



## Ted Westbrook

March 28, 2026

Harold Edward “Ted” Westbrook will be remembered as a kind, thoughtful, and deeply caring man whose presence left a lasting impact on all who knew him. He had a rare gift for bringing light, warmth, and colour into people’s lives—just as he did through his beautiful artwork and his lifelong passion as a florist. Through his work as founder of Westbrook’s Flower Shoppe, Ted not only built a business, but created a place that brought joy to the community he loved. Ted had a way of making everyone feel seen and valued, and he truly brought a smile to every room he entered. His compassion, and generosity touched countless lives, and his legacy will live on through the many people he inspired.

At the heart of Ted’s life was the deep love and devotion he shared for 56 years with his lifelong partner, John Thompson. Their story was one of enduring love, meaningful adventures, and a life beautifully shared.

Beloved son of the late Eva Westbrook (late Olav Anderson) late Mike Westbrook, brother of Richard (Bonny) Late Phillip (Nelly), a cherished nephew, cousin, uncle and great uncle to many.

Together, Ted and John created a family of their own, becoming father-like figures to Mark (wife Janice), and proud grandparents to Danielle (Jeff, Dallas, and Kinley) and Michelle (Bill and Ozlo).

Ted held dear friendships with David & Vicky, Sharon & John, Brad & Moira, Kym & Paul, William & Teri, Kevin & Irene, Nancy, Eleena, past and present staff of Westbrook’s, and many others who were touched by his kindness and

generosity.

He found great joy in love, companionship, and the simple moments that made life meaningful. His handmade cards—each one created with care—will always be treasured by those lucky enough to receive them.

Eleena, whom he fondly admired, is continuing his legacy through Westbrook's Flower Shoppe, carrying forward the work that meant so much to him and made such a difference in the community.

Ted will be dearly missed and forever remembered. To have known him was a gift—he was a remarkable man whose presence, creativity, and kindness made the world a more beautiful place.

Private family arrangements have been entrusted to the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg (519-627-3231).

If desired, donations to The Terry Fox Run site #109 Wallaceburg may be left at the funeral home.

Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at [www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca](http://www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca)

# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ My deepest condolences to Ted and John's families. I am just a client at Westbrook's but whenever I had the pleasure of being waited on by Ted he treated me like friend. He was so kind, creative and thoughtful. Our community has lost a great business man and artist.

Monica and Jim - April 18 at 10:01 PM

CA

“ Carl lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook



Carl - April 18 at 11:47 AM

CD

“ Carl and Margaret DALES

Carl & Margaret DALES - April 18 at 11:46 AM

JF

“ I feel I have lost a close friend, I was so lucky to have known him. He was a kind and thoughtful person. I remember the time he stopped by with one of his beautiful home made cards with a note in it to thank me for my outside Christmas decorations that brought him so much joy and lifted his spirits. Till we meet again.

Jeannette Foster - April 07 at 02:11 PM

ED

“ We are still trying to come to terms with a great loss. Ted lit up a room with his prescience and was always larger than life. . We count ourselves lucky to have known him and John over the years and to have shared some great memories. He will be missed

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**Emer and Dale Dudley** - April 06 at 10:50 AM

JB

“ Judy Beresford lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook



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**Judy Beresford** - April 04 at 11:20 PM

AR

“ Ted was a ray or sunshine in our community with his bright smile and conversation whenever we run into one another around town. He was like an old friend . I got to know Ted while I worked in the retail business in the core area of Wallaceburg many years ago. I will miss our chats while both out and about running our errands. Rest in peace Ted, you are missed by many

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**Anne Marie Rudolph** - April 03 at 09:56 PM

RW

“ *Ted did it his way and kept a sense of humour through it all*  
*Rest in Peace my Brother*  
*Richard*



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**Richard Westbrook** - April 03 at 12:41 PM

