



Dr. Harold F. White

September 2, 2022

On Friday, September 2, 2022, Lancaster, PA, lost its heart and soul when the legendary

Dr. Harold F. White passed on to Glory at the age of 90. He had been under a physician's care in Washington, D.C.

Harold Frederick White, Sr, Lancaster, was the husband of the late Ruth Lorraine (Bowser) White and had been a resident of Lancaster City for over 60 years. Dr. White was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, on June 25, 1932, the son of the late Clayborne M. White and Carrie G. (Jackson) White. He was the second youngest of six siblings: Clayborne M. White Jr., Charlotte R. White, Elizabeth G. (White) Morrison, Robert L. White, and Esther M. White.

In 1950, Harold graduated from Reading High School and started his college education at Lincoln University. He initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Beta Chapter at Lincoln University, and later joined the Kappa Omega graduate chapter in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He served in The United States Army from 1953 to 1955. In 1956, he graduated from Lincoln University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. He continued to advance and graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1961.

Dr. White moved to Lancaster to serve his internship at the Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital. In 1962, he started his private practice. One of his

proudest moments was in 1972 when he partnered with The Lancaster Urban League and Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital to provide the first Sickle Cell Anemia screening tests to black elementary school students.

During his 50-plus years in practice, Dr. White was affiliated with the Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital, the Community Hospital of Lancaster, and Lancaster General Hospital. He was also a member of several medical associations: Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (President, Board of Trustees, House of Delegates), the American Osteopathic Association (House of Delegates), and the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery (Fellow), the Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital Department of Family Practice (President). In 1980, the Pennsylvania Osteopathic General Practice honored Dr. White as "Physician of the Year".

In 1970, Dr. White ran for a seat on the Board of the School District of Lancaster to be a voice for the community and was the first black member to be elected. During his 24 years of service, Dr. White was elected Board President, served as Chairman of the curriculum committee, and served on every board committee on the Lancaster Foundation for Educational Enrichment and the advisory board of the Multicultural Enrichment Center. In 1995, the Board of the School District of Lancaster voted to name the new library in the McCaskey East building after Dr. White, in honor of his outstanding dedication and commitment to the education and well-being of the children in the district.

Dr. White's community involvement reached far and wide, including The Rotary Club of Lancaster where he was a Paul Harris Fellow, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lancaster (Founding Board Member), SouthEast Lancaster Health Services (Founding Board Member), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Urban League of Lancaster County

(President 1971-75 and 2004-07), and the Lancaster Chapter of the American Red Cross (Board of Directors 1968-1984).

Dr. White is survived by his four children Vera (Lee), Harold Jr., Michele (Cynthia), and Marc; three grandchildren, Jessica, James, and Christian; his sister, Elizabeth G. (White) Morrison; Sister-in-Law, Opal L. White; and Brother-in-Law, John E. Bowser (Frances); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

Friends and the community are invited to pay their respects during a public viewing on Thursday, September 15, 2022, from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603. Parking is available. All visitors are encouraged to wear a mask and observe social distancing guidelines.

The Homecoming Service to honor Dr. Harold F. White will be held on Friday, September 16, 2022. Due to Covid-19, capacity is restricted and necessitates a PRIVATE, family service. However, we invite and encourage the community to join us via live stream on Friday, September 16, 2022 starting at 10:00 a.m. by clicking on this link <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/9258069120>. Private interment in Charles Evans Cemetery will follow immediately after the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that remembrances be made in the form of contributions to the JFGoodwin-Scholarship-Fund. Dr. White sought assistance from this organization during his matriculation at Lincoln University. Their scholarship enabled Dr. White to achieve his dream of becoming a physician. Mail donations to The J. F. Goodwin Scholarship Club, P.O. Box 386, Bethlehem, PA 18016. Donations are tax-deductible.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Harold F. White*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Comfort lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harold F. White*



comfort - September 21, 2022 at 08:10 AM



Michele, your dad was so fun to be with. May his gentle soul find eternal rest with the Lord 🌸🌺🌻🙏🙏🙏. Comfort

comfort - September 21, 2022 at 08:13 AM



My deepest condolences to the family. Thank you so much for blessing Lancaster with the trusting compassionate skill of not only helping our physical bodies but looking out for our mental health as well all his patients felt God's love from him I personally and my sisters will forever cherish Dr. White and family ps. I know he's happy to be back with his flawless wife she was gorgeous.

