



Thomas Walker White

December 9, 1947 - November 27, 2019

Thomas Walker White, 71, of Statesville, NC, peacefully passed away on November 27, 2019 surrounded by his adoring family at Carolina Caring Hospice House in Newton, NC. Born December 9, 1947, in Graham, North Carolina, he was the son of the late J. Walker White and Jettie Beaver White.

Tommy graduated from Scotts High School in 1966 and served in the United States Navy as an Aviation Ordnance Man Second Class. Tommy completed a Mediterranean tour as well as two tours in Vietnam. He studied Drafting and Design at CVTI. He was married to the late Linda Bustle White and spent his working years at Rockbestos, Uniglass and finally at William T. Burnett and Company as a member of the accounting staff where he retired in December 2018. Tommy was deeply respected and loved by his co-workers and was known for going out of his way for others.

Tommy had knack and talent working with computers and a gift with numbers—impressing his grandchildren with his tech-savvy abilities. He was an avid football and basketball fan as his office memorabilia proudly displayed the Oakland Raiders and Duke basketball teams. Tommy loved the simple things in life: fishing with his grandson, playing Uno with his granddaughter, listening to James Taylor as well as CCR, and visiting his two favorite destinations—The Outer Banks and Moose, Wyoming.

Tommy had peace and gentle kindness that radiated the goodness of God to everyone he met. A life-long Lutheran, Tommy taught his children and grandchildren to always place people above things and to place Christ above all. His legacy and light will continue to live through his family as they strive to love and serve others just as Tommy did.

He is preceded in death by his parents, J. Walker and Jettie, along with his wife, Linda White, who passed in 2001.

Tommy is survived by his son, Jeff Estes and wife Tracy of Greer, SC; daughter, Mary Beth White Bumgarner and her husband Ashley of Bethlehem, NC; grandchildren Bailey Estes of Charlotte, NC, Jay Estes of Greer, SC, Abby and Avery Bumgarner of Bethlehem, NC; sister, Nancy White Massey of Statesville, NC; brother, Charles White and wife Betzie of Statesville, NC and sister-in-law, Julia Harris of Claremont, NC.

A celebration of life service for Tommy will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, December 1, 2019 in the Nicholson Funeral Home Chapel, 135 E. Front St. Statesville, NC 28677. The

family will gather and receive friends after the service. Inurnment will be held at a later date at Iredell Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Hospice of Catawba County- Carolina Caring, 3975 Robinson Road, Newton, NC 28658 or by visiting <http://www.carolinacaring.org/give>. Fond memories and condolences may be left at <http://www.nicholsonfunerals.com> for the family. Nicholson Funeral Home is serving the White Family.

Events

DEC **Celebration Of Life** 03:00PM

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Nicholson Funeral Home
135 Front Street, Statesville, NC, US, 28677

DEC **Visitation following the service**

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Comments



“ Tommy was one of my students at Monticello School when I began teaching and my memory of Tommy is sterling. He was a gentleman at all times and my most recent meeting with him was this past summer and it gave the both of us a chance to recall the fun times we had. I know the family will miss him. I cherish my memories of him. May he rest in peace. J Wayne Miller

J. Wayne Miller - November 30, 2019 at 07:58 PM



“ Tommy was a good friend during our time at Scotts High. He was a kind and gentle man with a big heart except on the football field where he was a bear. Never heard an unkind word spoken about him either. I will always remember riding around with Tommy in his 40 Ford coupe. My thoughts and prayers to his family. So sorry for your loss and may God be with you during this difficult time.

Gene Dagenhart

Gene Dagenhart - November 30, 2019 at 07:14 PM



“ As Tommy's first cousin, I remember playing with him as a child. I remember him as kind and tender-hearted, Although I didn't get to see him as much in our adult years, the few times I did he still seemed exactly that same kind, thoughtful person I knew so long ago. I'm sure he will be sorely missed by his family and friends. They can take comfort in his strong faith and their loving memories of such a sweet soul.

Lee Sherrill Hudson



Lee Sherrill Hudson - November 30, 2019 at 06:02 PM



“ I went to Scott’s High School and graduated with Tommy in 1966. I remember Tommy as the Captain of the football team and was honored as Mr. Scott’s High in our senior year. I loved his photos of Wyoming and reading his FB posts about his love for God and his family. I pray that God’s grace and mercy will pour out on Tommy’s family.

Ophelia Bagwell Gregory

ophelia gregory - November 30, 2019 at 01:52 PM



“ My heart goes out to this wonderful family. Mary Beth and Nancy were the two family members that I was honored to serve as pastor. There will be reunion through Jesus.. To God be the glory!

Pastor Tom Corbell - November 30, 2019 at 07:36 AM



“ I knew Tommy when I went to Scotts one year in 1966. He was a nice guy then and I know he was through out his life. May God give the family peace and comfort during this time.

Larry Gregory - November 30, 2019 at 07:02 AM



“ Nicholson Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Thomas Walker White



Nicholson Funeral Home - November 29, 2019 at 03:12 PM