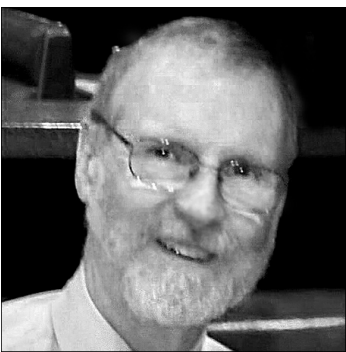


# WEST, Richard Carroll

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Of Madison. Richard passed away on November 29, 2020 at the University Hospital in Madison at the age of 76. He was the beloved husband of Perri Corrick-West of Madison, WI, the beloved son of the late Herbert and Marion (Sullivan) West of MA, and the cherished brother of Lawrence H. (Margaret) of MA, Patricia I. (Fred) Northrup of FL, Evelyn M. of FL, Matthew D. of TX, Susan L. (Joseph Milani) West-Milani of MA, Thomas E. (Ann) of RI, Joseph A. (Christine) of MA. He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and brother-in-law James of AZ.

He graduated second in his class from Cathedral High School in Boston, MA. He received a Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature from Boston College. He later received a Master of Arts in English Language and Literature and a Master of Arts in Library Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Richard was an awarded Tolkien scholar who published many essays and books on the subject. Until his retirement, Richard was employed as the Senior Academic Librarian Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. While a student at the University, he was one of the founders of the "University of Wisconsin Tolkien Society" and contributed to its yearly journal, *Orcrist*, as well as being its editor and co-editor. He served as a Eucharistic Minister as well as an usher at Good Shepherd Catholic Parish, Madison, WI.

Due to COVID restrictions, services have been postponed until it has been determined that we can safely gather publicly. If you would like to participate in the services to be held at a later date, please send your contact information to [rcwesttribute@yahoo.com](mailto:rcwesttribute@yahoo.com). Please share your memories at [www.cressfuneralservice.com](http://www.cressfuneralservice.com)