



Donald Eugene White

September 16, 1938 - May 7, 2019

Donald Eugene White, age 80, of Mattoon, IL peacefully passed away at 3:20 PM, Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at his residence.

A funeral mass in his honor will be held at 10:00 AM, Friday, May 10, 2019 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 320 N 21st Street, Mattoon, IL. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be held at a later date. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash, Mattoon, IL is in charge of services.

He was born on September 16, 1938, in St. Elmo, IL the son of Guy and Sylvia (Evans) White. He married Swaylien Chen on January 4, 1975; she survives. Also surviving is one brother, Darrell White and wife Billie of Olney, IL; one sister, Janice Lingafelter and husband Rick of Minooka, IL; and sister-in-law, Velma White of Decatur, IL. He is preceded in death by one brother, Ray White.

Mr. White started teaching in Mattoon in 1961, followed by teaching post at Lockport, Joliet, England, Japan, Philippines, and Taiwan. He returned to Mattoon in 1973 where he continued teaching until he retired in 1994. He then worked with student teachers at Eastern Illinois University through 1995 and Southeast Missouri State University through 1997. From 1997 through 2005, he taught English as Second Language (ESL) children for Mattoon Schools. He enjoyed playing fast pitch softball, traveling and teaching children throughout his life. He was a proud teacher and touched the lives of many.

Memorials in his honor may be made to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Events

MAY **Visitation** 09:00AM - 10:00AM

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Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Mattoon, IL, US, 61938

MAY **Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ He was my teacher at the Junior high. He told me one day to see him after school, I worried all day wondering what I had done. At the end of the day I went to his room,. There was a box on his desk. He began to tell me how he noticed I was always doing for others and never asking for anything in return. He handed me the box off his desk. I opened it and it was a school jacket. I was shocked. I wore that jacket everyday until it practically fell off my body. I saved it as a reminder to always be charitable, be aware of those around you. And never pass up an opportunity to impact another person's life. Thank you Mr. White, rest in the arms of Jesus.

Ray Daniels - May 18, 2019 at 10:57 AM



“ Alice Scott lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene White



Alice Scott - May 10, 2019 at 11:53 AM