



William "Bill" White

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William "Bill" White, 66 of Umatilla passed away on Thursday, November 26, 2009. Bill played tribute to Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong and entertained audiences all over the United States and Canada. He was a regular member of the award winning show, "Legends in Concert" in Las Vegas and the "Mickey Finn Show". Bill entertained thousands of guests for over ten years at Rosie O'Gradys in Orlando and at Walt Disney World. He is survived by his wife; Barbara, three children, four step children, fifteen grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and one sister. He was a Christian and a Veteran of the Vietnam War having served in the United States Marine Corp. Bill will be missed by all and remembered for his kindness and compassion as well as his talent. Friends called in the Hamlin & Hilbish Chapel on Tuesday, December 1, from Noon until 2 PM. The family requests those desiring direct memorials to the children's charity of their choice. Services were private with interment in Lakeside Memory Gardens, Eustis.



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Anonymous posted:

card2|fh##imported-begin####imported-end##

January 16 at 6:25 PM



Anonymous posted:

I served with Bill in the USMC Band and have great memories of him.He was a really fun man to be around, and a great entertainer.Frank Tatarelli##imported-begin##Frank Tatarelli##imported-end##

December 11 at 7:38 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our dear friend we are so sorry to hear of your passing. We will never forget those Marine Corp. days, SEMPER FI MY FRIEND. The beautiful biography describes you as we will always remember you. Your smile will live in our memories. Our daughter Marie was so very happy to see you at the vines. Until we meet again keep the music flowing and the angels singing.We will miss you Audrey & Family##imported-begin##Audrey M. Tatarelli##imported-end##

December 10 at 11:01 AM



Anonymous posted:

Aside from being a great performer on many levels Bill White was a great human being. I loved the times in the dressing room during the show Satchmo. He and Leroy Cooper would hold court, man the stories they would tell. A real treasure. I'm glad I had the opportunity to know and work with him.To the White family, may you have peace in this time.##imported-begin##Kenny Walker##imported-end##

December 9 at 7:23 PM



Anonymous posted:

I was blessed to perform with Bill in Satchmo: The Life and Times of Louis Armstrong at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. What a talent! I have never met anybody with a sweeter spirit. He was very kind to me and I will miss him very much. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time. God bless.##imported-begin##Jonathan Harrison##imported-end##

December 7 at 2:05 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Barbara and the entire family. Bill was a great entertainer and a great guy we were lucky enough to see him on our honeymoon in the Mickey Finn show in Las Vegas. He was always very kind to us and our children.##imported-begin##Robert & Dorrie Lang##imported-end##

December 3 at 12:04 PM



Anonymous posted:

Chris, my heart goes out to you and your family. I know you will miss him...but know he will forever be just a thought away. Remember all the good times....Know that we love you much!##imported-begin##Cie Cie Wilson McGhee##imported-end##

December 3 at 11:18 AM



Anonymous posted:

My deepest sympathy on the loss of Bill. He was always so kind to me and so much fun to work with at Rosie O'Grady's.He will be sorely missed by all.##imported-begin##Julie Collins##imported-end##

December 2 at 5:10 PM



Anonymous posted:

Chris, We are very sorry to hear of the passing of your father. The entire promotional team at Radio One Atlanta will keep you and your family in our prayers.##imported-begin##Kristina##imported-end##

December 2 at 12:43 PM



Anonymous posted:

I have so many loving memories of you throughout the years. You always had a smile and an encouraging word, and I hope to both encompass those qualities myself and pass them to my children. I love you, and will miss you always.##imported-begin##Christina Sipos##imported-end##

December 1 at 3:33 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Gabriel has finally some accompaniment! God Bless & give you a High "C" place in heaven! You deserve it !We thank you as you always had moment to share a kind word in set or during break at Vines where we met and will always treasure your acquaintance,OH..... YEAAAAH!##imported-begin##Joe & Sherry Pusateri##imported-end##

