



## James Alfred White

January 26, 1936 - January 12, 2025

James (Jim) Alfred White, 88, of Pilot Point, TX passed away on Sunday, January 12, 2025, in Pilot Point, TX. He was born on January 26, 1936, in Newburgh, NY to James Frederick and Henrietta Julia (Springstead) White.

Jim served in the United States Air Force as an aircraft mechanic. He was assigned to the B-36 Bomber during the Korean War era. After the military, Jim worked as a carpenter in New York. Upon the death of his second wife, Janice Lewallen, he moved to Texas to be near his sons. Jim met his wife, Gloria Jean Perkins, and they got married on July 31, 2004, in Bryan, TX. He became a Petroleum Landman, working alongside Gloria. Through the years he studied music, and without any formal lessons he taught himself to play the organ, violin, accordion, chapman stick, and harp. Jim built and flew his own experimental airplane. He enjoyed motorcycles, 4-wheelers, metal detecting, macrame, and playing games with friends and family. Jim also enjoyed dancing, traveling, and kayaking.

Jim was active in the church, where he loved to sing in the choir. He had an infectious smile, and his hugs and joyful spirit uplifted everyone he met. Jim's love for God, family, and friends was obvious. His trust in God, even in the face of adversity, was inspiring.

Jim is survived by his wife of 20 years, Gloria; two sons, James R. White and

his wife Darlene of Cleveland, TX and Timothy W. White of Splendora, TX; two granddaughters, Harley White and Timbra White of Splendora, TX; and three great grandchildren, Jesse, Benji, and Kennedy Tamez; three bonus children with his wife Janice, Becky Costanzo her husband Chris of Atlanta, GA, Brian Lewallen, and Brad Lewallen; two bonus grandchildren, Cody and Tanner Weir; one bonus daughter with his wife Gloria, Karen Rabroker and husband Andrew of Carrollton, TX; five bonus grandchildren, Sarah Moreau and husband Leo of Wasilla, AK, Justin Rabroker and wife Kodie of Carrollton, TX, Scott Rabroker of Lewisville, TX, Robby Rabroker and Samantha Rabroker of Carrollton, TX; three bonus great grandchildren, Baron Moreau, Thomas Rabroker, and Skylar Rabroker.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Henrietta; daughter-in-law, Marlene White; bonus son, Jesse Mayes; and bonus grandson, Dylan Costanzo.

A memorial service will be held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at New Hope Baptist Church in Aubrey, TX.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to New Hope Baptist Church 5800 Hwy. 377 Aubrey, TX 76227.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.slaymemorial.com](http://www.slaymemorial.com)

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 23. 6:30 PM (CT)

New Hope Baptist Church

5800 US-377

Aubrey, TX 76227

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<https://www.newhopeaubrey.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ With all the hustle and bustle of life, I finally have a chance to share a little of what an amazing man Jim and what an impression he left in our lives. We met Jim and Gloria through church. They were on our CARE program and we were assigned to them. I've only known them a year yet feels like a lifetime. Every Sunday morning we'd make our way through the crowds that always surrounded them. We were greeted with Jim's joyous, heartfelt, loving smile, sparkling eyes and Gloria's sincere warm embraces. I'd always say good morning handsome. He'd reach out and bear hug me with his available arm that wasn't holding on to a cane, always asking how I was. He'd grip my husband hand and never failed to lean in for a hug. One time, we went to Babe's in Sanger. Sadly Gloria sat down on a chair that had sweet tea on it. My husband lovingly calls her, ummm I'll just leave that between us. Let's just say we got free desserts all around! Before we could sit at the new table, Jim took Gloria's hand and they started dancing right there in the middle of Babe's as if they it were only the two of them. My heart melted as I watched them look into each others eyes, smiling and holding each other tight. We sat there for what seemed like hours talking about anything and everything. We connected that day, a bond that has only gotten stronger. We were blessed to visit with Jim and Gloria the Tuesday before he passed. Even through the pain and agony he was having, he was smiling! He made it a point to make sure my husband knew how valuable he was and pointing him in the right way to find a better job. He said he couldn't ask for more than to have people he loved most around him; family and church family. Gloria's daughter and son in law were there, too. We knew that would be the last time we saw that beautiful smile and how blessed we were to share in that last able day. This was the Jim we knew and grew to love. Jim and Gloria were the meaning of true love, Godly love, and real friendship. With heavy heart we say good bye here on earth, but know we will see Jim again. Todd and Lori Galloway

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Lori Galloway - February 10, 2025 at 11:12 AM

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“ It was in the bustling days of the Eagle Ford Shale that I first met Jim White, working alongside him and his beloved wife, Gloria, as petroleum landmen. What struck me immediately – and what I'll always remember – were his eyes. They had a special twinkle when he smiled, reflecting the warmth and genuine kindness of his spirit. Jim was the very definition of a Christian gentleman, carrying himself with grace and integrity in both his professional and personal life. My husband, Craig, and I count ourselves blessed to have known Jim and to call him our friend. While Jim will be deeply missed, the memory of that smile and characteristic twinkle in his eyes will forever remain in our hearts.  
Rosie Hackney

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**Rosie Hackney** - January 20, 2025 at 07:37 PM

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“ My husband, Dewey, and I have been friends with Jim and Gloria since before they married. We were privileged to spend 100's of countless hours with them dancing and enjoying each other's company. Jim was such a kind and wonderful friend and loved Gloria with all his heart. He was a man of great faith and always optimistic about life and had such an easy laugh. They made a wonderful life together and we are so blessed that they are a parts of ours. Ask them about "Besame mucho", one of my favorite stories he told. You will be missed Jimbo! Love always!  
Dewey and Rhonda

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**Dewey and Rhonda Carpenter** - January 15, 2025 at 06:20 PM

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“ Jim was a wonderful man. His smile lit up his face and others. I loved hearing him laugh too! He and Gloria always sat at the front of the church. I will always think of him when I see his spot. We will really miss him!

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**Sandra Marble** - January 15, 2025 at 03:06 PM