Louise - January 02, 2023 at 11:50 AM

PA

“ I first met. Harold White when, I was a young girl sick and was homeless and a runaway he was in his office his wife let me in and he took care of me got me better and then after that, I was with him from day 1 till he retired you no, Mark was the best also he would let me daughter answer the phone cause he was so busy all the time and she was always their to help him mark we are sorry but you are missed and also the reason his funeral was live was because he dilivered and made well to so many ppl that the funeral parlor wouldnt have been able to hold the massive event of harold white and their would have been lines miles long and so their for its why it was over the internet on live tv but in a way that was good but also bad because not everyone new this and we all missed out on seeing the best man that was known to us the best ever come on now could have been better you no. I will miss dr white and he was a great doctor people didnt like him some hated him but he never hated me and when i was learning several things due to my mental illness he would say i dont work on these days come to the house and and i will be here knick on the back door and dont worry about mark but mark was never their any ways and he talked to me in the kitchen and showed me several things and that will never be disclosed to anyone and we had a good chat and I left. Mark used to tell me you better never come to the house to see my dad well mark sorry but i did several times. Anyways he got my life on the right path he dont to me the right for mental illness and i may still have it today but not as bad as when i first met him. His wife was so nice i think everyone loved her and then he was alone and he was just great and great man that what i want to say. if anyone wants to remember him go to his grave sit and talk to him let him know you care and that you will always be their for him cause im sure no one else will be doing that but i will and thats a fact. Rip harold Ill always remember you and love you always... God Speed.

PamelaFix - September 20, 2022 at 12:28 PM

PA

“ PamelaFix lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harold F. White



PamelaFix - September 20, 2022 at 12:18 PM

YH

“ A comfort for your loss. To the White Family may God keep you in your time of sorrow and remembrance.
Yvonne & Myra

Yvonne Harris - September 16, 2022 at 08:58 PM

TR

“ I am sending condolences from the Knox-Ramseur family to the White family. We have been friends and family for many years. Our hearts are truly heavy. He will be missed. Be well.

Terry Knox Ramseur and Family

Terry Knox Ramseur - September 16, 2022 at 01:20 PM

NN

“ My condolences to the family he was the best doctor I ever had. There was no other doctor like him he care for his patients.

Nicksa Nieves - September 15, 2022 at 05:38 PM

RW

“ Our sincerest condolences to all that knew and loved him. Much love to Michelle, Cynthia, Christian and James. Peace and blessings to you all.



Roxanne Williams - September 13, 2022 at 02:47 PM

BC

“ Dr. White was a wonderful man, when I first moved to Lancaster from New York, I needed a Dr. Someone recommended Dr. White, I enjoyed talking to him, I would set myself to talk with him for a long time, but It was a joy to do so, My deepest condolences to the family, and he will be missed. I remember his wonderful baritone voice singing in Bright Side Baptist Church choir.

Barbara Cameron - September 13, 2022 at 09:50 AM



“ I'm So sorry to hear about the passing of a GREAT man when I lived in Lancaster Dr. White was my Family Doctor for many years. This man with that great smile will truly be MISSED. He fought a Good FIGHT. My Prayers are with the FAMILY. Ruthie King

Ruthie King - September 12, 2022 at 10:37 AM

EJ

You were one of my favorite doctors, I remember the day my first son was born, like it was today. You were a great person, many blessings to the family, RIP

Eva L de Jesus - September 12, 2022 at 12:57 PM

AG

Dr White was our family Dr for many years. He was a fine Dr. Made me laugh when he would crack my mom,s. bones! Rest In Peace

Angela Crespo Glenn - September 12, 2022 at 02:49 PM

MS

Dr. White was my family dr when i was a child for many years. I will always have love and respect for this GREAT man....RIP SIR

MICKEY LERONNIE STEVENSON - September 12, 2022 at 06:28 PM

LW

I met Dr White in 1995 when I came to live in America. I. was carrying my only child and Dr White saw my pregnancy was life threatening., he acted quickly and ensured that I had the best care.He was very attentive,and caring.He had a quite voice.Today I am an employee at his Alma Mater,Lincoln U.RIP Dr White,you were kind and brilliant and loved the Lord.

