



## Lieutenant Colonel Charles William White

May 7, 1946 - July 21, 2019

Lieutenant Colonel Charles William White, 73, of Owensboro passed away Sunday, July 21, 2019. He was born in Owensboro, Kentucky on May 7, 1946 to the late Charles E. White and Louise Pate White. Charles was an officer with the Salvation Army where he served faithfully for 46 years. He was a member of the Kentucky Colonels. Charles was a part of the Rotary International Club. Charles enjoyed golfing, boating and working in the yard.

Along with his parents, Charles is preceded in death by his daughter, Tonja Renee Glenn.

Charles is survived by his wife, Shirley S. White, his children, Jeffery S. White, Janine (Rob) Vincent, Connie (Troy) Bowman; 10 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

Services will be 11:00 am Thursday, July 25, 2019 at Haley McGinnis Funeral Home & Crematory. Visitation will be 10:00 am to 11:00 am Thursday at the funeral home.

Haley McGinnis Funeral Home & Crematory is both honored and privileged to be entrusted with the care of Mr. White. Share your messages of condolence with the family of Lieutenant Colonel Charles William White, at [www.haleymcginnis.com](http://www.haleymcginnis.com)

# Events

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**JUL**   **Visitation**      10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Haley McGinnis Funeral Home & Crematory  
519 Locust St., Owensboro, KY, US, 42301

**JUL**   **Service**                      11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ I just wanted to express our condolences to Shirley and the entire White family. Charlie was such an affable guy...always smiling or laughing. He loved his family tremendously and served God faithfully. He was one of the good guys!

Lt. Colonel Jean Jaynes - July 26 at 07:01 PM

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“ Capt. White sow the first God seeds in my life, the White's will always be family here in Harrisonburg, Va. What a heart breaking news of this Honorable man passing, he truly was the hands, ears and voice of God. Many prayers Shirley at this time of loss but God promises we'll be together in His Glory if we love the Lord and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior....  
The Stover's

Roger Stover - July 25 at 03:35 PM

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“ SHIRLEY.....SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS....THIS IS CAROL ATHERTON HARMON....CHALKY WAS A CHILDHOOD FRIEND....WAS A GOOD PERSON...AND HE WILL BE MISSED...

TIMOTHY DURBIN - July 25 at 02:29 PM

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“ As was many I was so sorry to hear of Colonel White's passing. He was loved not only by his family but by anyone that knew him - fellow officers, co-workers, and friends. Knowing Colonel White, I know when he received his call to "come home", he saluted and said, "Lord I am ready." He will be sadly missed. Mrs. White and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. One final shout-out in honor of Colonel White - "Go Big Blue" - We will miss you.

Susan McCormick - July 25 at 01:44 PM

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“ Mrs. White. - i am so sorry to hear that your husband has been promoted to glory. But I also am rejoicing with you that he has gone home. Sometimes we (I know I do) all wish to go and maybe wonder why we are left here behind. We well all get to see Jesus soon and then the real celebrations can begin for us all. Prayers of peace and comfort are headed to the throne on your behalf.

Fay Jones - July 25 at 05:33 PM

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“ Our hearts were broken when we heard the news, but we know that he is in God's hands and with his daughter. We always enjoyed being around both he and Shirley because of their loving and kind ways. My husband and I were talking about him this morning and Jim said he will never forget the day at men's camp many years ago when they were playing softball and he threw a ball to Charles and how he was hit by the runner. He said he can still hear that collision, but that he got up as if nothing happened. That was the kind of man he was....always up and smiling. You will be missed, our friend.

Jim and Linda Kohagen

Linda and Jim Kohagen - July 25 at 10:45 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of a great man, who loved unconditionally and embodied grace and compassion. A wonderful role model and friend to us. We have been and will continue to lift you, Shirley, and the rest of your family up in prayer during these days. With our love, Bobby and Anne.

Anne Westmoreland - July 25 at 06:19 AM

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“ Our hearts are saddened by the news of our dear friends passing. We would like to say what a lovely soul with a heart for all. He lived his life so other's could see Jesus! There will surely be many who were changed by his faithfulness. Sending all our love! Phillip and Joyce Lance.

Phillip & Joyce Lance - July 24 at 08:39 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lieutenant Colonel Charles William White.



July 24 at 06:15 PM

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“ Dear Colonel Shirley White and Family,

We are praying for you. Colonel Charlie White was always very encouraging to our entire family.

Bruce and Sandra Smith

**Bruce E Smith** - July 24 at 02:30 PM

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“ Lt. Col. Charles White loved his wife, Shirley and would always show me pictures of her during the short time we worked together. I loved to see the way they interacted and took care of business. He came in post retirement and hit the ground running during our busiest time of year and did not miss a beat. I could not print enough blank note cards as he had loved to thank and encourage people with hand written notes. He will be missed. Nancy Walker

**Nancy Walker** - July 24 at 10:50 AM

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“ Lt. Col. Charlie brought leadership, steadfastness and faithfulness to everything that he did. He had a heart for people and brought encouragement to each of us. He is missed in a great way. Godspeed.

