



Mr. Herbert White

January 31, 1933 - August 31, 2020

A Thoughtful Life

Herbert (Bro) White, (87) of Lithia, Florida joined the Lord on August 31, 2020. Born in Darlington, South Carolina on January 31, 1933, he was the second son of Monroe and Allean White. He attended Darlington County schools where he graduated from Mayo High School in 1951, and later graduated Cum Laude from St. Leo University with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting.

Working Hard and Serving Proudly

Herbert was always an industrious and hard-working man. As a young child, he figured out a way to use sticks and ropes to make brooms, which he sold door to door. As he grew older, he sought out odd jobs (because he didn't care for working on the family farm) and worked at Southern Nair as a carhop. At the sparkling age of 14, before he was old enough to have a license, he had already worked and earned enough money to purchase a car. It was a four-door, 1936 Deluxe Ford Cabriolet- complete with whitewall tires and running boards. His journey had begun. In 1952, young Herbert had the looks of a movie star but instead of heading for Hollywood, he enlisted to serve his country and went to Korea. WAR IT WAS! He narrowly escaped death. While serving on post at night his helmet was shot off. By the Grace of God, he was not injured. He served his country proudly for the next 26 years as a member of the United States Air Force. In 1964, while serving TDY (Temporary Duty

Assignment) at Shemya Station in Alaska, Herbert survived a historic 9.3 earthquake that struck at night. He stayed in a warehouse with no heat or light, doing jumping jacks to keep himself alive and get home to his young family. He also served on a special, isolated 18-month tour in Iran in the late '60s. In the early '70s, his family was blessed to accompany him on a tour to Bitburg Air Force Base in Germany where they were privileged to enjoy extensive touring in Europe. Herbert was highly decorated as an Expert Marksman and Sharpshooter, decorated for Courage, and also received the Meritorious Service medal in 1971. Master Sergeant Herbert White retired from MacDill Air Force Base in 1978. His career continued as he worked for Sun Life Insurance Company where he received numerous awards including 'Rookie of the Year' and 'Top District Agent'. He went on to work in Administration at the VA Hospital in Tampa. He later joined the U.S. Postal Service, from which he retired in 2001.

A Lifetime of Love

Herbert met the love of his life, Sally, in 1947 at 4-H camp, but they didn't enter into the bond of holy matrimony until 1957. Anyone who knew them can attest to their dedication to each other. As a couple, they have always been role models for their families, and most anyone they met. They were two peas in a pod. Their marriage was an institution of loving respect, spirituality, caring, and selfless tenderness. Herbert would seek Sally out as she buzzed around the house just to get a hug. He was her Prince, Protector, Partner, and Absolute Best Friend.

For Love of Family

From an early age, Herbert demonstrated such great love, admiration, and generous support for his parents. He also supported his wife in the care of her mother and disabled sister for the remainder of their lives. He was a wonderful father to his children, Michelle and Shawn, and shared that love with his grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and children of family friends. He was funny

and charming and adored for his sense of humor and gentle manner. He was a joy to know, and loved to greet others by saying “Merry Christmas!” no matter the time of year. He didn’t need to be asked for help, he just dug in, and did what he saw was needed. Herbert was a blessing to have in our lives. A man of great integrity, he was generous, compassionate, and empathetic. That’s how God made him.

Renaissance Man

Herbert wore tinted glasses, kept his curly hair on the longish side, looked fantastic in pink, and had a seriously cool, well-manicured goatee. He had an artistic eye, which is evident to anyone who has visited the home he designed with Sally. Herbert was Blessed with many gifts and talents. If it was broken, he could fix it. He seldom called a repair person for anything. People refer to his repairs as “putting a Herbert White on it!” His mesmerizing attention to detail was evident in all of his “shutterbug” photos, home movies, and seriously thumping recordings. He was making mix tapes long before mix-taping was a thing. He loved Nat King Cole and jazz masters like Coltrane, but his favorite group was Pink Floyd. He painted abstracts in oils, saying that his subject matter came to him in his dreams. He was a phenomenal chef and enjoyed making food for friends and family, always with Sally by his side as he asked her advice for the final seasoning touches. He was humble about his cooking and was known for saying “I don’t know how it’s going to taste this time...” It was always delicious.

