



David Alton White

July 8, 1952 - November 9, 2021

David White went peacefully on November 9, 2021. He is survived by his longtime partner Wendy Loudenslager, daughter Christina Smith and her husband Bruce Smith along with his two granddaughters Makayla Caprinola and Gabriela Caprinola. His sister Carla Blaine and her husband Glenn Blaine. David loved his shelties Morgan, Ty and Rain. Camping and family were his true passion. He will be missed.

Tribute Wall

“Written by Justin Houser For Centre Country PA Genealogy Facebook: I am sharing here a tribute to my friend and distant cousin, David White, so that in some small sense his own story can be a part of the Centre County history that he so much loved. A good portion of what is below is part of an autobiography that Dave wrote and shared with me in our shared genealogy database, brought up-to-date and adapted for circumstances of his passing. Rest in peace, my friend. Grange Fair will never be the same without you. * * * David Alton White, 69, of Grinnalds Avenue, Baltimore, Md., passed away Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center in Glen Burnie, Md., after a long illness with complications of diabetes. He had been in declining health for some time, experiencing kidney failure and requiring dialysis, but remained his upbeat optimism and desire to live until the end. Several falls and a weakening of his lower extremities led to hospitalization and development of a blood infection which he was unable to overcome. Born July 8, 1952, in Harrisburg, Pa., David was the son of the late John William and Marcia Lou (Confer) White. His parents were both natives of Centre County, Pa., and David thrived on engaging with his roots here. He loved to visit this area and meet its people. Following graduation from William Penn Senior High School in the Class of 1970, David served in the United States Air Force from October 22, 1970 until October 21, 1974. He served in Alaska at Galena Air Force Station and at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. He also served in the 313/314 CSC, 157th Brigade, USAR in Harrisburg, PA and in the PA Army NG, in the 28th Aviation Battalion, Reading, PA and Annville, PA and the 28th DISCOM in Harrisburg, PA. All discharges were Honorable. On November 17, 1970, in San Antonio, Texas, David was baptized as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Throughout his life he maintained a keen appreciation of the divine and spiritual realms. Further education included the Open University in Orlando, Florida, where he acquired Certification as a Factoring Specialist. College included various credit and non-credit courses at the Harrisburg Area Community College, Harrisburg, PA. Several credits were taken while in the Air Force, through the United

States Armed Forces Institute and due to his interest in agriculture, many non-credit courses in Agriculture through Penn State. David was a member of the National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and had one noticeable interest: The Centre County Grange Fair and Encampment held in Centre Hall, PA. With the exception of two years, David attended the fair every year since his birth in 1952. In 1985, he landed his first campsite at 21-11 in the new section and kept that space until 2001 when it changed to 16-14. Despite his failing health and inability to walk, David drove to the Grange Fair from Baltimore in August 2021 to enjoy a day on the Grounds. David was a voracious reader. His personal library accounts for over three thousand volumes. Subjects vary from chemistry for explosives to romance, adventure, politics, history, biography, military, weapons and fiction. A majority of the books are hardbound. David was an excellent conversationalist with a broad and deep knowledge of many subjects, especially history and military history. He was also a film aficionado and could quote from his favorite movies at great length. He had an unusual sense of humor and could both give and take a joke, a rare talent. In politics, David was proud to be a conservative, opinionated yet reasoned in his views, and a devoted fan of Rush Limbaugh's radio program for decades. Although he did so quietly, David was always ready to help family and friends with some home improvement or repair project that needed to be done. He was a great handy-man and fixer-upper, always with a project in mind. Employment included

Wendy J. Loudenslager - November 29, 2021 at 08:06 PM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services

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