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William J. White III, known as Joseph, age 74 died on Saturday, February 23, 2019, at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center.

Joseph attended Tuskegee University where he earned a degree in Business Management. He served as an Officer in the US. Air Force during Vietnam and later became a flight instructor. After moving to Oregon, he attended Multnomah University. Over the last 48 years, Joseph devoted his life to serving people throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Joseph worked with ODOT as a Team Development Facilitator and later with the employment department. After retirement he continued his work as a life coach and spiritual leader and teacher. Joseph loved to sit and have conversations over a cup of espresso and is described as a light. His smile could light up any room and his ability to listen with his heart enabled him to give everyone the feeling that they had truly been heard and understood. He was passionate about flying and traveling and living life to the fullest in every moment.

He was a role model to his daughters and grandchildren and will forever be in the hearts and minds of all who had the privilege of standing in his presence.

As the oldest of seven, Joseph is survived by sisters; Jenifer Bagby, Cynthia Beamon, Patricia Weeks, and brothers; James Clinton White, Jeffery White and Ocie White. He was a loving husband to wife, Cynthia Lamb, and ex-wife Bonnie White. Beloved father of Sarrha Uffelman and Esther White and grandfather to Lakotah, Jasmine, Wyatt, Quincey, Talon and Justize.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Jr., and Ida Mae White.

As we mourn the loss of this beautiful light and celebrate the life he lived, let us always remember that Joseph lived his life with absolute and infinite love for all. Let us each strive to do the same.

Comments



“ Joseph was a kind, loving and gentle soul, a true gentle man. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Sympathy and prayers for the family as you grieve his loss. I am sure he will remain a part of you always.

Karen & Frank Griswold - March 07 at 11:19 PM



“ Joseph, you made the world a better place. May the light you brought fill the space you left behind. I love you brother and I'll see you again.

Steve Oder - March 18 at 01:16 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the family. I will miss my cousin and his kind spirit.

Amos White V - March 07 at 01:13 PM



“ Grace Foster lit a candle in memory of William Joseph White III



Grace Foster - March 06 at 09:23 AM



“ Joseph was always so polite, articulate and easy-going. He was always well-dressed for the square dances and so easy to dance with; always with a ready smile. Sincere condolences to his entire family. Our hearts are with you, especially, Cynthia, as you find strength in loving memories of Joseph.

Jean Goul - March 04 at 05:25 AM



“ "I had the good fortune to have worked with Joseph White, He was a splendid person. He had the quality of making friends and influencing people. I will miss him and his caring personality. He added value to all of us that knew him.

He is one of those in my "Post Everlasting",

Mike Sowles - March 03 at 10:41 AM



“ He was one of my favorite tall friends and man could he dance ! Going to miss his light hearted and amiable company . Cynthia, all my heartfelt , loving feelings to you.
Rob Norman

Rob Norman - March 02 at 02:33 PM



“ What sad news to hear of Joseph's passing! My heart goes out to Cynthia. I will always remember Joseph as a bright, intelligent and energetic spirit who treated all with equal kindness and compassion. A testimony to his generous nature, he will be mourned and missed by all who knew him. Rest peacefully Joseph, I know you will be keeping a keen and understanding eye on us all.

Biagina Lazaroni



Biagina Lazaroni - March 01 at 06:54 PM



“ I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Joseph's passing. He, Cynthia, Peter, and I spent many wonderful times together over tasty meals, sipping wine and other libations. We had the pleasure of a two special trips to Hawaii together. Those memories will be treasured.

Joseph was the kindest person I ever met. He was a joy to converse with. He had a positive and happy outlook on life. He lived life to the fullest and was eager to encourage others to do the same.

I will miss Joseph beyond how I can express here. I will be in close touch with Cynthia and will support her in her path forward. He was her best friend and the love of her life. Even though he is no longer with us I think he will still walk beside her.

I send my sincerest condolences to Sarah and Ester and their children. They had a wonderful father and grandfather.



“ I was very shocked & sadden when I read the paper today to see Josephs name. He truly is in heaven & saying, finally peace & calm.

He was a very wonderful, peaceful person to work with at the Oregon Employment department& so full of knowledge

I send my condolences to his family, daughters, grandchildren who will really miss this wonderful man.

Carol McNaughtan

Carol McNaughtan - March 01 at 06:58 PM



“ How very sad to learn of Joseph's passing. He was a kind, gentle and intelligent man. My heart goes out to Cynthia. They loved and supported one another for years. Condolences to her and the rest of his family.

Therese Waterhous - March 01 at 07:01 PM



“ I remember dancing with Joseph. He brought joy with his infectious smile and was always kind and sweet with a great sense of humor. He is missed.

Carmen Rost - March 01 at 10:04 PM



“ Cynthia, I am so sorry to hear about Joseph's passing. My heart goes out to you. Karen Freeman

Karaen Freeman - March 02 at 12:21 AM



“ Paul was shocked as he just had such a nice conversation with him at the last Swingin Stars dance. He was a gentle quiet soul but engage him in a conversation and you would find him very interesting. We shall miss him.

Jeanine Norden - March 02 at 06:41 PM



“ Dear Joseph, do not rest in peace, but dance in heaven, and may be start Heavenly Square Dancing Club, so we can join you when our time comes. We will never be the same without your cheerfulness and kindness. But seeing lovely Cynthia moving gracefully across the dance floor, I will feel your presence right there.

Jaga Giebultowicz - March 02 at 08:45 PM



“ Cynthia, you and Joseph were so kind to us and welcomed us as new dancers when we landed at dances together. We are going to miss his witty sense of humor and warmth. You are in our hearts. Dave and Lisa Holloway

Lisa - March 03 at 02:16 AM



“ Cynthia, I am so sorry for your loss. Although I didn't know him, after reading these tributes, I realize how great a loss it is.

Joan - March 04 at 03:42 PM



“ I did not get to spend much time with Joseph. We both worked as advisors to business start-ups with SCORE and the BEC. I new him as Coach Joseph. I always felt instant report with Joseph and felt, if we only had a few more hours, we could solve many of humanity's problems.

Peter Burke - March 05 at 11:10 AM



“ like we could have spell checked before posting

Peter Burke - March 05 at 11:11 AM



“ We were shocked and deeply saddened by the news of Joseph's passing. Cynthia, you are in our prayers for comfort and peace.

Barb Schafer - March 05 at 11:52 AM



“ Having seen Joseph recently I was deeply saddened and shocked to learn of his passing . He was such a kind and gentle man with beautiful ideas on how he could help humanity. I feel blessed for having him in my life the few years that I knew him. Cynthia and family my deepest condolences.

Lynda Shurtleff - March 05 at 02:59 PM



“ Cynthia and family, I was so sorry to read of Joseph's passing. He was such a kind, friendly person. He will be missed. My sincere condolences.

Grace Foster - March 06 at 09:16 AM



“ I was so shocked and saddened to hear of Joseph's passing. He was such a lovely and gentle soul; it was always a pleasure to visit with him. I will miss him very much. My heart goes out to Cynthia and his family. It was an honor to have known him, what little I did.

Helen Pease - March 08 at 05:31 PM