Flying Home

Herbert was blessed to be born into a very spiritual family and joined the church at a very young age. In later years he was a member of the First Baptist Church in Tampa and attended the Crossing Church for the past several years. Herbert and Sally found strength and enjoyment in praying and studying God’s word together. Herbert also enjoyed Christian music. His

favorite hymn was Amazing Grace. At the end of his journey, Herbert was spiritually prepared for his homegoing to Heaven, although his passing was unexpected. Many tears are being shed, as he made an indelible impression on all who knew him. He will be deeply missed, but we take comfort in knowing that he is in Heaven. He worked hard his entire life... to get there. We loved him dearly, but God loved him best and called him to possess his mansion which was completed and ready for immediate occupancy on August 31, 2020. To God Be The Glory!

He leaves to cherish the memories of his life and legacy to his beloved bride, Sally B. White; son, Shawn White and fiancée Michelle Miller, and her son, A.J.(FL); daughter and husband, Michelle and Rajpal Arulpragasam, and their daughters, Dr. Shiara Arulpragasam (FL) and Amanda Arulpragasam and her husband Nevin Bhardwaj (VT); sisters, Theola Baylor (SC) and Allean Gray (TX); goddaughter Debra and her husband, Rev. Dr. Edward Boston, MD, FACOG, CAPT, MC, USN (VA); in-laws, Willie Mae Garrick (SC), Freeman and his wife Catherine Garrick (SC), and Osborne Garrick (SC); and many other nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his brother Marion White, Sr.; sisters Geneva McFarland and Rosa Lee McDaniel.

Due to COVID-19, a CLOSED funeral service will be live-streamed on Thursday, September 10, 2020, at 10:00 AM. This will be followed by a graveside committal and burial at Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL. Friends and family are invited to participate via live-stream and [Facebook.com/Hopewell Funeral](https://www.facebook.com/HopewellFuneral). Expressions of condolence may be made at [HopewellFuneral.com](https://www.HopewellFuneral.com). Donations in lieu of flowers will be greatly appreciated.

I never meant to leave you, could I have only stayed.
We would be going on in life, with all the plans we made.
Now all the hopes and dreams we shared,
Are but sweet memories for you to tuck inside your heart.

Now when you remember me
Remember all the good times, and all the joy we shared;
Remember how you touched my life,
And how I really cared.
Think back on all the laughter, and wipe away your tears;
You still have many miles to go, and still have many years.
Look forward not back; this day is a brand new start.
And as you travel in life, you'll take a bit of my heart.
I never meant to leave you, but still, you'll not be alone;
For as long as my love lives in you
I will never really be gone.

Tribute Wall



“ *Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Herbert White*



Hopewell Funeral Home - September 09, 2020 at 08:26 AM



“ *Channel Garrick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herbert White*



Channel Garrick - September 10, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ *To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! What an honor it was to know such a kind and loving soul. Herb was such a Godly man! Blessed to have known him. Will continue to pray for Mrs. Sally, Michelle (My Godmother), Shawn, and the rest of the White family! My deepest condolences -Kelsie*

Kelsie - September 10, 2020 at 09:50 AM

PB

“ A great uncle and great brother to my mom! As Uncle Herbert would affectionately say no matter what time of year..”Merry Christmas”..
We love and miss you,
Pierre and family

Pierre B - September 10, 2020 at 09:46 AM

BB

“ On behalf of my family and all of the churches under my covering, I salute Master Sargent Herbert White and will keep The White Family lifted up in my prayers.

*Bishop Dr. Will Boyd
Pastor, St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church
Pressing Bishop, Zion Ministries*

Bishop Dr. Will Boyd - September 10, 2020 at 09:39 AM

TB

“ *In Memory Of A Special Brother*

*Today is a day full of memories
of a brother laid to rest
and every single one of them
is filled with happiness*

*For you were someone special
always a joy to know
and there was so much pain
when it was time to let you go*

*That's why this special message
is sent to heaven above
for the angels to take care of you
and give you all my love*

~Unknown

*In loving memory of my older brother, Herbert, affectionately known
as "Bro". You will forever be in my heart.*

*Love always,
Theola*

Theola Baylor - September 10, 2020 at 08:11 AM

“ *New Bethel Baptist Church
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*“In all thy ways acknowledge him, and He shall direct thy paths.”
Proverbs 3:6*

September 3, 2020

*“For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is
at hand. I have fought
a good fight, I have finished my course, and I have kept the faith.”
2nd Timothy 4: 6&7*