MW

“ As a child I was always excited to know you would be coming to visit us during one of our many long-distance treks to Grandma Jo’s for the summer or Christmas holidays. You always brought flowers for Grandma and something to make us kids smile. Your jovial personality and playful sense of humor made us laugh and you would always jump in and join us in having fun. As I became an adult with a family of my own you continued that tradition and brought the same joy and fun to your great nieces (Maya, Mackenzie, and Morgan) during our visits over the years. Often you would even let the girls convince you to sleep over on the couch at Grandpa’s versus heading back to your nice comfy hotel, a true sacrifice to show how much you cared 😊. Although we lived far away, you kept us in your life through emails and “fancy” homemade birthday and x-mas cards with silly pictures of your adventures, always bringing a smile and a laugh. I will fondly remember our late-night conversations and family advice at the farm and condo, and I am glad that my children were able to experience you in their lives. Farewell Uncle Ted, I know you have been united with your eternal partner John, and I am sure you have already embarked on your next adventure. You will be missed and remembered always. Love, Michael Westbrook (your favorite Nephew!)



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**Michael Westbrook** - April 02 at 09:31 PM

VI

Amazing tribute to my best friend for sixty years. I am going to miss him 😭

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**Vicky** - April 07 at 07:12 PM

SC

“ *Ted certainly had a heart of Gold. May each and every one of you carry a message up to the sky, so it may reach the Angels.* ”



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**Sherry Dave Crowe** - April 02 at 08:39 PM

JT

“ *Jack and Kim Thomaes lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook* ”



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**Jack and Kim Thomaes** - April 02 at 04:43 PM

TW

“ Dear Uncle Ted

*In trying to find the words to describe the wonderful, loved person you were, I found a video of when we were burying Grandpa Olav with Grandma Jo. Your wonderful, beautiful and kind mother who you inherited all the good you shared with your family and community. You said*

*“Caring means love “. You showed that in every flower arrangement , in every hand written note , in every phone call, in every smile , in every kind word , in every story, in every thoughtful moment of listening and being there. Sharing moments of pure happiness and the most heartbreaking of grief. You cared and you loved deeply .  
Love Tami Westbrook , Casey Summer*



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**Tami Westbrook** - April 02 at 01:44 PM

AG

“ Deeply Saddened by the passing of my Martini buddy Ted. We always had a lot of fun and many laughs when we got together. Ted just never seemed to get over John's passing....together again. My condolences to Mark and family you meant the world to Ted and John



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**Andrew Goode** - April 02 at 01:26 PM

AW

“ I can still remember Grandmas face lighting up at the farmhouse whenever Uncle Ted arrived, always carrying fresh flowers and sharing lively travel stories. I loved getting hand written letters and pics about his and Uncle Jon’s adventures. I attempted my first flower arrangement in the early stages of Westbrook Flower Shoppe and quickly figured out I did not have my Uncles talents. Heaven has truly welcome an angel. Angela Westbrook



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**Angela Westbrook** - April 02 at 12:05 PM

LB

“ Our condolences to Ted’s family and friends. Ted was a fellow downtown Wallaceburg retailer. He was an excellent salesman. His store was always well stocked and decorated. Ted will certainly be missed by all who new him.



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**Lance Babcock** - April 02 at 11:49 AM

LD

“ Luanne Dubuque lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook



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**Luanne Dubuque** - April 01 at 11:25 PM

FJ

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to Ted's family and friends. He was an amazing fellow.



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Frank and Cathy Johnston - April 01 at 01:07 PM

MF

“ The End of a Memorable Era! So many memories and so grateful to have them to look back on! The neighborhood is so eerily quiet.our hearts hope you are at ease and enjoying your forever cruise with your true love Johnny!....Love and Miss you Both - Brad, Moira, Sionaid, Maighie, Shea, Ailbhe & Ginny



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Moira & Brad Eggett & Family - April 01 at 11:22 AM

IE

“ Our sincere condolences to Ted's family and to all whose lives he touched. We were beyond fortunate to have Westbrook's Flowers - the best floral shoppe anywhere! Thank you Ted for sharing your talent in our little community, and for teaching and inspiring those who designed along side you. Rest in peace Ted.  
Sincerely,  
Jean & Dave Elliott



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iean Elliott - April 01 at 11:00 AM

ME

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Ted’s passing. Our florist family held a special friendship with him for many years. We hold very fond memories of Ted’s kind heart and warm smile. We are honoured to have known him. Our deepest condolences to all his family and friends that he held so dear, we were lucky to be part of his circle. Much love The gang at Syd Kemsley Florist. Sharron, Melodee, Bernadette and Charmaine.