Leonie Walters - September 12, 2022 at 09:22 PM

LP

“ *Loreen G. Patterson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harold F. White*



Loreen G. Patterson - September 11, 2022 at 05:36 PM

BV

“ *I'm sadden by the news of a your passing. You were such a wonderful doctor to my children, family and myself 😞 May you R.I.P. my Friend.*

You will always be remembered 🕯️ 🙏

My deepest condolences to the family. You are all in my prayers 🙏

Brenda Vazquez - September 11, 2022 at 04:42 PM

VS

“ Dear Vera, Harold, Michelle and Marc,
You may not remember me but for quite a few years, I baby sat u when I was in high school and college. Having grown up in Conestoga Woods, Dr Bove was my neighbor. My sincerest sympathy to u all with the passing of ur father. I continued seeing ur father after college, as I was a teacher in SDoL for 33 years. While he was on the school board I would see him occasionally at Fulton Elementary Scool where I taught. It was always a pleasure to see him and I admired his devotion to the school district. He was a good man and always put his patients needs on the fore front. I know how important he was to the community. I will keep u all in my thoughts and prayers. Ur parents created a wonderful legacy.
Vicky Kirchoff Suter

Vicky Suter - September 11, 2022 at 03:09 PM

MN

“ Dr. White was not only my family doctor for years but a special friend who I can call at any time wether I was sick or just needed someone to talk to. He was a very special person not just to me but to the community. Dr. White was the kind of person that would see patients whether they had money to pay him or not people always came first to him. My family and me only have good memories of him and will always cherished that. We will miss him dearly may he Rest In Peace. I had tried looking for him when he closed his and was always concerned about him because he wanted to continue to work with the community this is a big lost to me and the people that loved him. My respects to the family especially Mark who I personally knew. Maria & Victor

Maria Placeres & Victor Victor Nuesi - September 11, 2022 at 08:38 AM



“ You will be missed thank you for being the best doctor

T - September 11, 2022 at 07:42 AM

DP

“ I’m a friend of Michele, Cynthia and the boys. Thinking of all the love given to be present for Dr White in his time of need. Lighting a candle in memory of Dr White and all the love he gave to his family. May He Rest in Power. 💜



Donna Payne-Hardy - September 10, 2022 at 04:13 PM

ED

dr white was the best dr I ever had I will always love u u will be missed till we meet again ericka selby Darcus

ericka Darcus - September 12, 2022 at 09:53 AM

MK

“ I remember being so sick when I was younger. He and his wife opened his office to evaluate me. I sat there puking my guts up while his wife cleaned up after me. He admitted me to Community Hospital and took such good care of me. Also, all the times he cared for my grandparents. My grandma trusted no one but him and Marc. Condolences to Dr Whites family. From the Fryberger family

melana kiuri - September 10, 2022 at 12:38 PM

PA

me too

PamelaFix - September 20, 2022 at 12:18 PM

DO

“ *May you sleep in peace Dr White, you were beyond a good Dr you were a good person, I can remember from a little girl up to a grown woman when you closed your office everytime I came to my appointment I felt comfortable it was a feeling being apart of knowing that a Dr truly cared something I haven't had since.I seen you help the homeless with a sandwich ext, you have been a blessing to the families of the 7th ward and I will truly miss you..*



Dorie - September 10, 2022 at 10:33 AM

B(

Sending My Condolences and Prayers living in the South East Dr. White was most of Our Physicians. He made payment plans for those who could not pay at their visit. He would always remember who owed money. Marc always had your chart ready. Great Memories .He could have went anywhere else but was determined to help his people in the 7 the ward. Take your rest, receive your crown Well Deserved.

