"Sugar, Sugar" will never be as sweet without you. ĩ½Thanks to God and your family for sharing you with the rest of us. ĩ½What an AMAZING job they did in creating you. ĩ½And, most of all, Ty...I'm THANKING YOU! ĩ½Every path you crossed was just a little bit brighter because of your presence. ĩ½Sweet Dreams Shooting Star! ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½###imported-begin##Anna Russell###imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy goes out to your entire family. Ty will truly be missed. He had the ability to light up a room and make people laugh that was a rare gift. I only knew Ty for a short time but it is a loss that will be felt forever. I will keep all of you in my prayers. God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Gail Stalnaker##imported-end##

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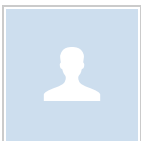
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“ I have known Ty for 13 yrs. He was one of the most talented musicians I have ever known. We had good times & bad times, and remained friends through it all. I helped as much as I i½could. We played in Pyscho Boyfriend ( the band that he & I created together) for 5 yrs. making a lot of music. Including Ty's final songs that appear on the latest Julliet album. He was loved by many & will be missed.##imported-begin##Andy,Kathy Bowman##imported-end##

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“ I'm truly sorry to hear of Ty's passing. i½May God be with his family and friends at this time and I hope that you are comforted in knowing that he was truly loved and admired by many.<br><br><br><br>He's Rockin with the angels now. i½Peace.<br><br><br><br>Shelly in Orlando##imported-begin##Shelly Langston##imported-end##

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“ Our heartfelt sympathy to Ty's family and friends. He will be terribly missed by all of us. His sense of humor, his smile, so many good memories. I know I will always have this one: Ty smiling when he saw me, hugging me and saying "when are you making Baked Ziti?" Such a talented musician, song writer. Shelly said it best, He is "Rockin with the Angels now." Bless us all for having known Ty.##imported-begin##Linda Gabrinowitz and Kevin Perkins##imported-end##

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“ I was deeply sadden to hear of the news about Ty's passing. I would like to offer my heartfelt sympathy to Ty's family. He will be greatly missed by all.##imported-begin##Anne Schneider##imported-end##

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“ Mr & Mrs. Westerhoff, Tami & Jeff, Rick and Dennis I am so very sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of Ty from high school and working together at Southside Pharmacy. He put up with all my teasing and tormenting for 2+ years and we had quite a few interesting and humorous experiences during that time. He was also a talented baseball player. I really appreciated his friendship. I went to see him play when I was living in LA in 1992 and I was very impressed with his talent. I was also pleasantly surprised he played alot of Beatle songs during this performance and he played them so well. Your family is in my prayers  
  
Colleen##imported-begin##Colleen Habing##imported-end##

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“ *Heaven just received another great bass player. Play with the best, Ty.##imported-begin##Margie & Nikki J##imported-end##*

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*I knew Ty in the 80's when he was in Miami. He was a very kind and gentle soul, who adored his music. I just thought of him today and quite saddened to hear of his passing.*

*Donna G*

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**Donna** - October 29, 2018 at 09:45 AM