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**Melodee** - April 01 at 10:33 AM

PW

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Ted's passing and send my condolences to all of his family and the many friends that he had. Ted was a very kind, generous and extremely thoughtful man whom I'm very proud to have known and had him as part of our family. R.I.P., Ted-you will be missed by all!

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**Paul Walters** - April 01 at 09:51 AM

LR

“ Louise and Larry Reek lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook



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**Louise and Larry Reek** - April 01 at 09:43 AM

DJ

“ Our sincere sympathy to Mark, Janice and families. We enjoyed many happy encounters on the streets in our area when Ted was walking Marks dog and we were walking ours. Ted always had a story to tell. On the occasions we came across Ted and John on their front porch they always had stories about where they had lived in the past and places they had travelled to. May you rest in eternal peace Ted as you join your cherished John. Wallaceburg has lost a valuable and much respected member of our community.  
*Dave Jenkins and Don Kennedy*



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**Dave Jenkins** - April 01 at 08:28 AM

HJ

“ Henry and Barbara Jaruga lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook



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**Henry and Barbara Jaruga** - March 31 at 08:37 PM

CC

“ My deepest sympathy to the family



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**Colette Clarke** - March 31 at 07:06 PM

ET

“ *Etienne Tack lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook*



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**Etienne Tack** - March 31 at 05:19 PM

MB

“ *Marty and Cathy Van Bunderen lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook*



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**Marty and Cathy Van Bunderen** - March 31 at 04:49 PM

JM

“ *When Ted came to Wallaceburg and opened up Westbrook's Flower Shoppe, it was like a breath of fresh air came rushing through the town as his unparalleled skill and artistry was something we had never experienced. When visitors came from out of town the first place they wanted to visit was Westbrooks to marvel at his arrangements and be entertained by his warm and humorous personality. He was a joy and we will all miss him.*  
*John and Diana Mathany*

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**John and Diana Mathany** - March 31 at 04:37 PM

CF

“ Our heartfelt sympathies and prayers are with the Westbrook family. We had the honor of Ted do our Wedding, the bouquets and the other flower arrangements were beautiful. When I think of flower shops it will always be Westbrook’s. Thank you Ted.



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**Cindy, Clarence Feddes** - March 31 at 03:51 PM

RY

“ Rose Yazbeck lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook



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**Rose Yazbeck** - March 31 at 02:53 PM

TF

“ Theresa Freeburn sent a virtual gift in memory of Ted Westbrook



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**Theresa Freeburn** - March 31 at 02:44 PM

CD

“ Our heartfelt condolences to Mark, Janice and the Westbrookes families, Ted will be missed so much for his happy go lucky manner. Working with Ted was a pleasure always good laughs and good stories. He can now join Johnny and have a martini, goodbye Ted rest in peace my friend



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**Cheryl and Dan** - March 31 at 02:25 PM

CM

“ We offer our deepest condolences to all of Ted's family and friends. He leaves this world a very loved person who touched many lives.



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**Chris & Chrissy Mahu** - March 31 at 02:13 PM

LE

“ Our Heart Aches for Everyone that had the Joy and Blessing of Having Ted in Their Lives 😭. We only met Ted a couple of times but the Warmth, Laughter and Friendship was made instantly as Ted Welcomed Us into the circle of Friends! The Joy and Love that Ted gave to Our Dani, Jeff, Dallas and Kinley will forever be Cherished By Us All ❤️. RIP Gentle Loving Ted.  
❤️ Lana and Jamie

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**Lana and Jamie Easton** - March 31 at 01:47 PM

NA

“ *Norma Authier lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook*



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**Norma Authier** - March 31 at 01:26 PM

CM

“ *We will all share and keep wonderful memories of this truly special so caring wonderful man. Ted you will truly be missed. I will miss our little chats at Walmart.*  
*Carmen and Tony Myers*

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**Carmen and Tony Myers** - March 31 at 11:57 AM

GH

“ *Just an honest , thoroughly decent man . A joy to know and a life well lived .*

*Geoff Hall/Sue Green*

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**Geoff Hall** - March 31 at 11:52 AM

UN

“ *We lost a wonderful member of our community.*  
*Ted left beautiful memories to many.*  
*May he rest in peace.*



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**Uta Nowakowski** - March 31 at 09:51 AM

UN

“ We lost a wonderful member of our community.  
Ted left lovely memories to many. May he rest in peace.