Brenda (Felder)Jones - September 12, 2022 at 07:00 PM

BM

“ *Brenda Mchenry lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harold F. White*



Brenda Mchenry - September 10, 2022 at 09:42 AM

CL

“ *My deepest condolences to the White family. Dr. White was truly a salt of the earth. He was definitely a gift from God to the Lancaster community. Prayers and love sent to the family and the community. This pillar is now resting with his Heavenly Father*❤️🙏

Christina Ladson - September 10, 2022 at 09:13 AM

EB

“ *Such a Great Doctor. I remember had to get a physical for my Permit he looked at my chart and threw a small ball at me I caught it and he signed my papers for my permit. (said my reflects are good)*

Earla Bair - September 09, 2022 at 10:27 PM

BM

My Deepest sympathies to Family, Friends, His Patients. I for one from 18 yr's old Until the day he retired was my Dr. He was the best. He will be sadly missed. ♡

Brenda Mchenry - September 10, 2022 at 09:29 AM

LF

“ *I am deeply saddened about the passing of Dr. White. He and my husband were Reading High School 1950 classmates. They renewed their friendship in 2010 at their class reunion. They both participated in track and field sports. Sympathy to his family and many friends at this sad time.*

Linda Ferraro - September 09, 2022 at 09:37 PM

LF

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Linda Ferraro - September 09, 2022 at 09:34 PM

JB

“ Thank you is not enough you were like a second father to my sister Candy and I, you were our families Dr. All of my life, when I finished school I came to you and listened to you and started my medical career at Community Hospital You presented my sister Candy her diploma. You were such an inspiration and always a listening ear. Thank you you will be truly missed



Joann Cruz Brown - September 09, 2022 at 09:09 PM

EM

“ Dr white was my doctor my whole life. My condolences go to the whole family. I'm hoping Marc is doing alright and staying strong. I'll see everyone on the 15th



Eddie M - September 09, 2022 at 08:26 PM

MM

“ My condolences to Michele who I went to McCaskey with, and all the family.

Mary Morales - September 09, 2022 at 07:38 PM

CG

“ I'm broken hearted til we meet again Dr White Thank you for taking such good care of me from a young girl til adult woman you meant so much to me.I will always love you ,Fly high now you earned your wings! Cheryl Gamber.



Cheryl Gamber - September 09, 2022 at 07:23 PM

CA

“ *RIP Dr. White. You have gained your wings. 🙏*

Carmen Wright Artis - September 09, 2022 at 02:53 PM

DC

“ *I am forever grateful to Dr White for my career as an RN. I came from a very poor family and we lived down the street from his office on S Queen St. He must have seen potential in me and helped me to get a scholarship from LOH. I was a maternity nurse for 44 years. Rest In Peace sir 🙏🙏🙏*

donna carr - September 09, 2022 at 02:53 PM

BM

“ *My condolences and prayers to the family.*

Bonnie Morant



Bonnie Morant - September 09, 2022 at 02:24 PM

AC

“ *Michele and family, my deepest condolences. Your father was a true gem in our community he will surely ne missed but forgotten. Alex Cruz*

Alex Cruz - September 09, 2022 at 01:42 PM

CD

“ He will surely be missed he was my best friend and Dr he delivered my 3 children he helped me a lot he made house visits to my home he was most of my family’s Dr a great man and will never be forgotten 58 years he was my Dr a true and trusted person Rest Easy my Friend 🥺😭❤️❤️ My Prayers to his Family 🙏🙏🙏

Cathy Decker - September 09, 2022 at 12:11 PM

DW

“ My Nanny, who was born in 1902, was fortunate to have Dr. White as her doctor. She worked at the old Osteopathic Hospital many years ago. As a child, I remember her many comments about what a wonderful doctor she had. Thank you, Dr. White, for your kind, compassionate manner.

Debra Weber - September 09, 2022 at 08:44 AM

TD

“ Tina Dunsen lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harold F. White



Tina Dunsen - September 09, 2022 at 06:40 AM

JL

I was 7 years old, I was bit in the head by a boxer dog. Blood all over me as I was taken the ER at the Osteopathic. As I was being wheeled in I was told Dr White will be seeing me. I was 7, the Doctor was black. That was strange to me but I’ve never forgotten him. He put 9 stitches in my head. I’ve never forgotten you. It was 1962. God Bless

Jack Laukhuff - September 09, 2022 at 08:47 AM

BM

to the white family i,m so sorry for your loss dr white was my dr for a lot of years he helped me raise my 7 children i left pa and moved to conn left conn and moved back to york pa andfrom york to manchester pa i was shocked when i saw his obituary on my computer R.I.P DR WHITE YOU WERE THE BEST DR I,VE HAD GBU BESSIE BIGGER MAYO.

BESSIE BIGGER MAYO - September 20, 2022 at 04:36 PM