

Floral Bearers

The Ladies of The Youngstown Alumnae
Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Casket Bearers

Cecil Carnathan
Isaiah White
Randolph Jones

William Ronald Hill
Brian Jones
Breyon Jackson

Gratitude from the White Family

The family of Ernie wishes to express heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown during this extended period of bereavement. Thanks to our friends, both far and near, who have shared love and provided strength to us during this most difficult time.

Ernie's life was a testament to determination, perseverance, loyalty, and resilience. He leaves behind a legacy built not only on athletic achievement, but also on the many lives he touched through his kindness, laughter, mentorship, and love.

Though he will be deeply missed, his spirit will continue to live on in the stories shared, the lessons remembered, and the love that remains in the hearts of all who knew him.

Comfort Ministry and After-Care Transitional
Arrangements Entrusted To

J.E. Washington Funeral Services
2234 Glenwood Ave, Youngstown, OH 330.782.8500

IN LOVING MEMORY



Ernest R. White Sr.

1938 - 2026

Monday, August 10, 2026

Calling Hours: 10:00am

Services: 11:00am

Jaylex Event Center

2110 Glenwood Avenue

Youngstown, Ohio 44511

J.E. WASHINGTON
FUNERAL SERVICES, INC.

- Order of Celebration -

Pastor Lewis W. Macklin II, Celebrant



Parting View

Prayer of Comfort

Sacred Text Reading

Music Ministry Tammy Williams Taylor

Ernie's Life & Legacy <Read Silently>

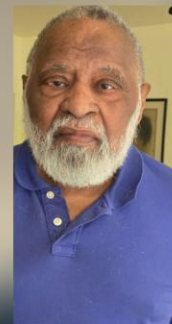
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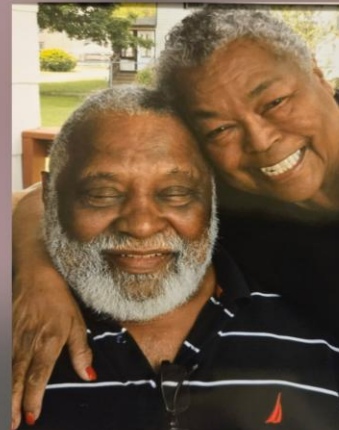
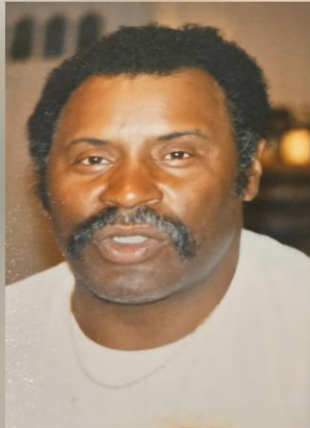
Words of Comfort Pastor Macklin

Committal Ceremony

*Cortege to Tod Homestead Cemetery
Interment & Benediction*

*There will be a repast for family and out-of-area
guests in the lower level of the Jaylex Event Centre
immediately after burial services.*





The Life & Legacy of Ernest "Ernie" R. White Sr.

It is with love and gratitude that we celebrate the life and legacy of Ernest R. "Ernie" White Sr., who peacefully departed this life on August 4, 2026, at St. Mary's Alzheimer's Center, Columbiana, Ohio. For those who knew him well, his nickname was "Kunchy". Born on January 26, 1938, in Youngstown, Ohio, Ernie was the eldest child born to the union of Earnest White and Virginia (Coleman) White.

A proud graduate of East High School in 1956, Ernie displayed outstanding athletic prowess from an early age. He also tried boxing in his teens. He was also a valued team player in all areas of his life, this was evident as he was a member of the East High Golden Bears' only undefeated football season it ever had in its history.

After high school Ernie continued his football career at the University of Dayton. After playing rugby for the London Lords of the Ontario Rugby Football Union, he was recruited by the Hamilton Tiger Cats in 1960. He was an American professional football running back who played six seasons in the Canadian Football League for three teams- the Hamilton Tiger Cats, the Ottawa Rough Riders, and the Montreal Alouettes where he served as a versatile running back and return specialist. Known for his speed, determination, and agility, he earned Eastern Conference All-Star honors in 1962.

A lifelong sports enthusiast, he enjoyed watching football and nearly every other sport, always appreciating good competition both on and off the field. Ernie's athletic legacy came full circle in 1994 when he was inducted into the East High School Hall of Fame, an honor that recognized excellence, determination, and sportsmanship that defined both his career and his character. Ernie was also inducted into the prestigious Curbstone Coaches Hall of Fame in 2002.

Although his accomplishments on the football field brought him recognition, it was the man he was beyond the game who left the greatest impression.

Ernie was loyal to those he loved, proud of his family, generous with his time, and happiest in the company of others.

After his professional football career, Ernie returned home to Youngstown, where he built a successful career with General Motors retiring in 1998.

In 1987, Ernie married Linda Bohannon-White, and together they shared nearly four decades of marriage, companionship, and cherished memories. As his soul mate, she tenderly maintained their vows "to love and to cherish" until parted by death. When Ernie's health permitted, they attended Holy Trinity Missionary Baptist Church.

Ernie was a proud founder and member of the Youngstown Golf Association YoGo's for five decades and loved the game of golf long before it became widely popular. He also dedicated many years to coaching at Hillman School, where he made a lasting impact on countless youths.

To know Ernie was to know a man who was friendly to everyone he met, fiercely competitive, and always ready with a joke or a smile. Whether he was coaching football, playing golf, tending his vegetable garden, grilling his famous barbecue ribs with his legendary secret sauce, or challenging someone to a spirited game of cards, he brought energy, laughter, and heart to everything he did. As a man who enjoyed living life and taking chances, Ernie enjoyed horse racing and the casino.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife of nearly 40 years, Linda Bohannon-White; children, Michael (Nelfa) Bonner, Malka White, Ernest (Ann-Simone) White II., Erich Coleman, Melissa White and Elizabeth White. Precious memories are shared by his siblings Michelle Russell and Dr. Robin Eutz. His legacy will be sustained by his cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Earnest White and Virginia White; brothers, Ronald White, Gerald Wallace, and Robert Crockett, along with aunts and uncles who he was raised alongside.

-Tenderly Shared By The Family-