



Reverend Donald White, Sr.

October 18, 1950 - July 14, 2016

On Thursday, July 14, 2016, at 1:00 a.m., a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, friend, and dynamic pastor graced by God made his transition from labor to reward.

The Rev. Donald F. White, Sr., son of the late Hamiel White, Jr. and Louise White was born October 18, 1950 in Portsmouth, VA. He attended Portsmouth Public City Schools and was graduated from I. C. Norcom High School in 1968 with honors. Immediately upon completion of high school, he attended North Carolina A & T State University in Greensboro, NC where he majored in Electrical Engineering. He completed a tour of duty in the United States Navy and from there; he was graduated from Norfolk State University where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1978. He matriculated at Virginia Seminary and College in Lynchburg, VA, and the Union Christian Bible Institute in Portsmouth, VA. His drive to serve also encompassed activity in many organizations.

In the mission field, he pastored six different churches and recently retired from St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Newport News, VA. Rev. White was an outstanding individual who loved and was passionate about his family. He married his college sweetheart of forty-three years, his loving wife Cynthia J. White, who also became his primary caregiver later in life. From their union three loving and supportive children were born: Tiffany White (Richmond, VA), Stephanie Atkins (Raleigh, NC), and Dr. Donald F. White, Jr. (Chesapeake, VA).

He is preceded in death by his parents Hamiel White, Jr. and Louise White, one sister Celestine Sawyer, two brothers Hamiel White III and Alvin White, and two sisters-in-law Delores White and Jewel White. He leaves to cherish his memory a loving wife and three children, four sisters: Marie Barfield (Larry) of Temple Hill, Maryland, Pamela Mayo (Fred), Veronica Jamison, and Cathy Venable (General) all of Portsmouth, VA ;one brother Kevin White of Chesapeake, VA; one sister-in-law Sandra Davis (Elder Joseph Davis) of Lynchburg, VA and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd
Chesapeake, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 22. 4:00 PM - 7:00 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

JUL 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul AME Church
2500 Chestnut Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 22, 2016 at 06:20 PM

JU

Hi wilson from MB Sc we are sorry for your loss

Judywilson - July 24, 2016 at 07:27 PM

VS

Beautiful video!! Rev Donald White will be truly missed. I have very fond memories of him & the family.

Virine Streater - July 24, 2016 at 09:00 PM



Kishima Johnson

When Rev. White was at Macedonia in Accomac, one of his favorite songs was Ninety-nine and a Half Won't Do. He lived by that in every aspect of his life. He gave 100 percent to every thing. He gave 100 percent to being a man, father, husband, friend, Pastor and leader, and man of God. He will be greatly missed.

Kishima Johnson - July 24, 2016 at 09:26 PM

BS

Rev. Donald White was a true man of God. His light brightly shined daily as he blessed so many with the word. His memories will be kept alive. May God continue to strengthen his wife, children, immediate family, extended family and friends. He will be missed.

Beth C. Smith - July 25, 2016 at 09:37 AM

PH

Beautiful memories of a beautiful person. He is surely home. He will be missed. Our loss is God's gain. We love him, but God loves him more. The best love he can have. God bless the whole family and they are in our prayers.

From the Hall family in Greenbush, VA. (Phyllis)

Phyllis Hall - July 26, 2016 at 08:45 AM



Beautiful tribute for a giant among men!!!!

David Sabatino Jr - July 27, 2016 at 02:34 PM

TJ

“ *Tawanda Jones lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.*



Tawanda Jones - August 22, 2016 at 02:36 PM

BC

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of my friend Rev. Donald White. He and I worked together at Community Action in Chatham. He was quite an outstanding Godly man. My sympathy goes to his lovely wife Cynthia and his entire family. RIP my friend.*



Barbara Clark-Torain

Barbara Clark-Torain - August 01, 2016 at 11:59 AM

KD

“ *Kimberley Pritchett & Daughters lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.*



Kimberley Pritchett & daughters - July 25, 2016 at 09:52 AM

SF

“ *Rev White is an upright and true man of God. Two special memories that I will always remember and treasure. my first time as delegate to our annual conference. Rev White instructed me on what I needed to do, and if I had any doubt or questions, to call hom or look at him; follow his lead [enjoyed so much I wanted to go back]. He always had my back.*



The second memory that means so much to me and my family [and town]. Rev. White came to support me [and family] during the loss of my brother. I didn't know he was coming, looked up in the pulpit, and there he was; my family and town appreciated his being there so much. May you find comfort in Ecclesiastes 3, a season for everything.