December 1 at 10:56 AM



Anonymous posted:

Bill,You were a ray of sunshine to all who met you, an inspiration to all who heard you sing and play. You will be sorely missed as you embark upon your new journey playing and singing to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.God Rest Your Soul Brother Bill. Love & Prayers,Joe & Sherry Pusateri##imported-begin##Joseph & Sherry Pusateri##imported-end##

December 1 at 10:51 AM



Anonymous posted:

Bill,You were an inspiration to me the day I met you at The Vines. A smile always on your face, I loved listening to your stories and above all, your music. You helped to push me to work in music and taught me that anything is possible when you are passionate about something. After my move from Orlando, I kept those stories and advice close to me and I want to thank you. I will always remember how special you made me feel, and I am sure many others will also. My best to your family. I will miss you Bill.##imported-begin##Jacki Giardina##imported-end##

December 1 at 7:29 AM



Anonymous posted:

We were very sorry to find out of the passing of Bill. We will always remember him as a good neighbor and very talented man.May God bless your family in this time of sorrow.You are in our thoughts,Dave & Jan##imported-begin##David Forney & Jan Ellis##imported-end##

December 1 at 5:44 AM



Anonymous posted:

Turned to Prayer for inspiration,Strength and guidance in times of trial ask God for wisdom, courage, direction and comfort.##imported-begin##Clarence and Carolyn Horne##imported-end##

December 1 at 4:32 AM



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Anonymous posted:

You were a pleasure to be around, on and off the bandstand, Bill. You will be greatly missed by all of us who knew you. We are pretty sure you giving Louis a run for his money up there in heaven.##imported-begin##Jim & Andrea Buchmann##imported-end##

November 30 at 6:46 PM



Anonymous posted:

Grandpa, I miss you so much, and i'm so sorry that I was not able to say goodbye to you at the hospital. Know that you will forever be in my heart and prayers! You will always be my Louis Armstrong, and I love you very much! Thank you for being you, my grandpa!##imported-begin##Sherry##imported-end##

November 30 at 4:31 PM



Anonymous posted:

We will all miss you Bill, I was blessed to know you.##imported-begin##Hank Greve##imported-end##

November 30 at 11:23 AM



Anonymous posted:

I worked with Mr White at Leesburg Dialysis. He was such an interesting person to talk to and I very much enjoyed seeing him at The Vines Restaurant. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Suzan Fischer##imported-end##

November 30 at 10:44 AM



Anonymous posted:

To the White family...Jesus said to him "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise". With deepest sympathyBrenda Lowery & Family##imported-begin##Brenda Lowery##imported-end##

November 30 at 10:29 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Bill, You, your talents and your ever present smile will be missed by all. I will always remember you coming down Main Street at WDW swinging your sousaphone and entertaining the crowds. God bless.##imported-begin##victor bird##imported-end##

November 30 at 8:33 AM



Anonymous posted:

We'll miss ya Bill! We played 'What a Wonderful world' last night in The Vine's for you. It was the first song of the second set. The tears ran down my face, as I could hear your voice singing with us. God bless! Tommy Bridges The Vine's Musician/bandleader##imported-begin##Tommy Bridges##imported-end##

November 30 at 7:58 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Mrs White, We were saddened to learn of Bill's passing. I enjoyed playing with him At the Steinway Society's art shows. He had such a gentle heart and was so happy to help the kids get their pianos. We will be gifting a piano in Bill's name after the first of the year. If you would send me your contact information, I will notify you when we make the presentation. Bill will be helping a disadvantage child with their musical adventure. Gary and Kathy Grimes##imported-begin##gary grimes##imported-end##

November 30 at 6:41 AM



Anonymous posted:

We will really miss you. I worked at Disney with Bill. I always gave him a big hug when he worked. my husband and I really enjoyed going and listen to him at the Vines. All our prayers are for the family. He was a great man and will be missed.. We love you Bill, Wendy \$ Bob##imported-begin##Wendy & Bob Toffry##imported-end##

