



Milo Ritter White Jr.

May 17, 1933 - June 24, 2015

Age 82, passed away on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Milo was born May 17, 1933, in Detroit, Michigan the son of Milo R. White, Sr. and Dorothy (Gardner) White. In 1993, he married Sandy Perrett and she survives. He is also survived by his three children, Peter (Alyssa) White of New York City, by Michael White of Ann Arbor, and by Kimberly (Sid) Moorin of Clinton Township. Other survivors include three step-children, Todd (Lisa) Perrett of Kalamazoo, Kristen (Mark) Shuert of Hamburg, and Stephanie (Phillip) Eads of Grenada, MS. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Leah, Carly, Morgan, Taylor, Lauren, Annie and Stephen, his brother and sister-in-law, Daniel and Donna White of Rochester Hills, Michigan, his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Karen and Tom Winger of Grosse Pointe, Michigan and by several nieces and nephews. He attended the Detroit Public Schools and graduated from The Mercersburg Academy, in Mercersburg, PA. Milo graduated from Dartmouth College in 1955 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. Milo served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1958. He earned a Master's Degree in History from the University of Michigan in 1959. Milo taught one year at Kalamazoo Central High School before returning to Ann Arbor in 1960. He later earned a Ph.D. degree in Education from the University of Michigan in 1970. Milo spent the next 27 years at Pioneer High School as a teacher and as Chairman of the Social Studies Department, as Assistant Principal and then 13 years as Principal of Pioneer High School. He was one of the originators of the highly successful

and acclaimed Humanities program. After two years at the Balas Building, Milo returned to his first love – teaching. He then taught Social Studies and served as Chairman of the Social Studies Department at Huron High School until his retirement from full-time teaching in 1998. During this time, he was a John Jay Fellow in the Humanities and was selected to attend a NDEA Institute in Far Eastern Studies at Michigan State University. Milo continued as a substitute teacher at both Huron and Pioneer High Schools until June 2007, when he retired completely from teaching.

Milo and Sandy enjoyed traveling. Their favorite vacation spots included North Carolina, Hilton Head Island, Bayfield, Ontario, Canada and Glen Arbor, Michigan. They also enjoyed several cruises including Alaska, Italy, the Panama Canal, the Caribbean Islands, to the Maritime Provinces of Canada and also to Ireland and Italy.

Milo was a member of the Ann Arbor Rotary Club and was an active member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Ann Arbor and later at Holy Faith Church in Saline. Milo was an avid sports fan (particularly Michigan football as a long time season ticket holder) and Tiger baseball. He loved to read history, biographies and medieval mysteries, traveling, walking, collecting stamps (US and German), doing crosswords, and trying to solve math problems. He enjoyed walking his favorite dogs (Cassidy, Monty and Spidey), and was always appreciative of the joy and happiness that Sandy, the children and grandchildren brought to his life. A Memorial Service will take place on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. at the Holy Faith Church in Saline with Rev. Stanley Eckermann and Rev. Donald Dersnah officiating. The family requests that any contributions be given to the Holy Faith Church Memorial Fund or to the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor Endowment Fund in memory of Milo R. White, Jr. Envelopes will be available at the church where friends may begin calling at 1:00 P.M. until the time of service at 2:00 P.M. Arrangements entrusted to the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. To sign Milo's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Holy Faith Church
6299 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd
Saline, MI 48176
<https://www.holyfaithsaline.org>

Service

JUN 27. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Saline, MI 48176
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Tribute Wall



“ *Milo Ritter White Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *I just learned my father passed away almost twenty days ago. Estranged since his affair and divorce from my mother I did not share my father's later chapters in life. The memorials I have read here are touching and illuminating, filling in many of our years apart.*

My memories of him are of his time in our basement working on his dissertation, his time grading student papers at the dining room table during the late evening, his time away supporting the many JV and Varsity sporting events, his time at the school attending to student concerns and activities while Principal.

Given the heartfelt words of friends and colleagues he clearly had a positive impact on many during his life. I now see his time was well spent. RIP Dad.

Peter

Peter Jon White - July 14, 2015 at 07:20 PM



*Peter, I knew your dad during Hanover days. I'm not surprised to discover that he went on to live a most productive and admired life. Along with his Dartmouth classmates in the Class of 1955, I salute him.
Joe Herring, '55*

JoeHerring - July 16, 2015 at 10:28 AM

SE

“ On behalf of Sandy, we want to say thank you to those who have shared thoughts and memories of Milo. Please continue to do so. It means so much to our family.

Todd, Kristen and Stephanie

Stephanie Eads - July 11, 2015 at 10:34 PM

JF

“ Jennifer Fry lit a candle in memory of Milo Ritter White Jr.