**Barbie Tatman** - July 24 at 10:36 AM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lieutenant Colonel Charles William White.



July 24 at 09:23 AM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lieutenant Colonel Charles William White.



July 23 at 11:26 PM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lieutenant Colonel Charles William White.



July 23 at 08:45 PM

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“ In 1977 Col. White then Capt. White first came to Lynchburg Va. That was when my mother fell in love. She didn't believe that all that hair was his. So he bent down and told her that it was real and she could put it. So she took a hand full and pulled. We were all laughing at then, when he grabbed her hand, because she pulled it so hard. No many men would let an old lady pull is hair. That the kind of man he was. He was a loving husband, father and friend. He will be missed. When and Mrs. White left Lynchburg my mother cried for days. She considered then her family. I will always think of the happy days she had when they were here. My family will always have a place in our heart for Charlie White. Love from our family. Betty ware and family

Ron and Betty Ware - July 23 at 06:36 PM

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“ Ron And Betty Ware lit a candle in memory of Lieutenant Colonel Charles William White



Ron and Betty Ware - July 23 at 06:20 PM

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“ In 1981, he met me at the front entrance and welcomed me to The Salvation Army. In 1982, he conducted my Soldiers Preparation Classes and enrolled me. He was the first to suggest that I attend S.F.O.T that same year. When I was commissioned in 1988, he was the officer I requested to be on the platform with me as I was ordained and commission-ed. In 2002, he officiated my marriage to Betty. He was a major influence on my life. Betty and I loved him and will miss him greatly.

Ron and Betty Ware

Ron and Betty Ware - July 23 at 06:19 PM

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“ 8" Angel holding Dove was purchased for the family of Lieutenant Colonel Charles William White.



July 23 at 05:37 PM

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“ From Esther and Danny Morrow.  
From the depths of our hearts we add our words of tribute to the memory of Charlie. As Salvation Army Officers our paths crossed often and intersected a few times. Those times were always important and precious to us.  
The last time was while we were Commanders in Memphis and he, with Shirley, were the Divisional Leaders in the KT Division. We will be forever grateful for every courtesy, every consideration and every moment of support, counsel, guidance and encouragement we received regularly from Charlie and Shirley.  
The world's lights dimmed a little on Monday and Heaven shined a bit brighter when Christ welcomed Charlie to his place of foreverness.

**Danny & Esther Morrow** - July 23 at 05:33 PM

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“ Dear Shirley and Family: We were so sad to read about the passing of your loving husband, Charles. We will miss seeing him in our office. He was a man of great honor and served the Lord by helping others. Know that we will have you and all of your family in our thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy,  
Drs. Thompson and Frey and Staff.

**Drs. Thompson & Frey** - July 23 at 05:21 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lieutenant Colonel Charles William White.



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“ Capts. Reckline, Lt. Lind & Louisville South purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lieutenant Colonel Charles William White.



Capt. Reckline, Lt. Lind & Louisville South - July 23 at 03:13 PM

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“ A great boss and a wonderfully sweet man. The loss is unimaginable to us. Love to Shirley and the family.

Jack and Barbara Getz

Jack C. Getz - July 23 at 02:48 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lieutenant Colonel Charles William White.



July 23 at 01:44 PM

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“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Lieutenant Colonel Charles William White.



July 23 at 10:56 AM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lieutenant Colonel Charles William White.



July 23 at 07:50 AM

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“ Wow! So many good memories of Charlie White. He was a Man of God’s Word—and he lived it out loud. He was a Man of his Word and you could trust him to keep it. As an officer, we served with him and under him. His “Yay” was “Yay” and his “Nay was Nay”. I had the upmost respect for him. For Charlie, life was an adventure that was meant to be enjoyed and it pointed to the greatest adventure of all –heaven. He wanted everyone he met to join him on the road to that great adventure. Charlie and Shirley are two of the most innovative people I have ever met. I remember Lt. Colonel Charlie white teaching us at an Officers Councils or Round table gathering that we should throw every fundraising effort we could at the wall until something sticks. If it didn’t work move on---if it worked, keep making it better. I remember him telling us that our ministry was too important not to find some way to fund it. My daughter, Stephanie, eventually married into the family via Justin Vincent. He loved my daughter like she was his own Grandchild, and to him she was. He treated us like family as well. But that is how Charlie treated all of his friends. I will miss him. The army will miss him. The world will miss him. I’m sure he would say --just enjoy the Adventure----and I will see you soon. Shirley and family, know that we are praying for you. What a privilege it has been to be on this adventure with you. Blessings!

