



## Leo Jackson "Jack" White

April 2, 1924 - April 9, 2021

Leo Jackson White (Jack), 97, passed away April 9, 2021, at Stonerise Princeton. Jack was born in Bluefield WV, the youngest child of Jesse and Laura White.

Jack graduated from Beaver High School in 1942 and joined the Army Air Corp, serving four years during and after World War II in England and France. He graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan in 1949 where he was on the football team. He received his Master of Science degree in Physical Education from West Virginia University in 1950, then his Administrative degree from WVU in 1969. He taught and coached at Beaver High School for four years, then taught and coached football, basketball, and track at Gassaway High School from 1955 until 1967. People in Braxton County still call him Coach White. While in Gassaway, he managed the city pool for nine years and made sure every young person in town learned how to swim. He returned to Bluefield where he taught in the Mercer County Schools, was Vice-Principal at Bluefield High School, Principal at Central Junior High, then finished his long career as an educator as the Mercer County Coordinator of Distributive Education. He served a term as President of the Mercer County Education Association and also was a delegate to several National Education Association meetings.

Jack loved sports, especially his beloved Bluefield Beavers and the WVU Mountaineers. He was kind, thoughtful, and generous. He had only good things to say about everyone. His biggest fault was telling jokes that elicited

groans and rolled eyes, and he always had a new one. He loved his family, especially his three granddaughters.

Jack was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church, was a certified Lay Speaker, and served as a delegate to the West Virginia Annual Conference at WV Wesleyan. He was a member and officer of the Bluefield Lions Club. He served his city as a member of the Bluefield Public Housing Authority. He was on the Board of Directors for the "Bible in the Schools" committee for many years. He enjoyed helping with the Lions' Club Pancake Breakfasts and the WV Coal Show. He also took pride that he could move people through the ticket booth line at Mitchell Stadium for a Beaver game faster than any other ticket salesperson.

The family thanks the staff at Stonerise Princeton for their loving care this past four years.

He was married to Louise Brewer White for 55 years. He is survived by daughter Barbara Foster and husband Bob of St. Albans WV, son David White and wife Ann of Henderson KY, daughter Martha Horne and husband Justin of North Chesterfield, VA, and three granddaughters, Robin Foster of Brisbane Australia, Julie Foster of New York City, and Pamela Horne of North Chesterfield VA, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday April 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Craig Hammond officiating. The family will receive friends on Friday from 1:00 p.m. until the service hour.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church or Union Mission of Bluefield.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Funeral Service

APR 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Leo Jackson "Jack" White*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Coach "Jack" White Will Certainly Be Missed. Mr. White Was A Respected Coach, Educator, Community Servant, And Friend. No Greater Bluefield Beaver Fan Ever Entered Mitchell Stadium. I Will See Mr. White Again. So Sorry For Our Loss, Heaven's Gain.*

**Duard Addington** - May 05, 2021 at 12:32 AM



“ *I met Mr. White at Mercer County Technical Education Center. He was always friendly and had time to chat. A nice obituary. So sorry for your loss.*

**Marietta Buckner** - April 30, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leo Jackson "Jack" White.*



April 16, 2021 at 09:26 AM

RW

“ Praise God for the life and influence of Mr. White. I had the pleasure of being his neighbor for 10 yrs before moving. His wisdom and insight will be forever treasured. My fondest memories are of him sharing how he got thru WWII and critiquing my jump shots, telling me to never leave on a miss...a mentality I carry to this day. My prayers and condolences to the family. However, I rejoice, because I know that Mr. White is in the arms of the Father, as the good and faithful servant he was.

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**Ronnie Wells** - April 16, 2021 at 09:18 AM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,  
  
May your memories of Leo Jackson White, give you peace, comfort and strength...  
  
Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.  
My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....

US Army Air Corp Veteran, Leo Jackson White, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - April 16, 2021 at 03:42 AM

KN

“ It was a pleasure to know Mr White, and a privilege to work with him. His wisdom and witty comments made time spent in conversation with him an experience I enjoyed. He held to his values. I have, and always will, hold him in such high regard. Earth's loss is so Heaven's gain. I have no doubt Peanut was waiting to greet him.

Katharine Nelson - April 16, 2021 at 12:27 AM



“ His was truly a life well lived.  
George and Anne Oliver

George Oliver - April 15, 2021 at 08:33 AM

MD

“ We all have lost a great man and educator. Prayers for his family and friends.

Mark Davidson - April 15, 2021 at 07:27 AM

JB

“ Mr. White was a friendly, kind and funny guy!  
We lived across the street from him on Shenandoah Avenue and I will always remember him putting on his yellow rain gear and going out to wash his car when it rained 😊  
Martha, my prayers are with you and your family. May God comfort you during this sad time 🙏💕🙏



Jennifer Battlo - April 14, 2021 at 08:48 PM

CC

“ We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. White. I attended school at Central Junior High back in 1973 to 1975. I thought very highly of Mr. White. My husband Charles just recently spoke with him on the phone reminiscing with him and he remembered us with great clarity.

We will be in prayer for the family during this most difficult time.

Sincerely Charles & Cynthia Pollard Carl

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**Cynthia Carl** - April 14, 2021 at 07:42 PM

BA

“ Blair, Mary, and Catherine Armbrister purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Leo Jackson "Jack" White.



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**Blair, Mary, and Catherine Armbrister** - April 14, 2021 at 07:30 PM

FC

“ Mr. White (Jack) is someone I will remember all the days of my life as someone that was always kind to me, my family, and many friends. He always treated me with the utmost respect and made me feel that I was someone he was glad to know. I certainly was blessed to know him. My condolences to the family.

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**Frank Carter** - April 14, 2021 at 06:57 PM

WP

“ Mr. White loved the Bible In The Schools program and served faithfully on its board for decades. He was a pillar of the Bluefield community.

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**Wayne Pelts** - April 14, 2021 at 06:16 PM

JD

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. White (coach, Principal, gave me my first teaching and coaching job at Central Jr. High in 1972. I will always remember the good ole days that he helped create. RIP! Mr White.

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**John Disibbio** - April 14, 2021 at 05:20 PM