



Leonard White

March 23, 1925 - March 15, 2011

Leonard White, 85, of Wynne, passed away Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at his home. Leonard was born on March 23, 1925, in Vardaman, Mississippi to C.M. and Gertha White. He attended schools in Bruce, Mississippi and after graduation; he entered the United States Army in 1943. A machine gunner in the 2nd Infantry, he was part of the third wave of the D-Day invasion of Normandy, France at Omaha Beach, and was one of three survivors of his 15-man unit outside of St. Lo, France. As a result of injuries received there, he was awarded a Purple Heart for his military service.

In 1947, Leonard and his wife, Geraldine, moved to Wynne, where he and his brother, J.C., established their grocery business, in which he worked until he retired. As a 64-year resident of Wynne, he was an active member of the Wynne Lion's Club, Wynne Baptist Church, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War, and a lifetime member of the Disabled Veteran's Association. He loved to work in his yard, spend time with his family, and enjoyed his involvement in church and civic activities. He especially loved visiting with his many friends in Wynne.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters. Survivors are his loving wife of 69 years, Geraldine, daughters Pam Williams (Jim) of Hot Springs Village and Linda Werner (Dr. Richard) of Houston, Texas, and sons, Dr. Ronald White (Teresa) of Russellville and Dr. Donald White (Dianne) of Daytona Beach, Florida, grandchildren, Carrie Williams Sharp, Scott Williams, Tiffany White Fontenot, Jeremy White, Jessica Werner, Jennifer White Walker,

Erika Werner Brosnan, Ryan White, Tera Shea White Dacus, and Devyn Werner, and 9 great-grandchildren, He is survived by his brother J.C, sisters Glenda Tarver and Myra Simmons, brother-in-law James Faust and sister-in-law Jimmie Mae Osborne.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 17, 5-7 p.m. at Kernodle Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at Wynne Baptist Church, Friday, March 18, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at the Arkansas State Veteran's Cemetery at North Little Rock.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Arkansas State Veteran's Cemetery at Birdeye, c/o Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery, 1501 Maryland Avenue, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72120, or the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention c/o Wynne Baptist Church, P.O. Box 874, Wynne, Arkansas 72396

Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Ronald & Donald: So sorry to hear about your dad. He was such a good man and I have lots of memories of him... especially when all of you were playing baseball. I know he will be missed.*

Phyllis Searcy - March 23, 2011 at 01:14 PM

SH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. We lived in Wynne several years ago and visited with Mr. White at the twins basketball games when Charles was referee and then when our children were playing basketball he was always there supporting the Wynne teams. We would stop and talk to him when he was working in his yard when we came home for a visit. He will be deary missed.*

Sandy Lemke Holland - March 21, 2011 at 10:25 AM

EG

“ *I am verry sorrowful of th loss of your loved one.Mr white and I go way back to the days when I worked at the school and when he and J.C. had the store and the days when Marion played football and basket ball and when the twins played basket ball I was their bu driver to basketball and football*

Eldred Grant - March 19, 2011 at 11:21 AM

PR

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. I will miss seeing Leonard always working in the yard as I pass on the street.*

Patsy Blevins Roberts - March 18, 2011 at 08:11 PM

MF

“ I was so sorry to hear about Mr. White. My dad and he spent many good years together in Lion's Club. Having lost my dad just 18 months ago I know what you're going through and my prayers are with all of you.

marla henson fergus - March 18, 2011 at 01:52 PM

MF

“ Leonard White

marla henson fergus - March 18, 2011 at 01:41 PM

GZ

“ Ron,
We are holding you and your family close in thought and prayer this week.
What a comfort it must be to reflect upon how God protected your father during the war in order that he be returned home to prosper through the establishment of his own family, a business, and the many close friendships within his community. Your father's life was certainly one to celebrate!
May God bless you and yours especially now during this time of loss.
-- Greg Zaborac and Karen Scott

Greg Zaborac - March 18, 2011 at 10:17 AM

JD

“ To the White Family: We are sorry to hear of Leonard's passing. We have many fond memories of all the White's... May God Bless you ALL! Jo and Buddy Diebold

Jo and Buddy Diebold - March 17, 2011 at 08:07 PM

SS

“ Scott,
I very sorry to hear about the passing of your grandfather. I hope and pray that you, and your family can hold onto the memories that you built with him over the years.
Steve

Steve Summerfield - March 17, 2011 at 04:36 PM

SH

“ *My name is Susan Hancock and I work for Scott Williams. I just wanted to express my deepest sympathies for your loss.*

Susan Hancock - March 17, 2011 at 11:16 AM

WM

“ *I grieve for your loss and pray for that receive peace and comfort in the days ahead.*

Wanda McKinney - March 17, 2011 at 10:58 AM

JP

“ *Our thoughts and our prayers are with you. He will carry you through this difficult time.*

juanita Houston Pruitt - March 17, 2011 at 10:35 AM

RW

“ *Mrs. White and Family, So very sorry for your loss. I always thought Mr. Leonard was so nice. I would have never expected his passing so suddenly, after talking to him Monday afternoon. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Rev.Tony Wells - March 16, 2011 at 01:26 PM

JS

“ I am so sorry my neighbor has passed on. I always enjoyed our backyard visits and I will truly miss him as will many, many others. My prayers are with Geraldine and the family.
Jim

Jim Shaver - March 16, 2011 at 01:25 PM

BH

“ Hello,
I've thought a lot of Mr. white since I was a kid growing up in Wynne. My dad thought the world of him and he was just a fine person and citizen. My memories of him are all good!...barry henson

barry henson - March 16, 2011 at 11:28 AM

LL

“ Leonard you will be missed.. You were such a hard worker and always full of energy.. I will miss seeing you working out in your yard.. I always honked when I passed by and saw you outside. My prayers and thoughts are with you Gearldine and your children..
Love you, Linda Looney

Linda Looney - March 15, 2011 at 08:35 PM