1st Lady Cynthia and family, you are always in my prayers. Pamela and Veronica, you are great sisters. You are indeed a wonderful family.

Sylvia Frazier - July 23, 2016 at 10:32 AM

TW

“ To Mama White and Family,
May you find comfort in the PEACE that only God can supply. Our
prayers are with you.
With Love,
The Wimbish Family

Taneze C Wimbish - July 23, 2016 at 09:39 AM

JE

“ Truly a God fearing man. He will truly be
missed. Our sincere condolences from the
Edwards family.



Janet Edwards - July 23, 2016 at 08:40 AM

LR

“ Lois Ray lit a candle in memory of Reverend
Donald White, Sr.



lois ray - July 23, 2016 at 08:30 AM

RD

“ To the White Family, our family is praying for you all. Rev White was
an amazing Man of God. May GOD's power strengthen you, the
love of Jesus embrace you, and the Holy Spirit comfort you during
this time. Rev. Marvette Hines DeCree & the Hines Family.

Rev Marvette Hines DeCree - July 22, 2016 at 09:09 PM

FC

“ Franklin Carr lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.



Franklin Carr - July 22, 2016 at 09:00 PM

TH

“ Mrs. White, Veronica, and family, you are all in our prayers during this time of bereavement. We love you.
The Hines Family
Mike, Tonya, and the twins....
-Portsmouth

Tonya Hines - July 22, 2016 at 07:56 PM

ES

“ To Mrs. White and Family
Sharon and I wish to express our deepest condolences to each of you.

Rev. Edward and Mrs. Sharon L. Sivells, Sr.

Edward L. Sivells, Sr. - July 22, 2016 at 02:49 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 22, 2016 at 02:45 PM

JS

“ James Sykes lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.



James Sykes - July 22, 2016 at 08:40 AM

DH

“ Thank you Pastor for your service, humor, and faith for God. You were an awesome shepherd to the St. PAUL Family. You never had the basketball match-up with Dimitri & Bryce, but we know the Holloway boys would have won. Until we meet again... DeVonne, Bryce, & Dimitri

DeVonne Holloway - July 22, 2016 at 05:39 AM

LS

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the family, friends, colleagues and neighbors on the passing of the beloved Reverend White. He is sorely missed.



Lamont Simmons - July 21, 2016 at 06:52 PM

SB

“ To Mrs. White and Family
I wish to express my condolences to each of you. May you find comfort in memories and be strengthened by the support of the prayers of your family members and friends.
Saundra C. Boatwright

Saundra Boatwright - July 21, 2016 at 05:23 PM

 Charity
Northan

“ *To the Mrs. White, Jay, and family,
I am so sorry for the loss of Reverend White, a great man of God
and an example to many. As I always say, remember the life and
not the death. May God give you strength.*
With Love,
Charity Northan

Charity Northan - July 21, 2016 at 03:43 PM

AM

“ *Dear Veronica Jamison and family, we were
saddened to hear of Reverend Donald White,
Sr.'s passing. Please accept our condolences
in the loss of your loved one. May your family
and you find comfort and peace in knowing
that we care.*

Sorrowfully,

*Ms. Arlene Mattai & Family
PPS - PES*



Arlene Mattai - July 21, 2016 at 12:42 PM

AB

“ *My Brighton neighbor, elementary school, s.h. clark, i.c. norcom,
and Norfolk State classmate. RIP Donald and the LORD watch over
your family.*

*Andrew Blow Jr
San Antonio, TX*

Andrew Blow - July 21, 2016 at 11:02 AM

AH

“ I just heard this sad news and I am so very sorry. I treasure the moments we had time to talk. He was a good man and saw the good in so many people, I know how he loved his family. He will be missed by many people.
Adelaide Hollandsworth



Adelaide Hollandsworth - July 21, 2016 at 10:52 AM

EH

“ *Ethelyn Whitehead Holley lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.*



Ethelyn Whitehead Holley - July 21, 2016 at 07:16 AM

TB

“ *TERESA M. BROWN lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.*



TERESA M. BROWN - July 21, 2016 at 02:27 AM

TB

“ *SAD TO HEAR, HE PREACHED MOM'S FUNERAL AND WHAT A GOING HOME CELEBRATION THAT WAS. CONDOLENCES TO THEIR FAMILIES.*

TERESA M. BROWN - July 21, 2016 at 02:21 AM

DH

“ To my adoptive family In your moments of Bearevement, my Prayer Is for you be Flooded with the comforting spirit of our Heavenly Father and if the why Question arises know that GOD Makes no mistake!! And thank Him for the Blessing of Letting one of his Disciples be in fellowship with us and touch so many Lives, Rest In Peace my Brother Rev. Donald White!!!

