



## Harold Andrew White

August 3, 1940 - February 15, 2019

On Friday, February 15, 2019, the Lord reached down and called another soul, Harold Andrew White, to his eternal home. Born August 3, 1940, in Columbia, South Carolina, he was the sixth of seven children born to the late Thomas Andrew and Rosetta Edwards White. A proud graduate of C.A. Johnson High School in the Class of 1958, he loved to regale friends and family with stories of his childhood in Allen Benedict Court. After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from South Carolina State College (now South Carolina State University) in 1963, he was employed as an assistant coach and physical education teacher at Robert Smalls High School, Beaufort, South Carolina, before moving to Lakeview High School, West Columbia, South Carolina, where he was biology teacher, physical education teacher, head football coach, and basketball coach. He then returned to his alma mater as the assistant football coach and physical education teacher. His public school teaching career concluded at St. Andrew's Middle School in Columbia, South Carolina, after which he served a brief tenure as the Director of Student Activities at Benedict College.

In 1971, he joined the Athletic Department at the University of South Carolina (USC), where he remained until his retirement in 2007. There he was a pioneer, integrating the Athletic Department and holding positions of assistant football coach, Academic Advisor for Athletics, Associate Athletic Director, and Senior Associate Athletic Director of Academics and Student Services. At

USC, his top priority was to ensure that athletes had every opportunity to earn a degree. Harold always placed academics ahead of athletics when advising student athletes. He was the first Compliance Officer for the Athletics Department at USC.

Over the years Harold received numerous awards and recognitions. Among those were: Omega Man of the Year for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Omicron Phi Chapter; the prestigious Lan Hewlette Award of the National Association of Academic Advisors in recognition of his sustained professional service in academic advising for student athletes, high level of competency in administrative skills, merited stature and support from the athletes, faculty, coaches and fellow administrators as well as his innovative response to the varied and emergent needs of the athletes, and his leadership in university affairs; Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics; the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award by the Columbia Urban League in recognition of his commitment and leadership in leveling the academic playing field for athletes at USC; induction in the Columbia, South Carolina Housing Authority Hall of Fame; the Order of the Palmetto, the highest honor given by the State of South Carolina; and induction into the University of South Carolina Athletics Hall of Fame.

In addition to all of his works with student athletes, Harold served his community as well. He was a member of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame; Chairperson of the Heyward Career Center Foundation Board; member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Omicron Phi Chapter; and NAACP member.

Harold began his relationship with God at Bethlehem Baptist Church before joining Northminster Presbyterian Church where he served in many capacities including Elder. He later joined Brookland Baptist Church.

After retirement, Harold enjoyed church activities, attending sports activities, organizing summer sports activities at the University of South Carolina for Columbia Parks and Recreation campers, and being involved in the life of his four grandchildren.

He lived by the motto, "You do things in spite of, not because of."

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers: Thomas O. White, Frank W. White, James E. White, and Hugh A. White.

He leaves to cherish precious memories his devoted wife, Lilly Mozella Hodges White; two daughters: Tami White Richardson and Thyra White Austin; four grandchildren: Andrew Richardson, Amber Austin, Aaron Austin, and Alan Austin; a sister, Margaret Palmer; twin brother, Donald (Marcia) White; and other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

**Memorial Gardens of Columbia**

## Previous Events

### Public Viewing

FEB 21. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia  
1200 Fontaine Place  
Columbia, SC 29223  
(803) 786-6300  
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

### Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Ceremony

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### Public Viewing

FEB 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Brookland Baptist Church

## Celebration of Life

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FEB **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Brookland Baptist Church

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Andrew White*

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October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Coach Whites family. May God comfort and bless you during this difficult time. Coach White was such an inspiration to me when I walked on to the Carolina football team back in the early eighties. He treated me as I was on full scholarship and made sure I was always prepared for class by making sure if I needed help with a tutors or a class schedule to come see him. I would see Coach White over the last twenty years at football games and he always had a warm smile for me along with asking how I was doing in life after Carolina. Coach Rest In Peace and many thanks for the great start you gave me in life as a young man with your many words of encouragement. Byron C Yahnis Florence, SC*