Uta Nowakowski - March 31 at 09:48 AM

RO

“ Ted was a beautiful soul that will be miss deeply. It was always a pleasure to go in to Westbrooks. He always took the time to make sure that you got that special arrangement you wanted. Rest in peace, my friend.



Rob O'Hara - March 31 at 09:35 AM

GF

“ Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook



Gerry Flynn - March 31 at 09:09 AM

JD

“ I can clearly recall my first meeting with Ted. John was a close friend of both Ed and I. He was working in Toronto and would occasionally give us a call to say: "You put on the roast and I'll bring the wine". It wasn't unusual for him to bring a friend, but on this occasion, as he came in the door, he said " I'd like you to meet Ted, we had a bit of a shock last week, for a while, we thought I was pregnant!" Ted turned beet red as we roared with laughter, but we soon made him feel at home and comfortable. I think we were the among the first people to meet him. Their lovely sense of humour never left them.

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**Jackie Dalgety** - March 31 at 09:07 AM

MC

“ It is hard to say goodbye to our unconventional, creative, quirky and completely unforgettable friend. No more creative cards, chatty phone calls or unconventional hostess gifts, now all treasured memories and an empty chair. Goodbye Ted, you will be greatly missed. Mari Cole & Stan Jackson

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**Mari Cole** - March 31 at 09:04 AM

WC

“ William & Teri Currier lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook



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**William & Teri Currier** - March 31 at 08:59 AM

FB

“ *May you rest in peace Ted. You are remembered fondly.*



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**Fran Barnier** - March 31 at 08:58 AM

DA

*my deepest condolences to John and to Ted's family. Been my pleasure to know Ted for many years. I have some memorable pieces from his flower brackets art shop in Wallaceburg. he will be missed in the Wallaceburg community sincerely Dr. Michael A McElligott*

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**Dr Michael AMcElligott** - April 02 at 12:00 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Charron lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook*



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**Kathy Charron** - March 31 at 07:17 AM

DB

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of dear Ted 🌸 ..... truly a gem ..... it was such a pleasure to have met him ❤️*



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**Deb Brewer** - March 31 at 06:52 AM

DA

“ *Dennis and Annmarie Alexander lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook*



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**Dennis and Annmarie Alexander** - March 31 at 06:50 AM

VZ

“ *Walking into Westbrook's was always a joy. A wonderful shop filled with Teds kindness and beautiful creative energy. Thank you for the joy Ted.*



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**Vicky Zruna** - March 31 at 02:53 AM

MC

“ *It's hard to say goodbye to someone so full of talent, warmth and quirky ideas. You made Wallaceburg a better place Ted. Proud to have called you our friend. Deepest sympathy to Mark and Janice. Mari Cole & Stan Jackson*

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**Mari Cole** - March 30 at 11:14 PM

MB

“ *Marlene Bushey lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook*



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**Marlene Bushey** - March 30 at 10:47 PM

CS

“ Ted was an incredibly gifted florist and designed his arrangements with so much panache, creativity and flair. Most important, however was his wonderful personality and he was a dear friend to so many. Ted was a very hard worker and was not afraid to take on new projects especially involving his beautiful home and gardens and his talent was obviously reflected in his design.  
He will be sadly missed by all!  
Cyriel Seys and Jack Burgess

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**Cyriel Seys** - March 30 at 10:19 PM

MA

“ To Ted's family sending condolences,he was a nice man always took time for a chat. 🌸

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**Margaret Aarsen** - March 30 at 09:06 PM