Jennifer Fry - July 10, 2015 at 02:45 PM

RR

“ He was an amazing history teacher.

Rosanita Ratcliff - July 01, 2015 at 11:07 AM

KW

“ Milo was a very special person to me and a friend. He was such a wise man and had such good advice. I am so glad he was apart of my life.

Kay Wade

Kay Wade - June 30, 2015 at 10:04 PM

JN

“ *Joanne Navarre lit a candle in memory of Milo Ritter White Jr.*



Joanne Navarre - June 29, 2015 at 09:51 AM

BD

“ *Dr. White was truly an amazing man. As principal of Pioneer he seemed to be everywhere including at our year end swim banquet. As our high school leader he was fair and even handed with decisions that impacted the student body. As an adult I got to know him much better. His sense of humor, naming a three legged dog Hop A Long Cassidy, love for sports and travel were all things that I came to admire him for. Cheers to all of his many accomplishments and God Bless his family in this time of sorrow.*

Ben Dahlmann Ann Arbor Pioneer Class of 1982

Ben Dahlmann - June 29, 2015 at 09:12 AM

WR

“ Dr. White was one of my favorite teachers in the Humanities program at Pioneer. He would get so excited when discussing historical events with us, that his face would light up and he would gleefully ask, "Are you tingling? Are you tingling?" His passion for history was contagious and I enjoyed every minute in his class. He was a wonderful educator and was a model for me as I went on to become an educator myself. I always smile when think of Dr. White. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, and I hope they will find comfort in knowing that many others also admired and appreciated him.
Wendy (Frey) Raymond



Wendy Raymond - June 28, 2015 at 09:42 PM

JT

“ Jeff Thomas lit a candle in memory of Milo Ritter White Jr.



Jeff Thomas - June 28, 2015 at 07:43 PM

SE

“ Stephanie Eads lit a candle in memory of Milo Ritter White Jr.



Stephanie Eads - June 28, 2015 at 07:00 PM

EW

“ A truly great man. He was principal at Pioneer when I was a student (Class of '78), but I came to know him better years later through Ann Arbor Rotary. I became involved in several youth related Rotary activities - including the high school Interact service clubs that Rotary sponsors at Pioneer and Huron. Milo was a great supporter of these programs and of my efforts in working with young people. He was always the "encourager" with a kind word and thoughtful insight. Milo taught all of us valuable lessons that we can carry with us.

Ed Wier - June 28, 2015 at 06:45 PM

DW

“ Donna White lit a candle in memory of Milo Ritter White Jr.



Donna White - June 28, 2015 at 12:15 PM

RK

“ Sandy and family I am so sorry to hear of Milo's passing. He was a true gentleman and scholar. I am out of state or I would be there to say this directly to you. I will miss him.

Bob Kokoszka

Robert Kokoszka - June 28, 2015 at 09:35 AM

TP

“ Taylor Perrett lit a candle in memory of Milo Ritter White Jr.



Taylor perrett - June 27, 2015 at 09:27 PM

RD

“ Rick & Sue Durkee lit a candle in memory of Milo Ritter White Jr.



Rick & Sue Durkee - June 27, 2015 at 11:37 AM

CS

“ Carol Houston Schneider lit a candle in memory of Milo Ritter White Jr.



Carol Houston Schneider - June 27, 2015 at 11:30 AM



“ Kathy Arden lit a candle in memory of Milo Ritter White Jr.



Kathy Arden - June 27, 2015 at 10:19 AM

NL

“ I first knew Milo as a dumb rebellious kid and later he had the classroom next to me at Huron High. What a lucky break to get to know Milo as a person. We shared a laugh at the shenanigans of the adolescents as we stood in our respective doorways. He was a guy who always got it right. I'm sad knowing he's not in this world, but he contributed to it greatly.
Nancy Lyon

Nancy Lyon - June 27, 2015 at 08:45 AM

AM

“ While Pioneer's Principal, Dr. White disliked using the PA system. He avoided it when- ever possible. As the debate coach, I would never fail to grade him on his vocal efforts - usually no higher than a B . It was a running joke between us. He was a true educator. My memories of him are fond and many.

Andy Mollema

Andy Mollema - June 27, 2015 at 08:31 AM

LP

“ To the White family with deep sympathy and love. Mr. White was my Principal from 1979-1982. He was a outstanding PRINCIPAL AND FRIEND. I never forget his smile, laugh, his love and support, nor his special request for a good lunch and dessert when he would come into the Covered Wagon at Pioneer High School which was a restaurant ran by students.

