



Mr. David Joseph White

January 18, 2014

(1930 – 2014)

Loved beyond measure, our compassionate and loving husband, dad and gramps, the “other half” of a remarkable 57 year partnership with the love of his life and his best friend Doreen (nee Mason), has passed away.

So very blessed & proud to be his family, grateful for his love & care that wrapped us all like a giant hug, are daughters Wendy, son-in-law Rob (Morrow), grandchildren Matthew and Amy; and daughter Sherri-Ann, son-in-law Ron (Laing), and grandson Tyler (McGuffin).

The youngest of five, son to Irish parents William White & Josephine McIver, David grew up in a “loving boisterous” home on Highfield Road. He was a dear brother to Gertrude, Mary, and Gord, (pre-deceased) leaving behind oldest brother Alex White; and was also the most-loved son-in-law of James and Marie Mason.

Dave was a true gentleman, always respectful and polite, with a kind and thoughtful nature. Throughout his life, he shouldered his responsibilities with strength and grace, looking after his family as no other.

He had a sense of humour that invited you to share in the joy of life with him, and a genuine interest in people. Ever a “listener,” his wise counsel was often sought.

He quietly provided us all with a daily example of how to live life through his belief in always “being mindful of the needs of others”. It is also true that “by giving, we receive” and Dave enjoyed his many friendships that resulted from

his active contributions, often in a leadership role, to his communities of Denver Place, North Bendale, St. Ninian's and St. Peter's.

Dave was a proud member of the Metropolitan Toronto Police for 35 years. He combined his gift of teaching with his affinity and love for riding motorcycles, and enjoyed many years of training for the force, before he moved to the CO Bick Police College, where he was also an Instructor. Following this career, Dave put his exceptional knowledge of the city to good use, when he had the honour and pleasure of driving for Chiefs Marks and McCormick, and working at the welcome desk of Police Headquarters – where he also valued his time and another opportunity to interact with many fine people.

He loved his home, and with his soul-mate Doreen took great care of it (having an award-winning lawn). Together, they loved being with their family & friends, entertaining, travelling and sharing in the beauty and fun of their very special spot in Sarasota. He had a “big-picture” view of life, conversant and interested in many aspects; particularly sharing his love of sports with “his girls” and grandchildren, through both coaching and his proud fan support! In the last few months, during Dave's illness, he was blessed to receive visits, cards, & calls from many of the special folks in his life. Enriching the lives of many, we will all miss his warm smile, his deep chuckle and his loving care. We will celebrate Dave's well-lived life at a memorial service, at St. Peter's Anglican Church, 776 Brimley Rd, on Feb 1st at 1:00 pm. (Visitation from noon – 1:00 pm, and reception to follow at the church).

For those wishing to do so, in lieu of flowers, a contribution in his honour may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, the Salvation Army, or a charity of your choice.

With Gratitude and Sincere Appreciation

Our Dave was a very special fellow to our family.

During his illness this fall, we were touched to realize that many others felt this

way too.

The out-pouring of affection and tributes through calls, cards, visits – along with the most thoughtful soups, meals and sweets, was the silver lining in our darkest cloud.

To our dearest neighbours of Denver Place and North Bendale, our good friends of St. Peter's and St. Ninian's, the "Sarasota" folks, & Dave's colleagues and other family and friends from both far and near – please know how much this meant to Dave and his family.

Your care and support, along with the warmth of palliative care nurses Dean & Ruby, support staff Mechelle and Evelyn, laughter from Rev. Jeannie, and Robert, our Christmas generator angel helped us to allow Dave to enjoy his beloved home and neighbourhood – there are really no words to thank you for this gift.