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**Byron C Yahnis** - February 23, 2019 at 11:22 PM



“ *I loved seeing the light in his eyes when I called him "Coach". His sweet demeanor, smile and fatherly greetings always warmed my heart when I'd see him. He's been an awesome example to men, fathers, and coaches. He was loved and will be sorely missed.*

*Twila Jones*

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**Twila Jones** - February 22, 2019 at 09:42 AM

VR

“ I would like to thank Coach White for straightening out a skinny walk-on from New York who made me feel like apart of the team. He told me "just becuae you're walking on doesn't mean you can slack off on your studies, if you need help with let me know, I'll get you help." When he found out that I was pledging "Q" he said "son you can't do three things at the same time, football, classes and pledging!" I like to thank him for his wisdom and the love of Carolina Football!! Rest In Peace

*Vinny Reed*

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**Vincent Reed** - February 21, 2019 at 08:39 PM

CS

“ Harold was always in my life, beginning with my recollections of him as a young boy in Allen-Benedict Court. It seemed that Harold and my brother, Frank T. Smith, and Bobby Doctor and others were always together. Beautifully, all remained life-long friends.

*Even when I started working as a teacher, coach, school administrator, athletics administrator and district administrator in Richland One, Harold was always willing to share his time, wisdom and knowledge with me. I'll always be grateful!*

*Just some years ago, Harold was the procuring cause of current USC Athletics Director and Back-to-Back Baseball National Championship Coach Ray Tanner coming to speak Richland One's coaches, athletics directors and coordinators, secondary principals and district staff! What a great experience we all enjoyed!*

*To Lilly and the family;*

*There are souls in this world which have the gift of finding joy everywhere and of leaving it behind them when they go.  
Fredrick Faber*

*May the Peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 4:7*

*Sincerely,  
Carlos L. Smith*

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**Carlos Smith** - February 21, 2019 at 07:18 PM

CS

“ My condolences to the family. Sad for your loss. I enjoyed working with Coach White, as I was his secretary when he worked at the Roost. He was a very nice man. So glad that I had the opportunity to know him and the family.

*Cynthia Harvin Shell*

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**Cynthia H Shell** - February 21, 2019 at 06:31 PM

LC

“ *Linda Carroway-Jones lit a candle in memory of Harold Andrew White*



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**Linda Carroway-Jones** - February 21, 2019 at 03:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold Andrew White.*



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February 21, 2019 at 12:46 PM

TD

“ *Tim, Cynthia and Timothy Davis purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Harold Andrew White.*



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**Tim, Cynthia and Timothy Davis** - February 21, 2019 at 11:54 AM

TD

“ Coach White was a coach on the field as well as in life. He taught many lessons of Pride, Passion and Ethics. How to role up your shirt sleeves and get it done quietly and completely. Was always an inspiration to me and our children wherever and whenever he saw us. We will miss him especially after Church. A Great Man. Timothy and Cynthia Davis

Timothy Davis - February 21, 2019 at 10:42 AM

DB

“ DD&J Junior Tennis Foundation & Domino Boulware purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Harold Andrew White.



DD&J Junior Tennis Foundation & Domino Boulware - February 21, 2019 at 10:13 AM

EG

“ Harold and I often ate brunch together at Church on Sundays. We shared a strong love for family and sports. He was a very special person who made significant contribution to our community. I will miss our discussion of family and sports.

Eugene George - February 21, 2019 at 12:21 AM

BJ

“ Beth Law and Kenneth Law, Jr. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harold Andrew White.