David Holliday - July 20, 2016 at 10:08 PM

FC

“ Faith And Whitney Custis lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.



Faith and Whitney Custis - July 20, 2016 at 09:51 PM

RE

“ To the A.M.E. Pastor that had the cool, purposeful 'swag' walk. That deep smoothing voice, kind and humble spirit. You had received your "well done."

Rev. Beverly Edmonds - July 20, 2016 at 09:14 PM

RE

“ Rev. Beverly Edmonds lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.



Rev. Beverly Edmonds - July 20, 2016 at 09:11 PM

WR

“ Rev White will be greatly missed. My condolences to the family. May you find comfort in the coming days knowing Rev. White is in heaven with God.

Willie Randall

Willie Randall - July 20, 2016 at 07:00 PM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 20, 2016 at 02:17 PM



Shenia Davis

Please accept my condolences Heaven has gained a beautiful angel he was surely an inspiration to the ESVAs.....praying for your strength and comfort during the difficult hours. Much love sent your way.

Shenia Davis - July 20, 2016 at 04:51 PM



Reverend White was fine pastor, I was glad to have known him and his family. He was the one who married me 16 years ago. Reverend White will be missed.

Wanda ThnktheLordsmith - July 20, 2016 at 05:16 PM

JS

Pastor White was a great man of God. May his memories rest deep in your heart as they will mine. He will surely be missed.

James Sykes - July 22, 2016 at 08:39 AM



God bless you all for the loving words of comfort! May God continue to bless you all. Love and blessings, Cynthia & family.

Cynthia White - August 10, 2016 at 06:06 AM

HC

“ To the White family, Horace and I Are so honored that we met your family.I met your parents when Horace pastored Saint Paul Portsmouth.It is no wonder why you were such a remarkable man. Bethel A.M.E Eastville will continue to pray for and with the White Family. Rev and Mrs Horace Cross

Horace Cross - July 20, 2016 at 11:57 AM

RC

“ Rev Timothy & Evelyn Johnson Lees Chapel lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.



Rev Timothy & Evelyn Johnson Lees Chapel - July 20, 2016 at 10:05 AM

RO

“ Rev. Ira & Tracee McMillan New Mt. Olive lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.



Rev. ira & Tracee McMillan New Mt. Olive - July 20, 2016 at 06:58 AM

EW

“ *Earl & Elesta White lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.*



Earl & Elesta White - July 20, 2016 at 01:00 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Reverend Donald White, Sr..*



July 19, 2016 at 11:11 PM

HR

“ *Helen Harmon Rowley lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.*



Helen Harmon Rowley - July 19, 2016 at 08:26 PM

DF

“ *Delores Fagan lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.*



Delores Fagan - July 19, 2016 at 05:02 PM

SM

“ Shirley McCullough lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.



Shirley McCullough - July 19, 2016 at 05:01 PM

HB

“ On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the family of the late Donald F. White Sr. He was truly a great man and a great pastor. I appreciate everything he did for me as I coped with the passing of my husband, George Bright Sr. Not only was he there to provide comfort, but he delivered a heartwarming eulogy at his homegoing service. His generosity will forever be remembered. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

Sincerely,
Hattie Bright and Family

Hattie Bright - July 19, 2016 at 11:52 AM

FC

Mrs. White and Family, so sorry for your loss Mr. White will be miss. Just know Whitney and I will keep you and the Family in our Prayers. We Love You!! Faith and Whitney..

Faith and Whitney Custis - July 19, 2016 at 05:47 PM

MJ

“ Very sorry to hear about his passing. My memories all are from our days at NSU. He was like a "superhero". I remember seeing him off in the distance wearing his long coats and big hats walking almost as if he was floating. He was always quiet but in deep thought. Take comfort in the fact that he is now in a better place.

Dr. Myron Jones M.D. (P/R)

Myron Jones - July 19, 2016 at 09:11 AM



“ We would like to express our deepest condolences to Sis. Cynthia White and family in the passing of your loved one, Rev. White. We have fond memories of him inviting my husband who was young in the ministry into his pulpit to preach. This let me know that part of his work for the kingdom was about empowering and encouraging others in the ministry. We love you and will keep you in our prayers.