Doreen White & Family

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter's Anglican Church
776 Brimley Road
Toronto, ON (CA)

Memorial Service

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St. Peter's Anglican Church
776 Brimley Road
Toronto, ON (CA)

Tribute Wall

AF

“ Anne Fortner lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Joseph White



Anne Fortner - February 01, 2014 at 05:17 PM

DF

“ David Fortner lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Joseph White



David Fortner - February 01, 2014 at 04:49 PM

DF

Aunt Doreen the Memorial Service was very moving .Uncle Dave planning it, made it so special.Rob ,Mathew and Tyler all did a great job and of course with Wendys', Amys', Sherris' and your input and support..If anyone was not aware of how special Uncle Dave was, they certainly were afterward. Its sad it takes a funeral to get all the cousins together but it was nice to see everyone.I forgot to pass on condolences and a hug from Chris,he contacted me this morning to convey them.Our love and thoughts are with you all. David ,Anne Jennise and Chris

David Fortner - February 01, 2014 at 05:14 PM

JR

“ Our sincere condolences on the passing of a wonderful man.....with memories of the good times we shared together. Sincerely Dorothy and jack

jack reid - February 01, 2014 at 10:26 AM

SC

“ I remember always being welcomed at The White's house, especially when all The Divas gathered to sing John Denver songs in the basement and eat pizza! Rumour has it, that Mr. White was a big fan of our underground concerts. Good memories. Bless you.

Sandy Chadwick - January 31, 2014 at 09:15 PM

SA

“ Sherri Ann lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Joseph White



Sherri Ann - January 30, 2014 at 08:12 PM

SL

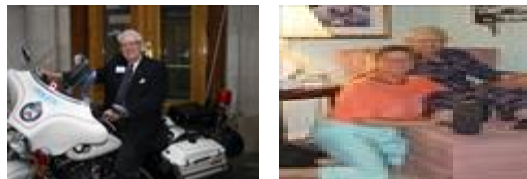
“ 1 file added to the album Sherri Ann



Sherri Ann Laing - January 30, 2014 at 08:03 PM

SL

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Sherri Ann Laing - January 30, 2014 at 07:42 PM

AL

“ I'll never forget.....the excitement of all the kids sitting in the dark on our lawn chairs in Denver Place circle the night of "Firecracker (Victoria?) Day" while Mr White set off one after another of the fireworks.....we always knew we were in the best hands. Dear Doreen and family, Janet and I send our deepest sympathy and we will always remember Dave, a true gentleman.

Alex Lutz & Janet Swanick


Alex Lutz - January 30, 2014 at 03:23 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. David Joseph White.



January 29, 2014 at 08:23 PM

 Diane Booth

“ Diane Booth lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Joseph White



Diane Booth - January 29, 2014 at 09:27 AM

 Susan
Turner

“ *Susan Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr.
David Joseph White*



Susan Turner - January 27, 2014 at 01:14 PM

WM

“ *Dear Doreen and Family:*

On behalf of Jean and I and our family, I want to express to you how deeply saddened we were to hear of the passing of my good friend, David.

The memories I have of him during the time that I was Chief and had the pleasure of having David as my driver, we struck up a lasting friendship and admiration. There was not a time that we did not drive along sharing experiences and war stories making sure that no one heard us.

The many experiences we had together enroute to work or otherwise, always stopping for coffee and breakfast was akin to nothing more than a great respect and friendship.

Doreen, I want to tell you that you were fortunate to have such a fine man as your soulmate throughout a lifetime.

I want to give you my sincere condolences and if I can be of help I any way, please let me know.

Unfortunately we will be out of the city on the day of the funeral but rest assured our memories, thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family.

Cherish the memories.

Bill McCormack

Chief of Police (ret'd)

WJ McCormack, - January 27, 2014 at 11:36 AM

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“ *William J. McCormack Chief Of Police (re lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Joseph White*



William J. McCormack Chief of Police (re - January 27, 2014 at 11:23 AM

SS

“ *1 file added to the album*



Shiam Sathi - January 26, 2014 at 07:10 PM

LY

“ *Doreen, so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. We think of you often from our great times at Denver Place. Can't believe 22 years has gone by since we lived there.*
Lynn and Brian Yawney (and Monika)