Stephen - July 23 at 07:39 AM

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“ Charlie was a dear friend. We go back for many years to KT Youth Camp days early 1960ies. For years as Active Officers then in Retirement. Only Eternity will reveal accomplishments of this Great Compassionate Man of God. God be near Friends and Family. Charlie.....Soon "I will meet you in the morning" OVER THERE. Precious Memories. Love you my FRIEND.

Lt. Colonel Ted Arrowood (R) - July 22 at 10:17 PM



“ Charlie was also a wonderful friend to my family over the years. God pless your loved ones and friends.

Lt. Colonel Ted Arrowood (R)

Lt. Colonel Ted Arrowood (R) - July 22 at 10:23 PM



“ praying for your family

rebecca cranford - July 23 at 08:35 AM

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“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Lieutenant Colonel Charles William White.



July 22 at 09:31 PM

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“ My heart is broken as I heard this news! Charlie was a man who had a love for all and was never stingy in sharing that love. My husband Terry and I were fortunate recipients of that love. His great sense of humor, his infectious laugh, and his ability to include you into his circle was much appreciated by us. He and Shirley were gracious hosts (Shirley is a fabulous Southern cook) and their doors were open.

I respected Charlie as a man of great integrity, mentor to many, confidante and sterling Salvation Army officer who served with great joy, long into retirement. He will be greatly missed by his family and a host of people like us on whom he left an indelible mark. God has called one of His great treasures to Himself!

Colonel Linda Griffin

Linda Griffin - July 22 at 09:02 PM

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“ Lt. Col. White was a Godly man who made an impact on this world. He impacted through his authenticity of heart, strong values, faith, and always walking out what was deep inside him with others. I will remember him as a man of principle, a man of kindness, and a man who held our Lord deep within. His sensitivity showed in his love for his wife, a beautiful and perfect mate for him, his love for his children, and love for his grandchildren and great grandchildren. There was rarely a conversation in which one of those above did not get mentioned. His humor was always on point and appreciated. He was a fair and wise leader and I can't say I was more deeply impacted by any other leader I have served under or alongside. We will all miss him.  
Ernie Simms



**Ernie** - July 22 at 08:28 PM

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“ Saying someone was great is too often a stretch. Not in this instance. Colonel White was a great Man of God!  
From Majors Don & Daphne Vick

**Don Vick** - July 22 at 07:49 PM

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“ We have too many wonderful memories to choose from. We thank God for our 4 years in Gallatin with our friends, the Whites. What I will always remember is his infectious laugh! He laughed and cried unreservedly. He loved his family & friends so well and knew how to express it beautifully. His compassion greatly affected us as did his passion for having fun and eating pork chops. Patty's Pork Chops to be specific. We are heartbroken. Words can't express the depth of loss, but we know he is in the presence of His Lord and Savior. Our continued love & prayers for Shirley and all of the family.

**Martha Jewett** - July 22 at 07:46 PM

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“ We met the Whites just over 3 years ago when we moved to Tennessee. Charlie was so kind to me and took me golfing a number of times. He and Shirley organized the KT Salvation Army Retired Officers Association and invited us as members. He instantly became a good friend.

Lt Col Mickey and June McLaren

**Mickey McLaren** - July 22 at 07:43 PM

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“ My first memory of Lt. Colonel White is when I became a soldier in the Kentucky/Tennessee Division of The Salvation Army. I remember his loving and Godly leadership, especially, when I became an Officer. Colonel White will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Love and prayers to the family. Maggie Phipps

Margaret Phipps - July 22 at 06:12 PM

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“ I remember all the great times we had in Harrisonburg memories we will cherish, He was a great man of God, full of life. We will be praying for the family. Love you all.

Faye Spitler and families.

Faye Spitlef - July 22 at 05:49 PM

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“ Always enjoyed Charles White personality. I have never seen him meet a stranger. He had a comfortable, engaging and often witty way of making people feel at home. As a leader he is purpose driven, yet empathetic. As a family man, relaxed, fully blessed!!

Don Crossland - July 22 at 04:59 PM

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“ Lt.Col.Charles White was a very fine officer and it was a pleasure to know him.May he rest in peace knowing he server the Lord for so many years.

Charles Gayle - July 22 at 04:36 PM

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“ You are one of the greats! Your leadership and work ethic made me proud to serve under you. You taught me so much. Thank you Colonel. You'll be missed by us all, but I'm so happy you don't have to wait any longer to laugh with Tonja. Heaven gained another hero. Love to all your family.

Bink Near-McKinley - July 22 at 04:04 PM

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“ Charlie was a wonderful family man. Over the years I have grown to love, admire and respect him.  
To all the family please be assured of my prayers  
Loretta Gilliam

**loretta gilliam** - July 22 at 03:48 PM