



William Edward White (Eatonton)

October 3, 1933 - July 17, 2010

William “Bill” Edward White, 76, passed away as the new day dawned on July 17, 2010, at the Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville, Georgia.

Bill was born at Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in the early morning hours, October 3, 1933, in the midst of the Great Depression. His father paid the doctor with hay for his horse and paid the hospital with potatoes. Bill’s father was William Arthur “Art” White and his mother was Mable De Pue White. Growing up, Bill lived with his family south of Scotts, Michigan, on one of the family farms.

Bill graduated from Climax High School in 1951 at 17 years of age (he graduated early due to skipping a grade). After being drafted into the Army in June, 1954, he completed his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He was shipped to occupied Berlin, Germany, in December, 1954, before the war, and was there until his honorable discharge in May, 1956.

When Bill returned to the States, he met the love of his life, June Timm. They were married on May 25, 1957. In September, Bill began college at Western Michigan University where he studied electrical engineering. In 1959, Bill was baptized and began a lifelong membership in the Methodist Church. He also joined the Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycee’s) and was involved in many community activities (car safety and tornado clean up in Elkhart, Indiana). In

1960 he began his very successful structural engineering career. He worked for Kawneer in Niles, Michigan. By 1969, Bill and June had five children: Laura, Jill, the twins Bill and Linda, and baby April. In September 1969, he moved the family from Michigan to Harrisonburg, Virginia. He was responsible for hiring and setting up the Drafting Department for the new Kawneer plant being built there. In January, 1970, he found a home in Broadway, Virginia, where the family lived until 1977. While in Virginia he was a member of the Lions Club, Elks Club, was a Sunday school teacher and served on the Council of Ministries at the church.

In 1979 Bill accepted a job at Fentron Architectural Products in Seattle, Washington and moved the family cross-country. He was very successful in his job, received several promotions, and was assistant plant manager in 1981 when he decided to make a move to Benton, Kentucky when he joined Alucabond Company as their engineering manager. The new job in Kentucky included travel to the St. Louis Home office and to job sites in Seattle, Denver, Atlanta, South America, Puerto Rico and Trinidad, which he enjoyed immensely.

In 1987, Bill accepted a job in Dallas, Texas with CDC, Inc. as a consultant, then moved on to join the Reynolds Metals team in Atlanta, Georgia, as the engineering manager. In 1992, Bill and June moved to Indianapolis when he took a job with Citadel Architectural Products. After being laid off on his 62nd birthday in October of 1995 due to company cut-backs, he decided to retire and he and June moved to Eatonton, Georgia to live in their retirement cottage on Lake Sinclair.

In 1998, Bill came out of retirement to take a job with the Oconee National Forest – US Forest Service. He worked as a receptionist there until hip pain curtailed the work in 2005. In 2006, he had hip replacement surgery with a very bad outcome leading to 5 years of further surgeries, physical therapy, hospital visits and spent his final two years of life at the Georgia War Veterans

Home in Milledgeville, Georgia.

Bill is survived by his wife, June, of 53 years. Survivors besides his wife are his daughter, Laura Litten (Woodbridge, VA); daughter and son-in-law, Jillian and Doug Chandler (Lynnwood, WA); son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Cindy White (Mountlake Terrace, WA); daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Reza Zarei (Highlands Ranch, CO); daughter and son-in-law, April and Robert Lyons (Kentucky); and seven grandchildren: Bill, Mitch, Dean, Deanna, Joey, Patrick and William.

A memorial service will be held at the Eatonton First United Methodist Church, 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, July 20th.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Eatonton First United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall



“ Memories of "Mr.Bill" are with me and my family: the giant penguin in the little red wagon, "I'm Gumby", sitting on the front porch, Frankie and Puff, and the day he killed the copperhead snake in our front yard! He was a wonderful friend and neighbor and will be greatly missed! Our thoughts and prayers continue to be lifted to Miss June and family.##imported-begin##Anne Gauthier##imported-end##

September 01, 2010 at 12:02 PM



“ We always knew he was special, but this was listed so nicely. His life was not dull, but blessed. June, you are blessed to have been his wife, and we have been blessed by the both of you.

