



Ercile R. "Whitey" White

May 22, 1926 - August 25, 2015

White, Ercile R. "Whitey", age 89, of New Martinsville, WV, died Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, WV.

He was born May 22, 1926 at Dean, WV, the son of the late Ray and Olive Powers White.

Whitey retired after 40 years of service with Matlack Trucking. He was a member of Long Valley Baptist Church in Wileyville; a member of the WV Wildlife Federation; Moose Lodge #931, New Martinsville; and a former member of Pataskala Volunteer Fire Dept.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Glen, Robert and Arley White; two sisters, Garnet Gillespie and Ardella White; and a daughter, Donna Hornsby.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Miller White; a daughter, Brenda (Don) Brown of Pataskala, OH; four sons, Thomas White of Silver Springs, FL, David (Linda Eisel) White of Hebron, OH, Jessie (Kim) Parkinson of Granville, OH and Russ (Shelly) Parkinson of Westerville, OH; his former wife, Thelma White of Pataskala; four brothers, Charles White of Knob Fork, WV, Roger (Mary Jane) White and Bill (Diane) White, both of Martinsburg, OH, and Ronnie (Duska) White of Endicott, WV; four sisters, Esty (John) Kondus of Venice, FL, Cora Mae (Mariano) Vasquez of Jacksonburg, WV, Josephine Cartwright and Emily (Roger) Hennen, both of New Martinsville; two sisters-in-law, Josie White of Phoenix, AZ and Billie Mae White of Ravenna, OH; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

Family will receive friends on Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville, where funeral services will be held on Friday at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Mark Sarrett officiating.

Burial to follow in Moore Cemetery, Littleton, WV.

Memorial contributions may be made to Moose Lodge #931 Scholarship Fund, 180 North Street, New Martinsville, WV 26155 or donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Moore Cemetery

Rocky Run Road
Littleton, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BD

“ We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Ronnie's brother. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Ercile.

*Bud and Brenda Dorsey
Endicott*

Brenda Dorsey - August 28, 2015 at 05:25 PM

NS

“ So many wonderful memories of our family, Roy, Dottie Butler and children, spending vacation in Canada with Uncle Whitey and family and staying at his cabin on the river in Zanesville, skiing and swimming, plus good family fun. also, just walking across the street to visit and talk.. hearing his stories. each one of us is a better person from him being in our lives. I wish I could be there to say one last good bye. You will be greatly missed Uncle Whitey, but never forgotten as you will always be in our hearts.

Nina Butler Spires - August 27, 2015 at 05:49 PM

DO

“ Dona lit a candle in memory of Ercile R.
"Whitey" White



Dona - August 27, 2015 at 12:22 PM

DW

My prayers are with you Tom your father will always be watching over you! I'll always remember the first time I saw him and he took me on a bike ride around town. Reminded me of one of my teachers in High School I wish him a peaceful rest.

Dona Watkins - August 27, 2015 at 12:28 PM

RW

“*I really looked up to my Uncle Ecile growing up. I thought there was no better hunter in the world then him. He would come in for deer season with so many stories from previous hunts. He hunted places and shot things I will only dream about. He was "The Great White Hunter"! The times we hunted together at the Nap place, the old Home Place and Knob Fork. Those were hunts I will always treasure. When I shot my first buck I was 12 years old. When my dad and I got it back to the truck I looked at Uncle Ericle as proud as I could be and I asked him if I could be the Great White Hunter now? He with a big smile said its a nice buck but your not quit there yet. He loved telling that story. Every time I would go to the old home place and visit him no matter who was with me he would tell that story. I'm sure a lot of you heard him tell it. I never got tired of hearing it. All though he never gave the official title. When I started driving truck he asked me what my CB handle was? I said I kinda liked your old handle great white hunter so I decided to use it. He told me I don't use it anymore and I couldn't think of a better person to have it. That was close enough for me!*

I am so sorry that I will not be able to be there with you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you send "THE GREAT WHITE HUNTER" to that happy huntin grounds in the sky.

I love you all!

Ronnie White

Ronnie White - August 27, 2015 at 12:10 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time May you come to know that the love of God is with you always, May your memories of Ercile R. White, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is complete.

I thank you for your service and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family of..... Firefighter, Ercile R. White, “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †



Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - August 27, 2015 at 07:36 AM

JM

“ *Dave and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. You have my deepest sympathy.*

Jane McCreary

Jane McCreary - August 27, 2015 at 06:39 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ercile R. "Whitey" White.*



August 27, 2015 at 02:22 AM



“ *Uncle Whitey and Aunt Thelma took me, as a 2-1/2 year old, into their already large family for several months like one of their own after my Mom fell seriously ill. The burden and strain that must have put on them never showed as I only remember feeling safe, loved and cared for. Those feelings for my Uncle and Aunt have stayed with me my entire life.*

Along with so many of our other family times together, almost every summer growing up, my family (the Butlers: Roy, Dottie, Looie, Cindy, Alice, Nina and me) would spend a couple of weeks with Uncle Whitey (and Aunt Thelma, Tom, Donna, Brenda, David and Gramps) in Plevna, Canada in cabins on the lake... fishing, swimming and hiking to other lakes. Those memories are so very precious to me, filled with so much love and laughter and fun. Times spent playing games, cooking and eating together, playing pranks, telling stories, competing with who caught the biggest and littlest fish and always laughter! I know my Dad and Mom, Looie, Gramps, Donna, precious little Susie, and so many more are in Heaven right now with Uncle Whitey, laughing and rejoicing.

Sandy (Butler) Edelson - August 27, 2015 at 01:53 AM

BW

“ *Sorry I can't be there ,but I send Sincere Sympathy ,He will be missed greatly
The whole family is in my prayers . Billie*

Billie White - August 26, 2015 at 08:15 PM

KP

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Kimberly S Parkinson - August 26, 2015 at 07:45 PM

MJ

“ *my uncle was a funny person , i know he was stubborn as hell, and he hated to speed money , but that was his way, if he liked u he did and if he didnt well he didnt have much to say to you. he was a proud man and he wanted nothing more then resect and he gave as good as he got, he was raised in a different time, thats why ppl didnt get him sometimes , he loved hunting and fishing , he had a zest for life. i will truely miss u uncle. god speed save a place for me some day*

marie white johnson - August 26, 2015 at 03:09 PM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Jesse Parkinson - August 26, 2015 at 11:36 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Russ Parkinson - August 26, 2015 at 11:25 AM