*Min. Marie Gunter
Yvette Dickerson
Monique Gunter*

Marie Gunter - July 19, 2016 at 08:44 AM

RP

“ *The Ebenezer AME Church Family Roanoke express our deepest condolence to Mrs. Cynthia White and the family. You became a beloved First family and we have so many great memories as we grew as a strong faith family. Our love and prayers are with you as you continue the bittersweet journey of the bereavement. May the God of all Comfort surround you with compassion and love. Respectfully, Rev Jeanette DeLoatche Phelps, Senior Pastor
Mr. Roy Welcher, Steward Pro-tem
Mrs. Mary C Terry, Lay President*



Rev. Jeanette DeLoatche Phelps - July 18, 2016 at 11:10 PM

RP

“ *The Ebenezer AME Church Roanoke*

Rev. Jeanette DeLoatche Phelps - July 18, 2016 at 11:02 PM

RP

“ *Rev. Jeanette DeLoatche Phelps lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.*



Rev. Jeanette DeLoatche Phelps - July 18, 2016 at 10:41 PM

PH

“ *Pamela Harris lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.*



Pamela Harris - July 18, 2016 at 10:09 PM

LP

“ *Light a candle for Donald Whites family and friends.*



Linnea Palmer - July 18, 2016 at 09:37 PM

ME

“ *Michael Ellis lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.*



Michael Ellis - July 18, 2016 at 08:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Reverend Donald White, Sr..*



July 18, 2016 at 07:16 PM

BF

“ *Bryant Craig c/o Stericycle Inc & Family. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Reverend Donald White, Sr..*



Bryant Craig c/o Stericycle Inc & Family. - July 18, 2016 at 02:23 PM

VH

“ Valerie Hunter lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.



Valerie Hunter - July 18, 2016 at 12:29 PM

CJ

“ When I was new in the Ministry and you heard from your sister that I was preaching, you swiftly invited me to your church to preach. You opened the doors of your church that I may practice my God given craft. I will never forget the kind words of encouragement given to me by you and your wife. Your mentoring truly made a difference in my life. Rest in peace my friend.

May the Lord bless the White family. May His grace shine upon you and give you peace. God is the author and finisher of our faith and He will allow you to endure.

Shalom,
Rev. Ceceilia Jones
Portsmouth, VA

Ceceilia Ann Jones - July 18, 2016 at 12:15 PM

DS

“ Daphne Waring - Sorrell lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.



Daphne Waring - Sorrell - July 17, 2016 at 03:54 AM

LP

“ *Linnea Palmer lit a candle in memory of Reverend Donald White, Sr.*



Linnea Palmer - July 16, 2016 at 07:50 AM

CW

“ *I want to express my deepest sympathy to the White Family during the loss of their dearest one. His heartfelt memories will forever be treasure within our hearts.*

Carolyn J White (Carrollton Virginia)

Carolyn J White - July 15, 2016 at 07:22 PM

WW

His name is Donald, But I know him as "Duck". We met in 1966 on a Basketball Court in Portsmouth Va. (Brighton), and we became very good friends. The Memories of playing ball with him, will always be with me. (R.I.P my good friend).

Willie (Pearl Street) Williams - July 20, 2016 at 03:15 PM

NP

To the White Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Rev. White will truly be missed. He was my pastor when I lived on the shore and his teachings has helped so many. I know words cannot heal the pain that you are going through right now but God will give you the strength to make it through.

Necie Parks (Raleigh,Nc)

Necie Parks - July 21, 2016 at 05:35 PM

GP

The Mason-Wright Women's Missionary society of Rehoboth AMEC sends condolences & prayers to the White family. Rev. Donald White will be missed in our AME family. God's comfort & blessings on the family.

Geraline Hinton Cox,MW-WMS President - July 21, 2016 at 08:47 PM

DH

The members of Centerville Chapel AMEC Chesapeake, sends Heart felt Love and prayers for your comfort during your time of Bereavement.

Rev. David Holliday

David Holliday - July 22, 2016 at 08:27 PM

MJ

Psalm 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the passing of his saints.

Dear Sis. White and all persons who loved Rev. White, Arthur and I offer our deepest condolences and pray God's divine choice blessings of strength, comfort and peace.

The "country preacher" will be missed. Every time I would see Rev. White outside of the church walls he would greet me, "hello preacher", and we would have a few words. Always so kind and down to earth. Always suited up! We thank God for our paths crossing. God's name be praised for the cherished memories he leaves behind to his family, church and friends. Our loss is heaven's gain. Amen

Mr. Arthur & Rev. Evelyn M. Johnson - July 24, 2016 at 06:56 PM