



Mr. Donald James White

March 24, 1946 - February 13, 2025

Obituary for Donald James White

Mr. Donald James White, a devoted husband, loving father, cherished brother, and above all, a good man, passed away on February 13, 2025, at the age of 78. A lifelong resident of Opelousas, he was born on March 24, 1946, and dedicated his life to family, faith, and friendship.

Donald worked tirelessly to provide for his loved ones, holding various jobs throughout the Opelousas area with dedication and pride. He was a man of quiet strength and deep kindness, always ready with a helping hand and a warm smile. A true gentleman, he took great pride in dressing sharp, and his love for music brought joy to those around him. His presence was a source of comfort and encouragement to all who knew him.

A devout Catholic, Donald was a decades-long member of the Knights of Peter Claver and a faithful parishioner of Holy Ghost Catholic Church. His unwavering faith guided his life, shaping his values of generosity, humility, and service.

Above all, family was the heart of Donald's world. He was married to Eva Gradnigo White for 45 years until her passing in 2014, a union built on love, faith, and devotion. He leaves behind a legacy of love, wisdom, and unwavering support that will live on in the hearts of his family and friends.

He is survived by his beloved daughter Melissa White Hawkins and son-in-law Reginald Hawkins of Baton Rouge; his brother Moses White, Jr. (Gail) of Lafayette; his sisters Ruby Richard of Opelousas, Catherine Guillory (Lee) of

San Antonio, TX, Thelma Simien White of Opelousas, and Patricia Henry (Paul) of Sugarland TX; his dear Aunt Mrs. Bridget White of Opelousas; sister-in-law Mercedes White of Breaux Bridge; and Candace Cavalier of Gonzales, whom he loved as a granddaughter. He is also fondly remembered by a host of nieces, nephews, godchildren, extended family, and many dear friends. Donald was preceded in death by his wife, Eva Gradnigo White; his parents, Arithia Green White and Moses White, Sr.; and his brothers, Joseph B. White and Kenneth White.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at 10:00 AM at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas, LA. Interment will follow at St. Leo the Great Catholic Cemetery, 126 Church Road, Leonville, LA.

The family requests visiting hours be observed on Friday, February 21, from 5:00 to 9:00 PM at Williams Funeral Home, Opelousas, with the rosary led by the Legion of Mary. Additional visitation will take place on Saturday, February 22, from 8:00 to 9:30 AM before the funeral service.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 817 E. South Street, 337-942-2037.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Donald's memory to the St. Landry Parish Council on Aging, honoring his lifelong commitment to family and community.

Tribute Wall

LK

“ Rest well dear cousin and friend. With deepest condolences.
- Louis Kinnerson and Family (AL)

louis kinnerson - February 21, 2025 at 08:44 PM

SG

“ May peace and comfort be with you and your family at this difficult time.

Sheriff Bobby J Guidroz - February 21, 2025 at 10:45 AM

GR

“ Greg Rachal lit a candle in memory of Donald White



Greg Rachal - February 21, 2025 at 09:47 AM

CW

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Mr. Donald White. Remembering all of you in prayer.
Larry, Catherine Watson & Family,



Catherine Watson - February 19, 2025 at 02:43 PM

RF

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers goes out to the Family! So sorry for your Family loss! R.I.P Mr. Donald 🙏🙏*



Rita Gradnigo Pickens & Family - February 18, 2025 at 10:38 AM

HG

“ *Hubert Gallien lit a candle in memory of Donald White*



Hubert Gallien - February 17, 2025 at 08:35 PM

MW

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family of Mr. Donald White. So sorry for your loss. From Marie (SiS) White 🙏❤️*

Marie White - February 17, 2025 at 07:03 PM

AP

“ *BEST BROTHER /BROTHER-IN-LAW EVER. GREAT FRIEND. OUR HEARTS ARE BROKEN AND FILLED WITH DEEP SADNESS.*



ALWAYS JOYFUL VISITS WITH LAUGHTER, QUALITY FAMILY TIME WHEN WE WERE TOGETHER. MELISSA WE ARE HERE FOR YOU.

DONALD YOU LIVE ON IN OUR HEARTS. IT'S A COMFORT TO KNOW YOU WILL ALWAYS BE NEAR IN SPIRIT..

ALLEN & PEARLINE

Allen & Pearline - February 17, 2025 at 02:16 PM



“ *Sympathetic thoughts and prayers extended to the family during this difficult time, pray your strength in the lord.*



Georgian Harris Stevens - February 17, 2025 at 01:59 PM

MB

“ *Mr. White will be missed! Praying for his family and friends! Love Your EVD work family!*

Melissa Belton - February 17, 2025 at 11:54 AM

JW

My deepest sympathy and condolence goes out to the white family we will continue to keep you before the Lord in prayer

James White - February 17, 2025 at 08:26 PM

HC

R I P my brother you will be truly missed . prayers for you and the family . your EVD co worker Herb Celestine .

Herb Celestine - February 18, 2025 at 07:24 PM

EF

*My heartfelt condolences to his family & friends.
Ezia Mae (Carmouche)Fuller*

Ezia Mae FULLER - February 21, 2025 at 12:22 PM

HB

The family have my deepest sympathy and prayers 🙏

Henrietta Wheeler Babineaux - February 23, 2025 at 06:24 PM