



Edward B. White Jr.

September 16, 1937 - December 12, 2019

Edward B. White age 82, of Clare, passed away on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at Pioneer Golden Estates. Ed was born the son of Edward B. and Viola M. (Hawley) White in Clare, on Sept. 16, 1937. Following graduation from Clare High School he served in the US Navy as an Electrician. A Nurseryman by trade, Ed found great joy in making things grow, but was most fond of cutting trees for their wood. He operated Whites Nursery, in Clare, which was started by his family until his health forced him to close the business. He married the former Gayle (Shaver) Gillis and she survives him. He was a lifelong member of the Clare United Methodist Church.

Ed is survived by his wife, Gayle, his children, Alan (Anete) White of Farwell, Vaughn (Anne) White of Shelby, and Maureen Wargo of Clare, nine grandchildren and one Great-Grandchild. Also surviving are Gayle's two sons, Kelly and Mark Gillis, and two sisters, Glenna Lewis of Coleman and Florence Mabry of Nashville, Tn. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, George, sister, Marguerite Miller, and his grandson, Benjamin White.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019 at 11 AM at the Clare United Methodist Church with Pastor John Kasper officiating. Burial will be in the Cherry Grove Cemetery. Friends may meet with his family at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Monday from 5:30 to 8:30 PM and on Tuesday from 10 to 11 AM at the church. Memorials may be made to: MidMichigan Home Care Hospice, or to Emily's Gift (a Christmas program for needy children). An online condolence register is available at www.stephen

son-wyman.com for those unable to attend.

Cemetery Details

Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-7451
wymanh@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Visitation

DEC 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Clare United Methodist Church
105 E. Seventh Street
Clare, MI 48617

Service

DEC 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Thank you, Uncle Ed, for your love and kindness throughout the years. You gave me my first job and showed me all about greenhouses. I will remember that fondly. Loving prayers to all of you, my extended family, and my God keep you close.

Dawn Miller - December 17, 2019 at 10:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Edward B. White Jr..



December 16, 2019 at 09:51 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Edward B. White Jr..



December 16, 2019 at 06:04 AM



“ *Florence White Mabry and family* purchased the *Serenity Wreath* for the family of Edward B. White Jr..



Florence White Mabry and family - December 15, 2019 at 07:21 PM

PM

“ Our sympathies to the family at the loss of a truly wonderful man. Have known Ed for over 30 years and he was always a very nice guy who we loved seeing and talking to as he working in the nursery. Always very helpful and knowledgeable. He had the "greenest" of thumbs and helped us make our yard beautiful for our daughters wedding and helped our fruit trees grow and produce the very best apples. He will be missed.

Pat & Jack Maurer - December 15, 2019 at 02:12 PM

BE

“ Condolences to the family and friends. When growing up in Clare, we lived next to the nursery and I always enjoyed the beauty of the plants that were grown with so much tender care and love. Treasure your memories of this special man.

Becky Evans - December 15, 2019 at 08:55 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Edward B. White Jr..



December 14, 2019 at 03:03 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward B. White Jr..



December 14, 2019 at 12:34 PM

JG

“ Deepest sympathy to you and your family. My husband, Roy F. Graham, was a young classmate and good friend of Ed. He very much enjoyed talking with him. Roy was also an electrician and loved gardening. The first year Ed had a contest for the largest sunflower, Roy won. One year Ed’s class reunion was held in a restaurant we, just by chance were at, Ed invited Roy to join them. It was so wonderful for Roy to be able to catchup with former classmates. Roy had graduated from Mt . Pleasant. Ed was very special to my husband. Fond memories of your loved one. 🙏 Jan Graham, Rosebush

Jan Graham - December 14, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Edward B. White Jr..



December 13, 2019 at 08:44 PM

PB


“ I will forever remember the many, many years of calling on Ed for advertising in the Buyers Guide. Ed was more than just a customer, he was a friend. Ed was a true gentleman and I'll always remember our talks. My thoughts and prayers are with his family as they mourn his passing.

Pamela Blain - December 13, 2019 at 07:48 PM

SB

“ Proud to say Ed was my first real boss and what a gentle giant that was full of integrity and honesty! Perfect person to help guide and control a bunch of young kids with patience of a saint. Remember the good times over the next few days, they will be trying, but remember he's in a better place. God bless him and the family.

Scott Bauer - December 13, 2019 at 12:39 PM

 Susan Riley

“ So very sorry for your loss Al, Maureen, Gayle, Kelly & Mark & families. Ed & Gayle were good friends of my folks and I grew up right around the corner from White's Nursery. Loved to go and look at the flowers even as a kid. He will be very missed. Prayers for peace & comfort.
Susan Branch Riley

Susan Riley - December 13, 2019 at 10:01 AM

RS

“ Rebecca Shear lit a candle in memory of Edward B. White Jr.



Rebecca Shear - December 13, 2019 at 09:34 AM

BH

“ My heart is with your families during this time. I will forever remember the hours and hours spent as a young teenager riding my little red Honda scrambler on the trails through the nursery. Ed was very generous to let us ride there. Hours of fun, hundreds of great memories.

Bruce Hales - December 13, 2019 at 07:50 AM