



William (Bill) G. White

October 18, 1932 - September 18, 2024

William (Bill) G. White, 91 of Grand Island passed peacefully with his sons at his side, Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at Tabitha Prairie Commons. A private family funeral will take place at All Faiths Funeral Home. Reverend Scott Jones will officiate. Burial of ashes will be in the Plattsmouth Cemetery at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Third City Christian Church's "Christ in Youth".

Bill was born on October 18, 1932 in Clarksburg, Missouri, the son of Clarence J. "Button" and Eva Katherine (Van Stratton) White. He was raised in Plattsmouth, NE. After graduating from Plattsmouth High School, he attended Peru State College before enlisting in the United States Air Force. Bill served as a Navigator and Pilot during the Korean War. While in the service he continued his education at Cambridge University in England and later Denver University and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Bill met his sweetheart, Jean Meisinger, at their church's youth groups while they were in junior high and that influenced their lifelong commitment to their faith. They married on December 26, 1953 while Bill was home on leave. The couple moved to Salina, KS and were stationed at Smokey Hill AFB, when their first son was born. Shortly after Bill's honorable discharge the couple moved to Lincoln, NE where their second son was born.

While in Lincoln, Bill worked with Ayers & Associates in advertising and then Hinkle & Joyce Hardware, the owners of Pacific Gun Sight Company and Western Gun & Supply. He also served as the Deputy Election Commissioner for Lancaster County. In 1970, the family moved to Grand Island when Bill accepted a position as the Marketing Director with Hornady Bullet Company. He was active in the Shooting Sports industry.

Bill enjoyed playing golf, and was an avid trap shooter, competing at the national level. He was a member of the ATA, NRA and a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow. Bill was a past member of Riverside Golf Club and the Grand Island Saddle Club. He attended Third City Christian Church. Bill was a Master Mason and a member of the Tehama Shrine. He was active in politics, and was the past chairman of the Hall County Republican Party. Bill served on campaigns for Gov. Frank Morrison, Gov. Kay Orr, Gov. Mike Johanns and Gov. Dave Heineman. It was Gov. Kay Orr who appointed Bill to the Nebraska Crime Commission and for 22 years he served in that capacity under five different Governors. He was instrumental in the formation and location of the Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island.

Those left to cherish his memory are sons, Jeff (Mary) White and Tim (Shelley) White; grandchildren, David (Rachel) White, Ben (Alyssa) White and Dr. Tyler (Kristen) White and great grandchildren, Cora and Theodore White.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Jean in 2008 and infant grandson Thomas White. Also, his parents and his siblings - Van, Glenn, Jerry, Darlene and Geraldine.

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“ *Tim and Shelley:*

Your beautiful, contagious smiles have been dampened by the loss of a wonderful father, grandfather and friend. Allow his legacy to live forever as you cherish the wonderful memories he left behind. May he rest in peace.

I am thinking of you during this difficult time. I miss seeing the 2 of you!

*With sympathy,
Merry Johnson (Retired Receptionist for Ron Depue)*

Merry Johnson - September 20, 2024 at 11:19 AM