*The Officials and members of New Bethel Baptist Church extend
with heartfelt sympathy to you, Pastor Edward and First Lady
Deborah Boston, family and loved ones on the passing of your
Uncle Herbert White.*

*“A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest,
It broke our hearts to see you go,
God only takes the best.*

*They say that memories are golden,
Well maybe that is true,
But we never wanted memories,
We only wanted you.*

Your life was full of love,

*Your love for your family true.
You did your best for all of us,
We will always, always remember you.*

We know to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, however; losing your Uncle has caused a traumatic pain that cannot go away with mere words of condolences, but we hope it help to know we care. We pray that our love and concern will help sustain you and your family as you grieve for your Uncle Herbert. We also pray for God's blessings, safety and traveling mercy on your return home.

With Sincere and Heartfelt Sympathy

Deacon Carlos C. Combs, Sr., Chairman Deacon Board

PASTOR EDWARD BOSTON - September 10, 2020 at 05:49 AM



“ *What though the radiance which was once so bright
Be now forever taken from my sight,
Though nothing can bring back the hour
Of splendor in the grass, of glory in the flower,
We will grieve not, rather find
Strength in what remains behind.*
- William Wordsworth

Sabine Elam - September 09, 2020 at 05:36 PM



“ *Althea Garrick sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Herbert White*



Althea Garrick - September 09, 2020 at 03:50 PM



LOVE ALL WAYS ALTHEA WILLETTE HONEY 🙏🙏🙏

Althea Garrick - September 09, 2020 at 03:55 PM



“ *Herbert White was a fine Man and Gentlemen, Loved and Admired by All whom Knew Him. He will be Greatly Missed.*

DOROTHY CARTER

Dorothy Carter - September 09, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ *I am lost for words uncle Herbert that you are gone. I will truly miss you. I am remembering all the times at grand mom house you sitting in the chair rocking and smiling and calling me your PIMP SQUEAK. To my aunt and both cousins hold on and stay praying. God will heal all wounds. Love you all take care. Love Keisha*

KEISHA GARRICK - September 09, 2020 at 09:17 AM

KG

“ *KEISHA GARRICK lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herbert White*



KEISHA GARRICK - September 09, 2020 at 09:11 AM

LF

“ *Love from Ralph & Mary Lou La Macchia & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Herbert White.*



Love from Ralph & Mary Lou La Macchia & Family -
September 08, 2020 at 06:53 PM

KS

“ *One day Herbert, (“Bro”), and his good friend were going out for the evening. Little did they know that Allean, who was just 4 or 5 years old, had hidden down on the floor in the back of his car. They had driven some miles when suddenly Allean jumped up and yelled, “Boo!” She was dirty and barefoot. To show how even-tempered and loving Herbert was, he did not get angry with Allean. He just turned the car around and took her home. From that day on, Herbert always checked the back of his car before driving away.*

*From your loving sister,
Allean Gray*

Keely A Smith - September 08, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - September 08, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ When I was in high school, I drew this portrait of Herb and Sally while we waited to be served at a restaurant. My fairy god parents are such great muses!



Sabine Elam - September 08, 2020 at 12:55 PM

TG

“ *Sending lots of love and prayers to my Aunt Sally and cousins, Michelle and Shawn.*

Uncle Bro is gone, but will never be forgotten. He had the kindest heart and the funniest sense of humor. He will truly be missed.

Rest easy Uncle Bro. We love you!

*Love,
Tamara Giummo*

Tamara Giummo - September 08, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Herbert White.*



September 08, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ *Our prayers and condolences are with you and your family during this time of your bereavement. We love you and will keep you in our prayers. From your cousins in Richmond Virginia.*

Antoinette Harris - September 08, 2020 at 08:19 AM

CG

“ To my Uncle/ Dad We love you. We little knew that morning
God was to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again. Uncle Herbert we miss you & love you.
Love your Grand Nieces & Nephews Channel, Mariah, Justin &
Dominick.

Channel Garrick - September 07, 2020 at 11:23 PM

OG

“ Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope .
Remembering you and your loved one today and always . Our
heartfelt condolences. We are thinking about you all and sending
love .
-Osborne , Stacie , Anbria & Family ❤️

Ostachia Garrick - September 07, 2020 at 12:56 PM