



## Curtis Lee White

August 5, 1951 - September 29, 2025

Mr. Curtis Lee White, I, age 74, of Chesapeake, Virginia, was born on August 5, 1951, in Covington, Georgia, to the late Eva Yearby and Joe White. He grew into a man of strength, principle, and unwavering integrity. He graduated from Riverside High School in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1970 and immediately answered the call to serve his country. That same year, he enlisted in the United States Navy, embarking on a distinguished 20-year career that culminated in his retirement in 1990 with the rank of Ship's Serviceman Chief Petty Officer (SHC).

Throughout his naval service, Mr. Curtis served with distinction in both afloat and ashore commands, with his first assignment aboard the USS Opportune (ARS-41) in Norfolk, Virginia. His tours of duty included faithful service during the Vietnam War, where he earned a Bronze Star, and the Persian Gulf War (Operation Desert Storm). His military commendations also included four Good Conduct Medals and a Meritorious Unit Commendation. He was highly respected for his dedication, his expertise in logistics and supply management, and his leadership that shaped younger sailors under his watch.

After retiring from active duty, Mr. Curtis continued his career in federal service with the Department of Defense as an Information Technology Specialist, a role he faithfully carried out for another 24 years until his final retirement in

2014, completing a remarkable 44 years of combined military and civil service. He also pursued higher education, earning an Associate's Degree from Tidewater Community College, demonstrating his belief in lifelong learning.

Mr. Curtis loved God and lived his life with faith at the center of all he did. He was deeply committed to his church and community. He was a proud member of the Masonic Order and the Arabian organization, fellowships through which he exemplified service, brotherhood, and civic responsibility. He also served faithfully on the Fellowship Committee at Focus Church in Chesapeake, Virginia, where, since 2015, he and his beloved wife were members under the pastoral care of Dr. J. T. and Dr. Shalise Taylor. In his service at Focus, Mr. Curtis strengthened his walk with God and joyfully shared his gifts with others.

His Masonic and fraternal service included:

- Worshipful Past Master of Lebanon Lodge #34
- Past High Priest of Truxton/Mt. Moriah #9 (Royal Arch Masons)
- Honorary Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of King Cyrus Grand Chapter (Holy Royal Arch Masons)
- Past Eminent Commander of Antioch Commandery #7 (Knights Templar)
- Past Commander in Chief of Alpha and Omega Consistory #9 (D.C.), 32°
- Recorder and Honorary Past Imperial Potentate of Arabia Temple #12 (AEONMS)

Beyond his remarkable professional and military life, Mr. Curtis's greatest devotion was to his family. He married the love of his life, Veronica White, on September 26, 1976, and together they built nearly five decades (49 years) of steadfast love, partnership, and family legacy. Their union was blessed with three children: Dr. Tamika (Jonathan) Pierce of Suffolk, Virginia; the late Curtis Lee White, II; and Timothy (Karen) White, I of Chesapeake, Virginia. He delighted in his grandchildren — Nia Prunty, TaJohn Dancy, and Timothy White, II — and was overjoyed to see the birth of his great-granddaughter,

Nova Dancy.

Mr. Curtis's siblings — Tony (Judy) White and Undre (Rosa) White, both of Covington, Georgia; Rodney Yearby of Cleveland, Tennessee; Dicine Killum of Decatur, Georgia; and Godbrother, Frentress White of Norfolk, Virginia — along with his brothers of the Masonic Order and the Arabian organization, a host of extended family, friends, and fellow servicemembers, will remember him for his steadfast love, humor, wisdom, and strength. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Michael Yearby, and his cherished son, Curtis Lee White, II.

Mr. Curtis was a man of many joys. He loved fishing, experimenting with gadgets and computers, grilling steaks, and spending quality time with those he loved. He also shared a special bond with his great "fur grand," Pluto Maxwell, faithfully caring for him and enjoying their daily walks together. Above all, he was a man of principle, a provider, a husband beyond compare, and a father and grandfather whose devotion to his family was unmatched.

Mr. Curtis transitioned peacefully on September 29, 2025, surrounded by his devoted family. He leaves behind a life richly lived — a legacy of love, service, and faith that will forever inspire all who knew him.

# Cemetery Details

## Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **10**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com  
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Service

OCT **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

## Burial

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OCT **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Albert G. Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
5310 Milners Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ 32 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - October 09, 2025 at 11:08 PM

JF

“ *May the blessings of a life well lived prevail in the days to come*



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**Joyce Foster** - October 09, 2025 at 04:09 PM

RC

“ *To the family: Robert and I are so sorry for your loss. May God continue to comfort you during this difficult time and may your memories of your love one warm your heart always! Blessings, from the Cuffees*

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**Robert and Cecile Cuffee** - October 08, 2025 at 11:59 PM

LC

“ *In Loving Memory of Curtis White*



*Curtis White was a man whose presence radiated warmth, strength, and unwavering devotion. As the beloved husband of my sister Ronnie, he embodied undying love and respect—not just in words, but in every quiet gesture, every shared smile, and every moment of steadfast support. Their bond was a testament to what true partnership looks like: rooted in kindness, nurtured by care, and sustained by deep mutual admiration.*

*Curtis was more than a husband—he was a pillar of the family. His gentle spirit, generous heart, and thoughtful nature touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. Whether offering a helping hand, a listening ear, or simply being there when it mattered most, Curtis showed us the power of love in action.*

*Though his physical presence is no longer with us, Curtis’s spirit remains woven into the fabric of our lives. We carry him in our hearts—in the laughter he sparked, the comfort he gave, and the legacy of love he leaves behind. His memory is a light that continues to guide us, reminding us to cherish one another, to live with compassion, and to honor the bonds that make us family.*

*Curtis, Brother Dear, you will forever be remembered, deeply missed, and always loved.*

*Lisa, Bo, and Family*

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**Lisel Copeland-Bomar** - October 07, 2025 at 04:42 PM

RF

“ *There are so many memories I have a Curtis thanks to my sister from another mother Veronica for sharing him with us.*

*Love this family*

*Rosalyn T. Fountain*

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**Rosalyn Fountain** - October 05, 2025 at 07:47 PM