November 29 at 7:39 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the most unique Grandpa, I will miss hearing you play the trumpet. You are the best grandpa in the world and I will miss visiting you and the dogs. Love, Erin

November 29 at 5:39 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Rest in Peace BillI saw Bill play many times and he was always inspiring and entertainingK Stever###imported-begin##Kevin Stever###imported-end##

November 29 at 2:12 PM



Anonymous posted:

MAY THE WHITE FAMILIES KNOW "THE PEACE WHICH PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING"###imported-begin##NAT HARMON###imported-end##

November 29 at 12:23 PM



Anonymous posted:

MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE WHITE FAMILY AT THIS TIME OF YOUR LOSS ..###imported-begin##SAM AJAYI###imported-end##

November 29 at 11:41 AM



Anonymous posted:

You will always be the one and only love of my life. I miss you terribly. Our time together was the happiest time and I will cherish it forever. You made my life complete, and I will miss the laughter we shared. Love you honey!! Your wife forever.###imported-begin##Barbara###imported-end##

November 29 at 10:52 AM



Anonymous posted:

We will miss you very much Bill. You were a great talent and a great humanitarian and we are fortunate to have spent time with you on and off the bandstand. With love and admiration, your friends, John and Mary Jo###imported-begin##John and Mary Jo DePaola###imported-end##

November 28 at 7:14 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the most unique Grandpa, I wish I could see you play your trumpet again. You were the best grandpa ever, and I already miss visiting u and the dogs. Love, Erin Horne

November 28 at 7:02 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Hey Dad, My heart hurts and I miss you dearly. I will always remember your humor and encouraging spirit. You never complained and always expressed your love.....I Love You Too Dad, Brookie##imported-begin##Brooke White - Horne##imported-end##

November 28 at 6:47 PM



Anonymous posted:

I just knew Bill for a few months, but he lite up my life at work. I worked with him at the front dest of Orange County Animal services. He was a greeter for a short time. He made a job that could be very difficult at times, a happy time. Each person that came into the shelter was greeted with a smile and a little of "Satchmo". He had a nack of making people smile. I will always remember the time My husband and I were his guests in Tampa for a show of his. What a delight! We all have lost a star and when I look up at the sky, I am sure a Star is there smiling an"Singing Satchmo" My thoughts and prayers are with his family.##imported-begin##wanda peck##imported-end##

November 28 at 4:25 PM



Anonymous posted:

##imported-begin##Maria White-Hickmon##imported-end##

November 28 at 1:15 PM



Anonymous posted:

our prayers and love are with you we are so sorry with your loss. may god bless you and your family.##imported-begin##raymond & barbara lang##imported-end##

November 28 at 10:04 AM



Anonymous posted:

Hey Pop...You touched so many lives with your kindness and sweet spirit and we were all so blessed to have you in our lives. I want you to know that you impacted MY life by your support, guidance and love. I will miss you everyday until we meet again. I love you pop...Karen##imported-begin##Karen##imported-end##

November 28 at 4:10 AM



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Anonymous posted:

You were the only Grandpa I ever really had and I am so sad that my children wont know you like I did... you were a great man and they will know all about you. Rest in Peace Grandpa I miss you and love you very much!##imported-begin##Jessica##imported-end##

November 27 at 3:18 PM



Anonymous posted:

OUR HEARTS AND MINDS ARE WITH YOUR FAMILY AT THIS TIME. PEACE BE UNTO YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL. SINCERELY, THE NISSAN SOUTH FAMILY##imported-begin##NISSAN SOUTH##imported-end##

November 27 at 12:33 PM



Anonymous posted:

I love you and miss you. I know your gonna keep "GOD" dancing the way you blow that trumpet!!!Your sonWilliam C. White##imported-begin##William C. White##imported-end##

November 27 at 11:16 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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