



Emmet William White III

May 24, 1957 - April 11, 2025

Emmet William White III 67, of Nitro, WV left this world for his eternal life in the early morning hours of April 11, 2025.

He was born May 24, 1957 to the late Emmet Jr. and Mickey (Holston) White in South Charleston, WV. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his dad, Lee Linkfield.

Emmet lived in the Kanawha Valley his whole life. He was a band kid during his years at Hurricane High School then went on to join ROTC while attending WV State College in Institute, WV. Emmet and Melinda (Griffith) married right out of college and raised 4 children together. He was a hard worker and he enjoyed serving the community. He worked at Kanawha Valley Data Control and later MTech in Dunbar before becoming a clerk at Video Town in Saint Albans. While he loved movies, he soon moved on to gas stations. He worked at Go-Mart briefly before switching to One Stop where he worked for decades in various stores around the Valley. When it was time for Emmet to settle into a quieter job, he enjoyed a spell at Kinkos in Charleston before he retired.

Emmet spent most of his adult life volunteering at Dunbar Jr High School, where Melinda was the computer teacher. He loved helping students learn to appreciate computers the way he did. He shared his love of programming and video games with all who cared to learn. He also helped coach the chess

team. He enjoyed helping others and sharing his love of strategy games and puzzles almost as much as he enjoyed sharing corny puns and “dad” jokes. Perhaps the role Emmet loved more than Dad or teacher, was Grandpa. The promotion to Paw-Paw Emmet came in 2000 and he embraced it with open arms, supporting his own children in the raising of theirs in every way he knew how and beaming along the way.

He was a loving husband and father who will be mourned by his wife of 46 years, Melinda Griffith White; his children: Shanna Kingry (Barry), Susan White (Norman), James White (Sarah), and Jonny White; grandchildren: Josh, Tyler, Samantha, Leanna, Kiran, Emily, and Eli; as well as all the students and friends he encouraged along the way.

Emmet’s friends and loved ones may join us for a Memorial Service at 11:00 am Thursday April 17, 2025 at Pine Grove Church of Christ 7389 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting his tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526 is honored to serve the White family again.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pine Grove Church of Christ
7389 Teays Valley Road
Scott Depot, WV 25560