You know you are in our prayers, and with love,

Jim and Bobbie##imported-begin##Jim and Bobbie Spitzner##imported-end##

September 01, 2010 at 01:24 AM



“ It has been a joy and delight knowing and loving Bill##imported-begin##Jim and Dee Park##imported-end##

August 28, 2010 at 07:16 PM



“ I will miss you Old Buddy. I enjoyed our fishing trips and especially the joint trips with you and June and Bertie and me. Please tell Bertie hello and give her my love when you meet her in the Lord's house.

Your friend,
Randy##imported-begin##Randy De Klyen##imported-end##

August 28, 2010 at 02:10 PM



“ We know that Bill went through a lot in his later years and appreciated that June kept us informed about his progress. May God give you comfort and many good memories to live on in your hearts.##imported-begin##Richard & Joyce Smith##imported-end##

August 28, 2010 at 12:44 PM



“ Please know that you have our sympathy and continue love.

We thought the memorial service was perfect.##imported-begin##Ann & T. J.##imported-end##

August 28, 2010 at 11:49 AM



*“ I had the pleasure of meeting Mr Bill and his lovely wife at Family Eye Care where I worked at the time, until a family emergency caused me to resign. I had an immediate connection to both of these wonderful people who have forever made an impression on my heart. Mr Bill and I loved to share jokes/laughs, and I will miss him deeply but I am sure he has those angels in heaven wrapped around him holding their stomachs from laughing and that wonderful smile on his face. Rest in Peace Mr Bill and may God Bless you and your family Miss June. Xoxoxoxo
Jen###imported-begin##Jennifer Benefield###imported-end##*

August 28, 2010 at 09:09 AM



*“ June, Thank you for sharing this. What a special man he was! And what a special wife he had! It's wonderful that you two were blessed with 53 years of married life! I pray that you and your family feel comfort from all your wonderful memories. Love you!
Marge###imported-begin##Marge McF###imported-end##*

August 28, 2010 at 12:52 AM



“ To learn of your husband's death is so sad. You were forever by his side and a comfort to him.###imported-begin##Helen Marie Kirby###imported-end##

August 28, 2010 at 12:06 AM



“ To the entire White Family,

Our prayers are with each of you. The stories and memories we have heard over the years about Mr. White from his son Bill has given us a sense of the loving and dedicated man he was. Our wishes to all in this time of celebration of his life.##imported-begin##Jeff, Lorrie, Michael and Danielle Brunson##imported-end##

July 23, 2010 at 12:22 PM



“ *Mr. Bill will be missed by all of us. My deepest sympathy to the family in your loss. May you find comfort and peace in a lifetime of beautiful memories with Mr. Bill.##imported-begin##Mani Barry##imported-end##*

July 20, 2010 at 06:54 AM



“ *June, Laura, & family,*
We are so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. We love you dearly and pray that God will comfort you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Kenneth & Gloria Crawford##imported-end##

July 19, 2010 at 10:19 PM



“ *We send prayers and sympathy to each of your family during this time.##imported-begin##Carroll and Cuyler Kline##imported-end##*

July 19, 2010 at 09:25 AM



“ Dear June,
I was very sorry to read about the passing of Bill. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.##imported-begin##Joanne##imported-end##

July 19, 2010 at 08:21 AM



“ Mrs. White I am very sorry for your lose and Was at Ms. Bobby memorial when your husband past. Our thought are with you.

Melody and Henry Gaston##imported-begin##Melody Gaston##imported-end##

July 18, 2010 at 11:03 PM



“ June,
We are very sorry to hear about Bill, our prayers are with you and your family. May God Bless each one of you.##imported-begin##Raymond & Donna Birt##imported-end##

July 18, 2010 at 09:07 PM