



Thomas Sterling White Jr.

August 8, 1959 - February 22, 2019

Thomas Sterling White Jr., known to family and friends as “Pete”, lost his courageous battle with ALS at the age of 59. He was surrounded by his family as he stepped into heaven and stood tall again before his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A native of Cobb County Georgia, Pete graduated from North Cobb High School where he excelled in baseball and football. He was awarded an athletic scholarship to Mississippi State University where he played second base for the Diamond Dawgs for four years. Pete was honored and privileged to play under the guidance and leadership of his former coach, Ron Polk. Pete returned to Atlanta to join the family business, A.C. White Relocations, where he was devoted to growing and continuing the success of the company for 36 years.

“Coach” Pete spent many years on the baseball field serving as a coach and mentor for his sons, their friends, and youth within the community. Pete impacted the lives of many boys. Now as men, they returned and recognized him in 2017 by dedicating and naming a baseball field at Oregon Park, in his honor.

Pete was known for his great love for his family. The insurmountable love he had for his sons was a witness to his family and friends. He especially loved becoming “Papa” to his grandsons. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Kathy (Mary Katherine Barfield), 2 sons, Sterling (Lee) and Wills, 2 grandchildren (Grayson and Carter), step-mother, Sue, 2 brothers, Tim (Tina) and David (Keyla), sister, Melissa (Patrick), father-in-law and mother-in-law, Doug and Betty Barfield, brother-in-law, Gary Barfield (Dottie), and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Tom.

Pete was a member of Roswell Street Baptist Church. Pete loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and was a witness to all of us as he was assured of his healing when he joined his Father in Heaven. Although his absence on earth has left a void in many of our lives; family and friends rejoice in the fact that Pete has been healed and is whole again in Heaven.

Family and friends will gather at Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home for a memorial service on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at 2:00 pm. Visitation, with the family, will be held at the funeral home, following the 2:00 pm service.

In lieu of flowers a memorial in Pete's name can be made to Potter and Clay Ministries.

This

ministry is close and dear to the White family's heart. Memorials can be made online by visiting www.potterandclay.org/donate or by mailing a check to:

Potter and Clay Ministries

P.O. Box 353

Florence, MS 39073.

Comments



“ We are in disbelief of Pete’s passing. He was so kind to our son Tony. Tony played on his baseball team with Sterling. May God continue to keep you all in His protective arms. We will all see him soon. Love to your family

Wanda Holt - August 19, 2019 at 07:23 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers and fond memories.
Dahna Cannon

Dahna Cannon - March 05, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ I'm shocked to hear at the passing of Pete. What a wonderful man. He was always my "go to" guy in Atlanta. Always reliable and willing to assist. Keeping all of the family, friends and associates of AC White Moving and Storage in my prayers. I'm so very sorry for your loss.

Sheryl Gibson
North Dallas Moving and Storage
Agent U0467



Sheryl Gibson - February 27, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Thomas Sterling White Jr..



February 27, 2019 at 09:41 AM



“ Forever Maroon...and White. Heaven gained a star. Mark Gibson, Pensacola Florida

Mark Gibson - February 26, 2019 at 11:17 PM



“ Thinking of all who gather today to honor this good and kind man. What a wonderful example Pete and Kathy set for us all, standing together through thick and thin, in sickness and in health! Sending our love and prayers.
Jacque and Joe Schenk

Jacqueline V Schenk - February 26, 2019 at 11:12 AM



“ John and Lori Friedrich purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Thomas Sterling White Jr..



John and Lori Friedrich - February 25, 2019 at 02:57 PM



“ 40 files added to the album LifeTributes



Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - February 25, 2019 at 01:14 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Sterling White Jr..



February 25, 2019 at 01:02 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Sterling White Jr..



February 25, 2019 at 12:14 PM



“ The North American Mission Board purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Thomas Sterling White Jr..



The North American Mission Board - February 25, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ Kind, generous, loving, funny, understanding and genuine are just a few words that quickly pop in to mind when I think of Pete. How blessed and proud we are to have known him and have him in our family. Pete did not just join our big family when he married Kathy, he made it better!!!! Thank you Pete, thank you! We will miss you greatly but will look forward to seeing you again at our heavenly reunion!!
Jim, Becky, Hannah and Chloe

Jim Plummer - February 25, 2019 at 08:23 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Sterling White Jr..



February 24, 2019 at 07:29 PM



“ Pete leaves a great legacy as a husband, father and grandfather. A godly man with a quiet gentle spirit who demonstrated love, humility and meekness. He was a humble man but a tough minded businessman and athlete. A great competitor and winner of most family reunion golf tournaments.
To our brother in Christ, you will be missed.

Cissy & Dewey Crim
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Dewey Crim - February 24, 2019 at 06:39 PM



“ When I think of Pete, I am reminded of how he walked daily the words of our Savior, “ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your weary souls.” Thank you Pete for reflecting the humbleness and love of our Lord...our love and constant thoughts are with Kathy, Sterling, Wills and family...We anticipate the great day soon when we will reunite with Pete in paradise.

Mark/Jana/Ashley/Anna Crim

mark crim - February 24, 2019 at 04:43 PM



“ When I think of Pete White, I think of his quiet confidence and ever present smile. He was never one to draw attention to himself but was always there for others. He loved well. You could see it in the husband, father, and grandfather that he was. Our hearts and prayers are with Kathy, Sterling, Wills and their family. We love you all and Heaven is a better place now that Pete is resting peacefully in it.

Carol and Keith Compton

Carol Compton - February 24, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ I'm so deeply saddened to hear of Pete's passing. He was such a kind and loving man since the day I met him as a child. My prayers, love, and deepest condolences to Kathy, Sterling, Wills, and their entire family. Rest peacefully now Pete, in the grace and love of the Father. We will all happily cherish our memories with you and keep your spirit alive within us. Love, Scott - Kay- Brecklyn

Scott Counselman - February 24, 2019 at 10:26 AM



“ Sterling and Wills, on behalf of myself personally and the Mount Paran Christian School alumni community, please accept our condolences at the passing of your father. I didn't not know him well but I did know younboth fairly well and both of you were outstanding young men who carried themselves with great integrity, a trait I am sure you received from your father. I am deeply sorry for your loss and will be praying for you both and your mom during this difficult time of grieving. Your dad is now at the throne of Jesus worshipping him; I'm sure you would agree that he could be in no better place! May your entire family lean on the peace and comfort that only knowing Jesus can give during this challenging time.

John Braswell - February 24, 2019 at 05:08 AM



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Brad Winkler - February 24, 2019 at 03:18 AM



“ Such a great man and friend. A wonderful heart that he gave freely to anyone who needed him. Pete will be missed. Love to you all.

Leslie Terrell - February 24, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ Our hearts are breaking- you are in our prayers. What a precious man...he will be greatly missed. Never one to sit much, I can see him now on the beach organizing games for all of us. I will especially miss his soft smile, gentle spirit and the kind way he always inquired about others. Rest in no pain, in paradise, Pete.

We love you- Scott and Carrie Middlebrooks

Carrie Middlebrooks - February 23, 2019 at 11:18 PM