



# Edwin Cole White

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## **Edwin Cole White**

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**E**dwin Cole White went to be with his Lord on November 2, 2008, at the age of 95 after a short illness. He was born August 30, 1913, in Garland, Texas. Ed was the last surviving sibling of nine children born to John Franklin and Leota Lillie White. While growing up in Garland, playing tennis was a big part of Ed's life. He won a Dallas County Championship in high school and attended Erskine College in South Carolina on a tennis scholarship. He and his son, Dean, played together and won many Father and Son tournaments. At age 55, Ed could still jump the tennis net after a win.

Ed married Mary Eva Underwood in Carthage, Texas on August 20, 1939, and recently celebrated 69 joyous years of marriage. They were a loving couple and devoted their lives to the Lord, each other and their family. Ed was a wonderful husband, an exceptional father and a true friend. He is survived by his wife, Eva; two children, Dr. Dean White and wife, Vickie, of Granbury and daughter, Cynthia Christian and husband, Larry, of Longview; five grandchildren, Shelley Christian Auer of Houston, Jennifer Biddle and husband, Ryan, of Austin, Lindsay Hodges and husband, Brian of Roanoke, Texas, Clark Christian and wife, Jennifer, of Dickson, Tennessee and Shannon Cole Davidson and husband, Scott, of Austin; three great grandchildren, Avery and Emerson Hodges and Jack Christian; and many nieces and nephews.

Ed served in World II in England with the 8th Air Force. He was a Staff Sargent attached to the Royal Air Force where he lived and worked with the British soldiers. He had a great admiration for the British people. After the war ended in 1945, Ed returned to resume his work with Nabisco. Quickly rising to Branch Manager, Ed spent the greater part of his 35 year career in Amarillo, Texas. In 1977, Ed and Eva retired and moved to Lake Cherokee to enjoy fishing, traveling the world, and playing with their grandchildren.

Ed was respected for his integrity, motivational skills, and dedication to his work and church. With enthusiasm and love for the Lord, Ed lived by Micah 6:8, "acting justly, loving mercy and



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walking humbly with God". He began to teach adult Sunday school classes in 1954, studying and preparing daily for 46 years. Ed served on numerous committees and held many church offices including Sunday school superintendent, deacon and elder. He was a longtime member and teacher at Trinity Baptist Church of Lakeport where the members affectionately called him "Brother Ed" or "Mister Ed".

Ed was 11th generation descendant of John Howland who came to this country on the Mayflower.

The family is very grateful for the excellent care and loving concern that were showered on Ed during his illness by the 4th floor South nursing staff of Good Shepherd Medical Center and the staffs of Beacon Hospice and Margaret's House.

Services will be at the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home, Longview, by Dr. Gary Orr and Dr. Dean White, at 10 a.m. Wednesday, November 5, 2008. Internment will be in Rosewood Park in Longview. Visitation will be held Tuesday, November 4, 2008, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Rader Funeral Home in Longview.

If desired memorials may be made to Beacon Hospice, P O Box 5908, Longview, Texas 75608 or the Youth Mission, Trinity Baptist Church, P O Box 8286, Longview, Texas 75607.



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**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry to hear of your loss of a very special man. Although I did not have the opportunity to be around him very often, the times Chris and I were around him always brought a smile to our faces. He always had a smile on his face ad a twinkle in his eye and loved to hear his stories he would tell. I know he is in the special place that God had reserved for him in heaven.Warmest regards to the family.Charlotte Daugherty##imported-begin##Charlotte Daugherty##imported-end##

November 11 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

EVA, SORRY TO HEAR OF ED'S PASSING. I WORKED FOR ED IN THE LATE 1960'S HE GAVE ME MY FIRST SALES JOB AND WAS A GREAT INSPIRATION TO ME AND ALL THE FELLOWS THAT I BROUGHT INTO THE COMPANY WITH ME. WE WILL ALWAYS CHERISH THE WILD AND CRAZY SALES MEETINGS WE HAD WITH ED. HE CERTAINLY COULD EXCITE A SALES TEAM. ED WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED BY ALL THE BOY'S FROM NEW MEXICO. BILL IRWIN LUBBOCK TEXAS##imported-begin##WILLIAM IRWIN##imported-end##

November 10 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Cindi & Family,Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this time.##imported-begin##Larry & Rita Frantzen##imported-end##

November 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

With sincere love and sympathy for your loss of a very special man. Each of the White siblings and spouses were so special in my faith journey and I treasure Ed and Eva's special witness in my life. I know your memories are a treasure store and a beacon for your life. God bless you all.Nancy Worden##imported-begin##Nancy and David Worden##imported-end##

November 4 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dearest Family, Thank you so much for letting Beacon Hospice and Margaret's House take care of your precious Ed. It was our honor to be there during your most intimate time. Rene'##imported-begin##Rene' Scott##imported-end##

November 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dearest Cindy, Larry & Family, You are all so special to me and I hold you close to my heart. I pray that you will have the best of memories of all the good times you all had with your Dad and Granddad. God bless you all at this difficult time. Love, Barbara Croxton##imported-begin##Barbara Croxton##imported-end##

November 3 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Eva, I am so sorry to learn of Ed's death. I know you will miss him so much. You had such a long and happy life together so remember the good parts. I think of Ed every time I put crackers, etc, in the freezer as I never knew you could do that until he told me.##imported-begin##Dorothy Garth##imported-end##

November 3 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Cyndi, Our love and prayers are with you now as you mourn the loss of your precious father.##imported-begin##Linda & John Cotten##imported-end##

November 3 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dean and Vickie, Just want you to know you are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Buddy and Cynthia Odom##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

To Mary Eva, Dean, and Cindy:we share your loss but we know Uncle Ed is in a better place and is at peace.##imported-begin##Robert M. Underwood##imported-end##

November 3 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dr. White and Family:Much heartfelt prayers and condolences to you all during this difficult time. May you find comfort in reflecting on the selfless acts your Dad consistently enriched his family and friends with throughout his life.Debbie Paganelli & Dana Sanders, Lucy Norris & Janet Villasenor, Dr. Susann Land & Cheryl Kossler& your Administration Family atHarris Methodist HEB Hospital##imported-begin##Dana Sanders##imported-end##

November 3 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Eva, Dean, Cindy and family, We will miss Mr. Ed. He was a special man in the life of our Church. We will always remember the guidance he gave, the friendship he shared, the example he set, and his love for Jesus and his family. May wonderful memories bring a special peace to each of you in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Nell Raper##imported-end##

November 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To the White family: We're thinking about you during this difficult time. But be comforted in his "homecoming". We pray the Lord will give you peace and comfort. Mike and Elizabeth##imported-begin##Mike & Elizabeth Bezeredi##imported-end##

November 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dean and Vickie, we are so sorry for your loss. May God give you peace during this difficult time. The Dean Family##imported-begin##Donny and Julia Dean##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your families as you celebrate the great life of Edwin Cole White and morn his passing. As the memorial said, "he is with his lord", who he served so well and for so long!Love,David and Claudia##imported-begin##David & Claudia Frost##imported-end##

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Edwin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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