



Lonnie White

April 15, 1938 - May 2, 2023

Lonnie White passed away May 2, 2023, at his home in Leesburg, Florida. He was 85. He was born in the family cabin in Maryville, Tennessee, on April 15, 1938. He was one of seven children born to his parents, Edward and Willie Mae White.

The family moved to Leesburg in 1941 following the death of his father. Since the age of 3, Lonnie has called Leesburg home. He is preceded in death by his parents; five brothers: W.C. "Bill" White, James White, Ray White, Herbert Hoover White, W. Kenneth White; and his sister, Helen Bass.

He attended Lee School as a youngster and later Leesburg High School, where he played four years of varsity baseball and met Sylvia Davenport from Fruitland Park, Florida. The soon-to-be couple graduated together in 1957, and were later married in November of 1958.

Lonnie spent nearly 30 years working for Sears. He started with the company in downtown Leesburg in the 1960s with the automotive department, and later rounded out his career in outside sales of the home-improvement division. After retiring from Sears, he spent another 15 years working as the estimator for Bud Gordon Roofing in Leesburg.

He enjoyed playing all sports but was particularly fond of baseball. He followed the Philadelphia Athletics spring training and minor leagues as a

young boy hanging around the ballpark at Venetian Gardens. He later played in semi-pro leagues after high school, including the Lake-Orange League.

He was a member of Morrison United Methodist Church. He enjoyed managing the church's softball team in the 1970s and '80s, coaching baseball, playing golf with his friends, and traveling with his family.

Lonnie is survived by his wife of 64 years, Sylvia; his son Bradley Lon White (Cheri), Lady Lake, Florida; his daughter, Elizabeth Deann White (Allen), Lady Lake; grandchildren Rachel Whetstone, Fruitland Park, Blake White, Tavares, Florida; Daven White, Rome, Georgia; Melissa Hitchcock, Lady Lake; Emily White, Tampa; Kaylee White, Summerfield, Florida; and seven great grandchildren.

Memorial Service will be held Friday, May 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM. Morrison United Methodist Church, Leesburg, FL

Flowers are always appreciated or contributions can be made to one of the following:

Lake Sumter Children's Advocacy Center
Florida United Methodist Children's Home
Global Ministries-UMCOR

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

Morrison United Methodist Church
1005 W Main St
Leesburg, FL 34748-4924
(352) 787-3786

Tribute Wall



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



May 10, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *We have lost a wonderful man. He was a loving, father, husband ,brother, son and my favorite uncle. He will be missed. Prayers of comfort for you, Aunt Sylvia, Brad, Beth and family ❤️ I know Daddy welcomed him with open arms to his Heavenly home.*

Charlotte Moore - May 10, 2023 at 12:12 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lonnie White.*



May 08, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ *Our sincerest sympathy to the White family. Even when the loss of a loved one is expected, the grief is not diminished. May God's peace be with you all and may the fond memories of Mr White be with you always. Kathy and Mark Yarbrough*

Kathy Byrd Yarbrough - May 05, 2023 at 09:19 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss

Barbra White - May 05, 2023 at 07:39 AM

FC

“ *lonnie and I grew up next door neighbors. we had many years of close friendship, my memories are many and cherised, he will be missed but not forgotten---Fred and Becky Conway*

Fred Conway - May 04, 2023 at 05:24 PM

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“ *Mrs. White-Brad-Beth I am so so sorry for your loss. I remember you all and growing up across the street from you and being neighbors for so many years. Prayers to you all for peace and comfort.*

Tina Goddard - May 04, 2023 at 04:17 PM