



Maurice Westmoreland

February 5, 1956 - October 23, 2018

Maurice Westmoreland, age 62, of Albany, New York, formerly of Albert City, Iowa died on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Varina. Burial will be in the St. Columbkille Catholic Cemetery in Varina. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the church. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Maurice was born February 5th, 1956 to Ben and Betty (Reigelsberger) Westmoreland of Albert City. Maurice excelled at academics. After completing high school at Albert City Truesdale in 1974, He graduated with a B.A. from Lawrence University in 1979. He furthered his studies at the University of Illinois (Champaign) earning his M.A. in Spanish and Linguists in 1981 and his P.H.D. in 1990.

Maurice began his teaching career as an assistant professor of Spanish at Ohio State University from 1987-1990. He was hired as Associate Professor at State University of New York (Albany) where he taught Spanish and Linguistics from 1990-2018. He served as the department chair from 2014-2017.

Maurice cared deeply for his students and his colleagues. He worked tirelessly to support and develop the Spanish Linguistics department. He always had a kind word of encouragement or a sage bit of advice to share. He was a positive force in this world and his gentle nature will be greatly missed. He was a good son and a loving brother. He loved his schipperke dogs, 1970s R & B music, indie movies, college football (Iowa Hawkeyes) and long trips on his Kawasaki.

Maurice was preceded in death by his parents, Ben in 2008, Betty in 2011 and his brother John in 1977. He is survived by his sisters, Paula of Minneapolis, MN, Jean of Saint Paul, MN and Joan of Saint Paul, MN

Cemetery Details

St. Columbkille Catholic Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Columbkille Catholic Church
First Street
Varina, IA 50593
<http://home.catholicweb.com/stcolumbkille/>

Memorial Mass

NOV 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Brian lit a candle in memory of Maurice Westmoreland*



Brian - November 06, 2025 at 05:01 AM

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“ *On a whim I looked up Maurice today and am very sad to learn of his passing. Maurice and I shared a mentor, one Kurtis Blaylock at U of Illinois. Maurice, the veteran, openly welcomed this newbie and shared much wisdom about how it all worked. I will remember Maurice as a man who cared. Today is a sad day. RIP Maurice, and all best to his family.*

Brian - November 06, 2025 at 05:00 AM

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“ *I just found out about Maurice's passing. My deepest sympathy to his family. Maurice came to SUNY Albany the year after I left, but I met him through a mutual friend. He was always such a nice guy and he provided support for me on two occasions, when I went up for tenure and then when I went up for promotion. I hope you find peace by remembering what a nice person Maurice was and I pray he rests in peace.*
Elizabeth Martinez-Gibson

Elizabeth Martinez-Gibson - November 22, 2018 at 07:25 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Dr. Westmoreland’s family. I just learned about his passing only few days ago. He was a wonderful, unassuming and generous person who greatly helped countless students, including me, achieve our academic goals. He will be greatly missed. May God bless his soul and grant his family peace.

Emilia Sciarra-Laos - November 16, 2018 at 08:54 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Maurice Westmoreland.



November 16, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Maurice Westmoreland.



November 14, 2018 at 12:47 PM



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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 13, 2018 at 02:32 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Maurice Westmoreland.



November 11, 2018 at 11:06 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about the death of my classmate! I'll always remember him as being so very intelligent!! My deepest sympathy to the family. RIP Maurice!*

Kris (Meseck) Wester - November 10, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ *Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures* purchased the *White Standing Spray* for the family of Maurice Westmoreland.



Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures -
November 08, 2018 at 03:16 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring* was purchased for the family of Maurice Westmoreland.



November 08, 2018 at 01:50 PM

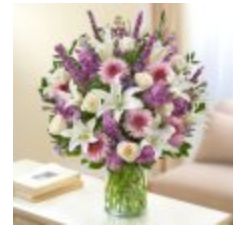
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“ Maurice was an unassuming but talented linguist and teacher. We shared academic interests, but I wasn't aware that we also shared our Ph.D institution. I last saw him in 2017 when he accepted a collection of my Spanish and other language books to be put to use in a reading room for department graduate students. His loss will be mourned by many

Francine Frank, Prof Emerita, UAlbany - November 06, 2018 at 05:43 PM



“ Sincerest Sorrow - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Maurice Westmoreland.



November 05, 2018 at 03:33 PM



“ Sincerest Sorrow - Peach, Orange and White was purchased for the family of Maurice Westmoreland.



November 05, 2018 at 03:30 PM

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“ He was a thoughtful, caring colleague who wanted the best for his students. I valued his opinion and enjoyed working with him.

Joan N. Savitt, Research Associate Professor Emerita, University at Albany

Joan Savitt - November 01, 2018 at 09:01 PM

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“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Maurice Westmoreland*



Deb and Kevin Jesse - October 31, 2018 at 05:22 PM