

# William Ballantyne West, Jr.

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Dear Will, Lisa, and Family: Like others, we grieve at the loss of Will. Our consolation is that this loss is only short term and temporary, and as friends we should not make judgments because only The Lord knows all the circumstances and Will is now in his care. Will's many talents, service and contributions will long be remembered and valued by your family, friends, and many others. The Prophet Joseph Smith once said, "The only difference between the old and young dying is, one lives longer in heaven and eternal light and glory than the other, and is freed a little sooner from this miserable, wicked world." We extend our condolences and love to your family and friends. "Death is a mere comma, not an exclamation point." (Neal A. Maxwell) With deepest Sympathy

- Gordon & VeeDrienne Johnson

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REVELATION 21:4 "AND HE WILL WIPE OUT EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES, AND DEATH WILL BE NO MORE, NEITHER WILL MOURNING NOR OUTCRY NOR PAIN BE ANYMORE. THE FORMER THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY". I hope this beautiful promise of God to resurrect the dead here on earth fill your hearts with comfort and peace, soon we'll hug them again.

- Sandra Morales

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My heart breaks for the loss of your precious son. I did have the privilege to know not know William, but my son is also a medical resident, 4th year now, and I understand the tremendous, mostly unappreciated service, dedication and impossibly hard life your beautiful boy was trying to keep up with . I hope you will find comfort in your cherished memories. And in knowing that he provided much, much comfort to others during his life

- Stephanie Granot

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I was saddened to hear of your loss. My deepest condolences to your family.

- Tom Shearon

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I felt compelled to share how much it pains me to see the light of a beautiful soul leave this world too early. I was moved by your openness and wonderful tribute in the Washington Post and could feel the loving grace of Will in the stories where he lived in a van during medical school. My family is similarly devastated by grief (our daughter Maisa) and if any of you need to talk, please reach out. jameskmccall@gmail.com We live in Idaho. I am making a donation to the Lorna Breen foundation in Will West's honor. We need to heal the healers.

- James McCall

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I did not know Will, but, as I have learned of his remarkable life, I feel such love and admiration for this extraordinary son of God. My overwhelming feelings of admiration and gratitude for his life are surely but a drop in the ocean compared to the love that God has for William Ballantyne West, Jr. May our Redeemer's kind and loving hands lift up Will's family until that glorious day when you all shall meet again; when "God shall wipe away all tears from [your] eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new." (Rev. 2:4.) Peace of Christ to the West family.

- Doug Desmarais