



## Gordon Chester 'Chet' White

October 4, 1939 - November 9, 2022

Gordon Chester White, "Chet", father, grandfather, brother, friend - passed away at his home in Decatur, Alabama on Wednesday November 9, 2022 at the age of 83.

He was born to William Wiley White and Naomi (Crabtree) White in Huntsville, AL on October 4, 1939. He graduated from SR Butler High School in 1958. It was there he met his wife, Lola Joyce Emerick. The two married and were blessed with 2 sons, Jerry and Steven. Chet enlisted in the US Navy and served for 4 years from 1959-1963 as a flight engineer.

His family grew as he adopted a daughter, Deborah and the birth of his son, Billy with his second wife, Margaret. He worked for many years as a heavy equipment and crane operator. He called New Orleans, LA and Biloxi, MS home for many years until relocating to Decatur, AL in 2019.

He is preceded in death by his father, mother, sister, Robin Smith and brother, David Chatelain.

He is survived by his brother, Laurin Chatelain (Judy); his children, Jerry (Kelly) White, Deborah Matina, Steven (Becky) White, and Billy White. Eight grandchildren, Patrick (Melissa) White, Tyler (Taylor) White, Shelby Mastin, Jacob White, Julia White, Alissa White, Charlton and Savannah Matina; Three

bonus grandchildren, Nathan Brown, Ashley (Zack) Orr, Lindsey (Donnie) Dotson. He has 15 great grandchildren.

He enjoyed sharing his life experiences and tales of his travels with anyone and everyone... for he never met a stranger. He was a devoted giver to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, but most importantly, he made a profession of faith and accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of 80.

A graveside service will be on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 3:00pm at Maple Hill Cemetery in Huntsville.

The family would like to ask in lieu of flowers, please give to St Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Shelton Funeral Home is assisting the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

202 Maple Hill Drive  
Huntsville, AL 35801

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV 14. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss. And I am sorry I could not be there. Love you guys*

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**Edith Clark** - November 15, 2022 at 09:57 AM

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“ *He was the first and only one to call me a "Bible Thumper" - he always made me laugh to the point of tears. It's great to know that we will see him again! I'll miss him.*

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**Michelle Creacy** - November 14, 2022 at 10:54 AM