Lynn Yawney - January 26, 2014 at 02:41 PM

NS

“ Dave was one of the first people I met when I began my career in the early '60s. Quick with a friendly greeting, always a smile and his laugh was infectious. Like numerous others I considered him a mentor. You always got an honest, from the heart, response to questions and solid advice. I can think of no one who could, or ever did, say anything about Dave that wasn't complimentary. A man who truly lived his faith. I am grateful that I got to speak to Dave a while back. I consider myself blessed that I was in his company and that I was able to refer to him as friend.
Neil Sweeney

Neil J. Sweeney - January 26, 2014 at 01:37 PM

AH

“ Mr. White was a kind, gentle and loving person. In the warm seasons, he would be sitting outside enjoying the summer breeze with Mrs. White. When we came home from school to have lunch, he would always say "hi" and ask us what we will have for lunch then he would tell us about his favourite peanut butter sandwiches with chopped up bananas inside. He will be greatly missed and will forever be in our hearts.



Afra and Nora
8 Denver place

Afra Hameed - January 26, 2014 at 08:10 AM

JG

“ David, It was an honour and a privilege to know you.
We will miss you

Joey & Keith

Joey & Keith Glazier - January 25, 2014 at 08:39 PM

AN

“ Dear Mrs White and Family,
We are deepest sympathy to hear Mr White
passed away. May God comforts you all and
prayer.

Anna & Peter Lutz



Anna - January 25, 2014 at 06:10 PM

SB

“ Mr. White was always so nice to our Barker family, and you as well
Mrs. White. I'm so sorry to hear he is gone. The one thing he left
with me is my insanely attitude toward my lawn:) I always envied
how perfect his lawn was and the attention to detail and the time he
spent on his lawn. But he so so enjoyed it, and i can now
understand why with my own lawn. And the fireworks he always
arranged on Denver Place - WOW! What memories he created for a
lot of us children growing up. Thank you Mr. White!! Always a true
gentleman and so very very kind and reserved. He will be fondly
remembered by our whole family and missed.

Susan Barker

Susan Barker - January 24, 2014 at 05:48 AM

NW

“ Norm And Karen Warren lit a candle in
memory of Mr. David Joseph White



Norm and Karen Warren - January 23, 2014 at 06:01 PM

CM

“ 5 files added to the album *Florida memories with family & friends*



Carol McLaughlin - January 23, 2014 at 05:23 PM

NJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nina Jones - January 23, 2014 at 04:58 AM

NJ

Lovely Dave with a twinkle in his eye and very quick to laugh. He will be sorely missed by both sides of the Pond.

Nina Jones - January 24, 2014 at 10:22 AM

SJ

“ *A true gentle man, and a humble servant of God. He lived his life with integrity and as a fulfilled person. He had such a warm smile and made people feel great just to be near him. He touched many lives.*

Sharon Towne Johnstone - January 22, 2014 at 09:47 PM

MS

“ *Marie Scionti lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Joseph White*



Marie Scionti - January 22, 2014 at 06:12 PM

MS

“ *Dear Doreen & Family,
Word cannot express how sorry we are for your loss. He was a wonderful man with a great smile. It was a pleasure to have spent time with him " in paradise" (Sarasota). We have so many great memories. May you find peace in knowing that his suffering is over and another angel has been called to his resting place.*

*Love,
Tony & Marie Scionti*

Marie Scionti - January 22, 2014 at 06:11 PM

CM

“ Doreen, Wendy, Sherri Ann and family.....we have sad hearts that a good soul has gone to his eternal rest. The sadness is for us left behind that we no longer have this gentle, kind, generous, thoughtful, wise, witty man to share life with. We are so grateful to have met Dave and Doreen in the sunny Florida skies on Siesta Key at Crescent Royale. We have many fond memories of the years spent there together. Dave was such a fatherly figure. I shall miss his 'hello dear' every time I saw him or spoke to him on the phone. We know he rests in peace and free of pain. We hope you all can find peace through your cherished memories of which there are many. He was so proud of his beloved Doreen and the family they created together. We can't mention one name without the other as they were a team and a bright beacon to all who knew them of what is important in life. Much love and hugs to you allCarol and Bob McLaughlin, Seattle, Washington

Carol McLaughlin - January 22, 2014 at 06:06 PM