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Anne Douglass White. Native Nashvillian born 10/12/1924, died 12/09/2022. A lifelong positive influence on so many people in so many ways! She was the adored only child of Anne Kissling White and Edward Douglass White, and she was their devoted caregiver in their elder years.

Anne was a graduate of East High School, Ward Belmont (junior college), and Duke University. She had a rewarding 37-year career as a high school mathematics teacher, first at Central High School and then at John Overton High School. She was named Metro Nashville Teacher of the Year in 1982 and received several Tennessee Teacher-of-the-Year Certificates of Appreciation. Of special note, Anne was an outstanding forensics coach, with school teams and individual students placing at local, regional, and national debate competitions. There are debate scholarship awards in her name to this day. Anne was inducted into the prestigious National Forensic League Hall of Fame in 1984. She received numerous Voice of Democracy Award Citations by the Veterans of Foreign Wars for participation in their scholarship program. During her retirement, Anne frequently enjoyed visits, flowers, letters, cards, phone calls, and other gestures from former students, who thanked her for her great impact on their lives.

A longtime member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Anne served many roles and enjoyed fellowship activities, including: Sunday School teacher, Deacon, Elder. For years, Anne and dear friend Betty Baxter counted the Sunday collections on Monday, followed by an afternoon of bridge with some combination of Bobbi Graves, Emily Miller, Martine Kendall, Torrey Nance, and Frosty Worley. Anne had a keen mind and bridge was a passion, often playing with several bridge groups in a week. One of her bridge groups played together for decades. Anne enjoyed membership in Centennial Club and participation in volunteer activities.

Anne experienced polio as a young child, which left her with an impaired leg requiring a brace for the rest of her life. But anyone who really knew her never considered her handicapped. She was strong and courageous in every way. While her family nickname was “Little Anne” and she was indeed short in stature, her world was big. She loved travel, across the United States and Europe.



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Having a broad palate, Anne and cousin Jennie Bowman had so many fun adventures exploring Nashville area restaurants. She was a big reader and lifelong learner. She had a big circle of friends to whom she was very loyal.

A treasured member of a large extended family, Anne was the matriarch in her later years. She will always be remembered for her kindness and thoughtfulness to all of the children in the family. Among her surviving White family clan are these families: White, Graves, Bowman, Barnett, Wade, Gardner, Smith, Norling, Ball, McAllister, Gutierrez, Hollins, Guiffre. The Pitts, Smithwick, and Zadick families were also dear to her. The family is most appreciative of the kind and compassionate care from her loyal friend and companion Mary Inman, pastors and members of Westminster, staff at Abe's Garden (Park Manor), Dr. Matthew Beuter and staff, and most recently Alive Hospice.

Graveside service at Spring Hill Cemetery at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, followed by Visitation at Westminster Presbyterian Church from noon-2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3900 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205.



Events

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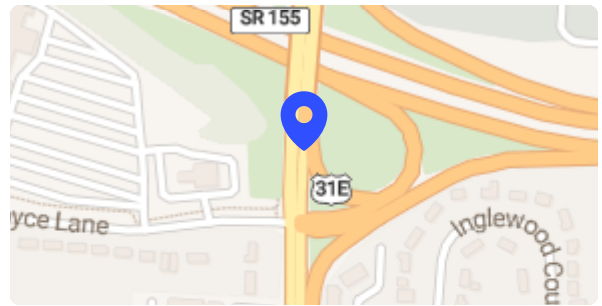
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Graveside Service

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

10:00 AM CT

Historic Spring Hill Cemetery
5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville TN 37216

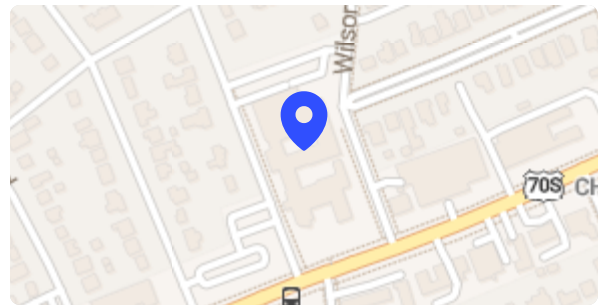


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BT

Bill Tankersleuy posted:

My condolences to Miss White's family and many, many friends. She was, perhaps, the most influential of my teachers, not only for me, but also my family. Miss White was my debate coach (1957 - 1960) as well as my brother's debate coach a few years later and my oldest son's coach even later. We learned a lot of useful life skills from Miss White in our forensic activities, and the three of us value that experience very highly. She is one of our heroes! Bill Tankersley

December 25 at 12:26 PM

HM

Harriet Medlin posted:

Miss White was my inspiration and my mentor. She was my math teacher for Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry at Overton High School, and she fostered my love for math. However, it was her persistence that I join forensics that really had the most impact on my life. She saw potential in me that I did not see in myself. She had been trying to get me to join since freshman year, but I kept telling her that I could not do that. Finally, one day in class at the beginning of my junior year, she walked over to my desk, placed a cutting for declamation on my desk, and said to me with her left eye brow raised as she did when she really meant business, "Memorize this piece because you are going to perform it in two weeks." She turned her back and walked away. I was just afraid enough of her to understand that I had to comply this time. No way out! That moment changed my life. Her confidence in me and her coaching helped to improve my self confidence and my willingness to take positive risks in college. When Brentwood High School opened in 1982 and I moved from Northside Junior High to Brentwood to teach 9th grade English, I called her and asked if she thought I could start a forensics program at Brentwood as no Williamson County public school had a program at that time. She answered, "Of course you can! And I will help you." Due to her encouragement and sage advice, I am still coaching the forensics team at Brentwood High and still using her coaching strategies and even some of her exact words--and of course, the eyebrow trick! I'm glad that Bonnie Shields Barker and I had a chance to visit her this past June. I loved her and will miss her!

December 15 at 7:11 AM

MP

Melvin Potts posted:

I was fortunate to be in Miss White's Algebra II class at Overton High School. She was an excellent teacher who truly cared about students. I was also a member for the Forensic Club which she sponsored. Miss White gave many hours of her own time to that group. She was a great influence in the lives of countless students.

December 15 at 2:00 AM



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Alan Parrish posted:

Ms. White was such a wonderful influence for me as a young man in the Metro Forensics League. She and the now late Mrs. Trusty were both so wonderful at teaching us the fine art of debate and expository speaking. Rest well, Ms. White, and thank you for your dedication to young people like me.

December 13 at 6:26 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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