



## John White

February 23, 1939 - November 29, 2022

John Wylie White, a Troy resident, went to be with our Lord and Savior on Tuesday evening, November 29, 2022 at the age of 83. The beloved son of John and Margery (nee Johnson), he was born on the coldest day of the year, February 23, 1939 in Canton, Ohio. John earned a bachelor's degree from Oberlin Music Conservatory before earning his master's degree from the University of Cincinnati. He spent a year abroad studying music in the Mozarteum University Salzburg Austria and had the opportunity to play under the direction of Herbert von Karajan. He wed the love of his life, Barbara Lex, on June 11, 1966 at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak, Michigan.

John embarked upon his teaching vocation in Navarre, Ohio as a high school vocal music instructor in 1965. The following year, he transitioned to the Bloomfield Hills School District in Michigan as a vocal music instructor and band director for elementary and middle school students. An inspiration to his students, John provided positive encouragement that led to award winning bands. John's desire to teach extended into his home, where he shared his creative talents with his children. John devoted his life to his family. He was passionate about spending time with his family, never missing an opportunity to be in their lives. On summer breaks, John created numerous adventures and memorable family experiences.

John was a kind, gentle, and caring man who was guided by faith and principle. God and family were always foremost in his life. John shared his love for God with his family and others who intersected his life. He prayed fervently for his family, friends, and country. John had an indomitable spirit in the face of adversity and will be dearly missed. Beloved husband of Barbara, joined in love for 56 years. Loving father of Katharina (Timothy) Campbell and John (Marcele) White. Cherished grandfather of Darin and Colby Campbell. Close friend of Carl Gettig, Heinz Bitzenberger, Bob Binkelman, and the late Mike Petschel.

Family and friends will gather on Thursday, December 8, 2022 from 9:00 am until time of funeral service at 11:00 am at Grace Baptist Church, 280 East Lincoln St, Birmingham, MI 48009. Interment to follow at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy with a subsequent luncheon at Grace Baptist Church.

Donations in John's memory may be made to Grace Baptist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road  
Troy, MI 48098

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Baptist Church  
280 E. Lincoln Street  
Birmingham, MI 48009

## Funeral Service

DEC 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John White.*



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December 05, 2022 at 05:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John White.*



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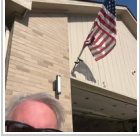
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“ *John White was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word. His dedication to The Lord and his family was exceptional and also quite inspirational. One of my fond memories of John was watching him at the Messiah concert together with Barbara, Kat, and Tim. Despite John's reduced health he was brimming with joy, energized by the love and music that surrounded him, and overflowing with The Lord's Spirit. It was such a treasure to see a man so totally in his element. At that moment I too could feel The Lord was amongst us.*

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**John Rogers** - December 05, 2022 at 07:02 AM



“ *Mr. White was my music teacher at Eastover in the mid to late 70's. He told my mother I had a nice voice, she frequently reminds me of this to this day! I always enjoyed his class and piano playing. I enjoyed learning more of his background thru this Obit, RIP Mr White and prayers to his family...*

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**Trevor LaMontagne** - December 04, 2022 at 11:41 AM

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“ *1 file added to the album John White*



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**Wm. Sullivan and Son** - December 01, 2022 at 11:15 AM