Beth Law and Kenneth Law, Jr. - February 20, 2019 at 10:55 PM



“ *Mrs. White. We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Harold. You and your family are in our prayers and you have our sincere condolences.*

*The family of Rev. Henry Alexander III*

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**Francesca Roberts** - February 20, 2019 at 09:51 PM



FJ

“ *Fred and Rosetta lit a candle in memory of Harold Andrew White.*

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**Fred D Gore Jr** - February 20, 2019 at 07:41 PM



PH

“ *My sincere condolences to the White family for the loss of my dear friend Harold White. May God continue to be with you during this time. Sincerely, Phyllis Bassard Hutchinson*

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**Phyllis Bassard Hutchinson** - February 20, 2019 at 05:53 PM

AS

“ *Aishah Shahidah Simmons purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Harold Andrew White.*

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**Aishah Shahidah Simmons** - February 20, 2019 at 01:22 PM



JD

“ My sincere condolences to the White family. The Columbia community has lost a trail has lost a “trail blaze” who worked tirelessly for the causes he believed in. Rest In Peace Brother White.

*John Dozier*

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**John Dozier** - February 20, 2019 at 09:32 AM

FP

“ I attended USC in the mid 70's, Coach White's presence on campus was a source of pride and confidence for black students. He is an icon to us, we were able to have wonderful college experiences and make great memories due to his support of the Zeta Zeta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi. His sponsoring of Zeta Zeta's parties at the "Frat House" gave us a place to gather and enjoy college life. I remember one particular party when the time fell back and many tried to convince him we had an extra hour, he sent us packing because he had to "go home to my family ". He set the standard! I wish love, light and peace to his wife, daughters and family members as they journey to a new normal.

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**Frances Gaillard Parker** - February 20, 2019 at 09:06 AM

AH

“ I worked with Coach White in the Athletics Department. He was such a cheerful, compassionate and wise man. He always called me Nettie with an emphasis on the 'tie'. So sad that he has passed.



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**Annette Hass-Hunt** - February 20, 2019 at 08:35 AM

GF

“ *Gretta Frierson lit a candle in memory of Harold Andrew White*



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**Gretta Frierson** - February 20, 2019 at 12:27 AM

GF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the White family. We are deeply saddened by the passing of Harold. He was our former neighbor, we were at South Carolina State College together, and he was our former church member( Northminster Presbyterian Church). He was a 'wonderful' man. He will truly be missed.*

*Lucious and Gretchel Frierson, Sr. and family*

*Columbia, SC*

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**Gretchel Frierson** - February 19, 2019 at 11:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harold Andrew White.*



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February 19, 2019 at 10:22 PM

GB

“ *Gloria Graham Boyd lit a candle in memory of Harold Andrew White*



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**Gloria Graham Boyd** - February 19, 2019 at 04:28 PM

GB

“ *Harold always spoke to me with real kindness and a check-in that was memorable. He will be missed. It was informative and rewarding for me to attend his 2016 presentation at the University of South Carolina.*

*My warmest condolences to Mozella, Tami, Thyra and his grandchildren.*

*Gloria Graham Boyd*

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**Gloria Graham Boyd** - February 19, 2019 at 04:27 PM

ML

“ *Rest In Peace.*

*C A J Class of70*

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**Mary F Livingston** - February 19, 2019 at 06:34 AM

DJ

“ *MY LIFE LONG FRIEND, A MAN AMONG MEN.REST WELL PAL YOU FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT.*



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**DON JENNINGS** - February 19, 2019 at 04:04 AM

JP

“ *Coach White was my first real boss and he taught me life lessons that I still pass on. His wisdom and legacy will last on.*

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**john pincelli** - February 18, 2019 at 08:41 PM

JE

“ *I was shocked and saddened to hear of Harold's death. He was a dear friend, starting at childhood. Harold was a fine man and a significant influence for good in others' lives. I was privileged to have known him. Perhaps the knowledge that my thoughts are with you and your family at this time will help a little to sustain you. When you feel sorrow in these times, look to your heart for happy memories.*

*Bountiful blessings,*

*Johnny (Rock) and Gertrude Edwards  
West Orange, New Jersey*

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**Johnny Edwards** - February 18, 2019 at 07:43 PM

MC

*So sorry to hear of your loss. Joe spoke often about hanging out with the White boys when on furlough from SCSC. Grew to love the family and he and Harold remained friends until his passing. Blessings and peace be with you and the family, always.*

*Mable Grant Christian March 5, at 1:53 PM  
Charlotte, NC*

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**Mable Christian** - March 05, 2019 at 01:57 PM