



James A. White

April 29, 1938 - December 13, 2024

James A. White, 86 of Naples, FL passed away Friday, December 13, 2024 at NCH North Naples Hospital. Formerly of Rockford, IL he had been a Naples resident since 2001. He was born April 29, 1938 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada a son of the late Samuel and Gertrude (Martin) White.

Jim graduated from the University of Toronto with his Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering before earning his Master of Business Administration Degree at the University of Waterloo. His career started with the Chrysler Corporation and he retired as President of Eclipse, Inc. - Combustion Division.

As an avid golfer, Jim was a member of Imperial Golf Club in Naples and the Board of Trade Country Club in Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada. He was also a passionate football fan and will be remembered for his love of hunting golf balls.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 60 years, Barbara Jean (Hogg) White; loving sons, James (Kelly) White of Rochelle, IL and William (Ann) White of Mt. Vernon, IL; brother, George (Elizabeth) White of Burlington, Ontario, Canada; grandsons, William and Alexander; and granddaughter, Olivia. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Hannah Jackson.

A memorial service to celebrate Jim's life will be held Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 3:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail So., Bonita Springs, FL 34134. The service will be live streamed and can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/events/s/memorial-service-for-james-ale/459854916883173/>

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Jim's name to the charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
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Bonita Springs, FL 34134
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Tribute Wall

MB

“ So sorry to learn of Jim's passing. We kept in touch over the years & he kept us up to date on the family tree. A good man.
Condolences to the family. Marjorie (Martin) Born

marjorie born - December 31, 2024 at 08:41 PM

DM

“ We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We always enjoyed Jim and Barb's visits to my mother, Lillian (Martin) McBride's (Jim's cousin) home in Etobicoke. She always looked forward to their visits and to sharing stories, fond memories and laughter. Our sincere condolences to all of Jim's family.
David and Judy McBride, Weston Ontario

David McBride - December 22, 2024 at 09:09 PM

DM

“ So sorry to hear about Jim passing. It was always lovely to visit with him at my mother Lillian (Martin) McBride's (Jim's cousin) home in Etobicoke. She always looked forward to Jim and Barb's visits and enjoyed sharing stories, fond memories and laughter with them. Our sincere condolences to all of Jim's family.
David and Judy McBride, Weston Ontario

David McBride - December 22, 2024 at 08:57 PM

EM

“ Dear Barb and family. We, the McBride family of Toronto were saddened to learn of Jim's passing. Our late mother Lillian, was always excited to hear that Jim would be in town and would be stopping by the house for a visit. May he rest in peace.

Ed McBride - December 22, 2024 at 08:45 PM

LL

“ Jim. I have so many happy memories of us growing up as children and the many family outings we shared. How my dad, your Uncle Alex, named you Jimmy Jock, a nickname that has remained in my memories. I remember your love of football. Go Argos. I remember bugging you when you were trying to study for an exam, but you never lost patience with your young cousin. In later years, when you embarked on the project to trace our Martin family tree, the many times we met up with Lillian to find our roots in Ireland. I will always cherish our visits to Florida when we would meet for dinner and some other outings. Most of all I will cherish you're trips to Canada, our dinners with George & Liz, our barbecues with Susan and her family. I will always cherish our fish & chips dinners at our favorite fish & chip restaurant in Weston. I am sorry I couldn't be there with the family because of a health issue; you are in my thoughts and prayers. Till we meet again, have the fish & Chips ready
All my love
Laura Martin Langille

Laura Martin Langille - December 19, 2024 at 11:20 AM

SJ

“ Uncle Jim was such a big part of my childhood and growing up ... I have SO MANY memories of him. Every Christmas Eve, Uncle Jim, Aunt Barb, Jamey and Billy would come to our house in Etobicoke and we would wait for Santa Claus to arrive. One Christmas Eve, Uncle Jim told to us to look up in the sky and the boys and I were SURE we saw Santa flying overhead! I was actually telling that very story to a group of kindergarten children the morning I heard the news of Uncle Jim's passing. I couldn't believe it because I had just received a musical Christmas card from Uncle Jim! He sent me a Christmas card every year but because Canada Post was on strike, he made other arrangements! After they moved to the United States, Uncle Jim would drive the family up to the great white north! We would gather EVERY year on Boxing Day and my mom would make her famous holiday feast! My mom and Uncle Jim were like two peas in a pod and they saw each other every year until her passing. Even after that, Uncle Jim would continue his journey up to Canada to visit his dear family and friends. I cannot tell you just one happy story of Uncle Jim because EVERY time I saw him was a happy story. I'm going to miss his big hugs and infectious smile. He had this very mischievous smile when he would tell a certain kind of joke and the light in his eyes when he smiled filled the room with joy. I'm so sorry that I couldn't be with my beloved White family today but my passport didn't arrive in the mail. So instead of filling you with hugs and stories in person, I am leaving you these words that you will have forever. I miss you SO MUCH Uncle Jim and I wish I could have just one more laugh with you. Luckily you live on through your amazing boys and I'll just have to have lots of laughs with and your precious wife, my dear, Auntie Barb.

Your adoring niece,

Susie ❤️

Susan Jackson-Scott - December 18, 2024 at 05:05 AM