Lynda M. Parks - June 26, 2015 at 10:01 PM

JH

“ Joy Morningstar Hazelton lit a candle in memory of Milo Ritter White Jr.



Joy Morningstar Hazelton - June 26, 2015 at 09:26 PM

AB

“ He told me to call him Milo... Well, Dr. White had the good sense to hire me in 1985 ;) He was a gracious and kind man. Shortly after beginning my job at Pioneer, I experienced a family tragedy. Having been employed just a few months, I had not collected enough time to be off from work. He and my dear Jim Clark gave me all the time I needed to heal. Later when I was transferred to Huron, he was my welcoming party. We reminisced about the better days in the past. I told him how indebted to him I was for hiring me and thanked him for his kindness after my nephew's death. He said the best way to thank him was to call him Milo. Milo, they broke the mold and no longer hire principals of your caliber.
Sincere sympathies to everyone whose life was graced by Milo,
Alicia Bryant

Alicia Bryant - June 26, 2015 at 08:11 PM

CS

“ Mr. White was one of my favorite teachers. I learned a lot from him. I was so happy to talk to him again at our 50th class reunion. He made a big impact on a lot of students lives. He will not be forgotten. Love and prayers to his family.
Sincerely,
Carol Schonberger Spears

Carol Schonberger Spears - June 26, 2015 at 06:49 PM

"N

“ Milo White=great educator, great community citizen, great friend.

"Nord" (John) Nordlinger

"Nord" (John) Nordlinger - June 26, 2015 at 02:12 PM

ME

“ Dr. White was my principal at Ann Arbor Pioneer High from 1983-1986. My thoughts and prayers to his family! Rest in peace sir!
Mark Edman, class of '86

Mark Edman - June 26, 2015 at 02:10 PM

RB

“ Milo was Principal at Pioneer when I started there in 1976. He was a quiet spoken man, one of a kind! Funny though that he had a hard time saying yes or no to student council, instead he would say MAYBE. So one year, they made a large wooden type of paddle as a gift to him. One side said yes, the other side said no. He got a chuckle out of that.

Rita Brockway - June 26, 2015 at 10:58 AM

RB

“ Rita Brockway lit a candle in memory of Milo Ritter White Jr.



Rita Brockway - June 26, 2015 at 10:53 AM

EG

“ I worked for Milo and I worked with him. He was the consummate professional. Kind. Smart. Forgiving. I liked nothing more than to eke that wry smile out of him. When he returned to the classroom at Huron, it was just more proof that he was an educator at heart and that kids mattered more than title. Kindest regards to Peter and heartfelt sympathy for all. Elizabeth Gray

Elizabeth Gray - June 26, 2015 at 10:19 AM

EA

“ Elizabeth Arcangeli lit a candle in memory of Milo Ritter White Jr.



Elizabeth Arcangeli - June 25, 2015 at 09:58 PM

AB

“ Alicia Bryant lit a candle in memory of Milo Ritter White Jr.



Alicia Bryant - June 25, 2015 at 08:16 PM

KS

“ Kristen Shuert lit a candle in memory of Milo Ritter White Jr.



Kristen Shuert - June 25, 2015 at 06:19 PM

JM

“ Goodby Man of Dartmouth, goodby my boss, my mentor, my friend.
Deepest sympathies to all who will miss his presence. Judith Mich

Judith G. Mich - June 25, 2015 at 01:02 PM

JB

Milo was the consummate professional--yet, he always had that shy smile. We lost a good man. John A. Bayerl

John A. Bayerl - June 26, 2015 at 08:00 PM

RH

I am so stunned to learn of Milo's passing at this late date. I would have been honored to attend his service, celebrate his life, and offer support to Sandy. A true BLUE Michigan man - I was so looking forward to his take on the Harbaugh Era and my annual ribbing about the Lions. Milo personified so much of what I have come to know and love about the Ann Arbor Schools - he truly will be missed! Rick Hall

Rick Hall - June 27, 2015 at 12:14 PM

BS

Milo and I were colleagues at Pioneer and Huron. We also were classmates in graduate courses at Michigan. He was a great teacher, leader, and friend. He did retirement as well as he did schoolwork. I will miss his newsy notes at Christmas. He kept me up to date on the Ann Arbor School news.
Bob Sloan, St Augustine, Fl

Bob Sloan - June 28, 2015 at 05:47 PM

BH

I was the Mathematics Department Chair at Huron when Milo was the Social Studies Department Chair. He always brought wisdom and direction to our meetings. He will surely be missed.

William L. Harris

Bill Harris - July 01, 2015 at 08:06 AM