CD

“ Cari DeKort sent a virtual gift in memory of Ted Westbrook



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**Cari DeKort** - March 30 at 09:03 PM

LS

“ Ted - His name itself is a memory of warmth , love and laughter. He had such a love of life laugh. He was gifted in arts and in his selection of words to describe anything. His love for his beloved “Westbrook” store was ever present and an accomplishment in the business world. I will miss the memories you shared of growing up since you were 18 years older than me and I was the youngest first cousin. You knew of how close our parents were. May you be walking through a field of tulips with the sun shining brightly on you - you were loved by many. Rest well, Ted  
Love your cousin  
Linda Schwartz

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**Linda Schwartz** - March 30 at 08:51 PM

MC

“ Ted was my nephew.I first knew him when he was age 7 and he has been a big part of my life for 75 years.I have followed his career as a florist with interest and he was a funny, kind man,,,,,just a great guy. I treasured his homemade cards and last September he sent one with a hand drawn tree filled with owls,,,The caption read ""93 owls hooting for your 93rd birthday ""...My sympathy to Richard and Bonny and other family members.I also want to thank the many people in Wallaceburg with whom he shared his happy days. Thank you for your kindness.....hugs to all from Muriel Cairns

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**Muriel Cairns** - March 30 at 08:39 PM

WA

“ A very special man who will be greatly missed. So glad to have known him.  
Wendy&Tom

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**Wendy Ayres** - March 30 at 08:21 PM

DH

“ I remember when Ted and John lived across the street from my parents R.I.P.

Dave hockin - March 30 at 08:18 PM

TT

“ Rest in Peace Ted...you were a great boss and a good friend..Being a recipient of your personally made cards for many years was a great reminder of how talented you were..you will not be forgotten. Teresa and Bryan Thomas



Teresa Thomas - March 30 at 08:09 PM

SU

“ The end of an era. Wallaceburg was a better place because of both Ted and John. My condolences to all who knew and loved Ted.  
❤️



SuzyvTrepanier - March 30 at 08:08 PM

DG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dr. Peter Gould - March 30 at 07:58 PM

PG

*Sitting by the fire at the Old Mill, Holiday Haven, Manitoulin Island - Summer 2008*

**Peter A Gould** - March 31 at 09:43 PM

SA

“ Sarah lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook



**Sarah** - March 30 at 07:58 PM

TS

“ Todd and Nancy Sharrow lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook



**Todd and Nancy Sharrow** - March 30 at 07:57 PM

JG

“ Janice Gonyou lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook



**Janice Gonyou** - March 30 at 07:53 PM

KB

“ Such a kind and wonderful person-RIP Ted ...you are finally reunited with the “love of your life John”. So blessed to have been a part of your lives. Kerri (Campbell) Brewer

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**Kerri Brewer** - March 30 at 07:49 PM

AJ

“ I had the privilege of dealing with Ted at his flower shoppe. He was always kind and thoughtful. I used to bring my mom with me to work after my father passed and Ted would bring her out a red rose. It meant so much to my mom and he would stop and chat with her. He will be missed.

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**Anita Jones** - March 30 at 07:41 PM

RI

“ My wife Val and I are Americans that happened to be allowed into the Canadian family. Ted was a wonderful carrying and humanitarian sole. I will never forget how satisfied he was by a cake that we brought to one of the dinner events.

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**rich** - March 30 at 07:37 PM

MD

“ Mark and Nancy Dewolf lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook



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**Mark and Nancy Dewolf** - March 30 at 07:16 PM

TB

“ *Tim Bechard lit a candle in memory of Ted Westbrook*



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**Tim Bechard** - March 30 at 07:15 PM

TB

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Ted was .... one of the best!*

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**Tom and Judy Bachus** - March 30 at 07:14 PM

LR

“ *Linda Richardson, it a candle memory of Ted Westbrook*



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**Linda Richardson** - March 30 at 05:35 PM

VH

“ *What can I possibly say about our 60 year friendship. Going to miss him deeply.*

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**Vicky and Dave Hess** - March 30 at 05:11 PM