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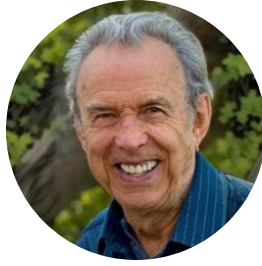
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<https://vimeo.com/event/4865576/9c7c438af9>

Buck White, age 94 of Hendersonville, Tennessee, passed away January 13, 2025. He was born on December 13, 1930 to the late Edward Shelton and Lucille Claudine Caywood White. Buck grew up in Wichita Falls, Texas. As a young child, he changed his name to Buck to be like the cowboy actor, Buck Jones. He grew up listening to the radio and he loved all genres of music. He enjoyed going to the movies watching Gene Autry and especially Roy Rogers with the Sons of the Pioneers. As a teenager, he fell in love with the mandolin while listening to Bill Monroe. After graduating high school in 1948, he and some of his close friends auditioned to be the house band for The Hillbilly Circus in Abilene, Texas. Their band was called the Blue Sage Boys. While in Abilene, he met his future brother-in-law, Bob Goza, who introduced him to the love of his life, Patty Goza. Buck and Patty married and moved to Wichita Falls, Texas where he began working as a plumber and playing music on the side. In 1962, Buck and Patty moved the family to the country in Arkansas. While there, they formed a bluegrass band with their two older daughters, Sharon and Cheryl.

For over twenty-five years, his full-time trade was plumbing. In September of 1971, he and his family moved to Nashville and settled in Hendersonville. He continued to work as a plumber several years before finally becoming a full-time musician.

Playing an acoustic style of music, Buck, Patty, Sharon and Cheryl formed the band, Buck White and the Down Home Folks. They were considered to be a bluegrass band with a country swing. They recorded five albums on independent bluegrass labels before signing with Curb Records in 1982 and changing their band name to The Whites. After having five hit songs from their first commercial album, Buck realized a dream come true when they were invited to become members of the Grand Ole Opry in 1984. They celebrated their 40th anniversary as Opry members on March 2, 2024. That was Buck's last official performance. Buck is known all over the world for his unique style of mandolin playing and his authentic style of swing piano playing.



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The most important things in life to Buck were his faith in God, his family and his music. Buck was a father figure and mentor to many. His daughters were told on numerous occasions, “thank you for sharing your daddy”. During their 50 years of marriage, Buck and Patty loved and encouraged many people, sharing the love of Jesus with them.

Buck was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Lucille White and his wife, Patty. He is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law; Sharon White Skaggs (Ricky), Cheryl White Jones (Billy Paul), Rosanna White “Rosie” Franklin (Brian), and Melissa White Wilson (David); grandchildren Rachel Leftwich (Andy), Morgan Ulery (Bobby), Sara St John (Kyle), Molly Skaggs, Luke Skaggs (Rosemary), Mandy Skaggs, Andrew Skaggs (Patrice), Tucker Wilson (Sierra), Emily Wilson, and Noah White Franklin; great-grandchildren Auguste Wilson, Townes Wilson, Lyric Skaggs, Ste’phane Skaggs, Noah Skaggs, Isaiah Skaggs, Eli Ulery (Katie), Isaac Ulery, Weston Ulery, Le Vannia St John, Owen St John and Mary Addison St John; sister, Sherline Hicks (Dub) and a host of other close family and friends.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 2:00 p.m. at the Grand Ole Opry House. Visitation with the family will be Monday, January 27, 2025 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Spring Hill Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorial contributions in Buck’s honor be made to The Opry Trust Fund, One Gaylord Drive, Nashville, TN 37214, www.opry.com or the Music Health Alliance, 29 Music Square E, Nashville, TN 37203. Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, Tennessee 37216, 615-865-1101, www.springhillfh.com.






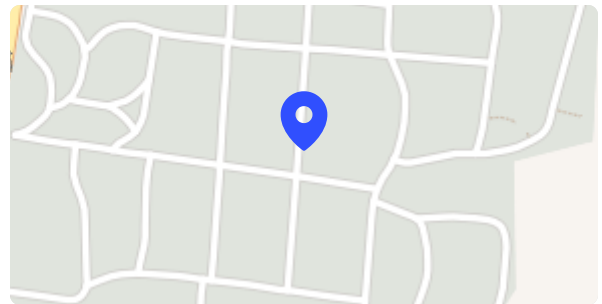
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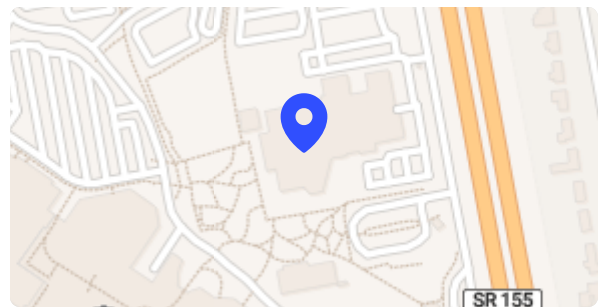
Visitation

-  **Monday**, January 27, 2025
-  3:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
-  **Spring Hill Funeral Home**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216




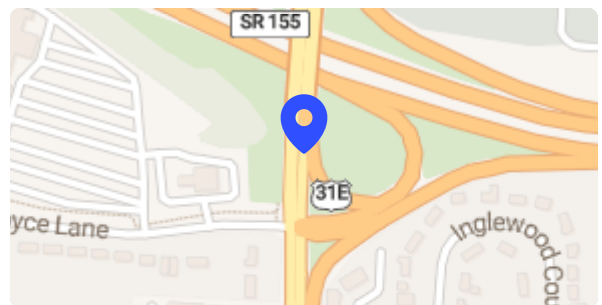
Celebration of Life Memorial Service

-  **Tuesday**, January 28, 2025
-  2:00 PM CT
-  **Grand Ole Opry**
2804 Opryland Drive, Nashville TN 37214



Cemetery Details

-  **Historic Spring Hill Cemetery**
5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville TN 37216





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Jason Pope lit a candle in honor of Buck.

Astronomical amounts of respect for that man. From plumbing to strumming, he kept it coming, and may his legacy live on forever and ever. ~Jason Pope-Port St Lucie, FL (Originally from Ashland, KY.)



April 25 at 8:33 AM



Mary Hamel posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Bucks death. I loved his Buck dancing and his beautiful singing voice. Mary Hamel

September 7 at 3:19 PM



Tony Martin posted:

I met Buck at the 2016 Rope show in Nashville, I was performing with Leona Williams in a Tribute to Merle. Everyone wanted to be close to Buck, myself included, He was just that popular. The news of his death really saddens me, He was so robust and full of energy, you would have never known he was in his 80's. Even though I was an unknown to him, Buck was so gracious. I will forever cherish that memory. What a great representative of Country Music; and an even better Man. Buck White was a devout Christian , so we don't worry about him today. So glad I was able to spend a half hour with you Buck White. Tony Martin.

April 10 at 9:33 AM



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Gordon Brackett posted:

My band played the the first Woodenville, Wa. Bluegrass festival, before the winery was involved. It was the kind of festival where the traveling bands get paid, but the local bands don't. It was also the kind of festival where the promoters, Ivan and Sue Blood, lost their shirts and their marriage. To make a much longer story short, I was sitting at my camp, nursing a beer and procrastinating breaking camp, as one does at a festival on Sunday late afternoon, when Buck walked up. He asked if he could sit down, and I offered him a drink, and luckily, there was one Coke left in the cooler. He was very complimentary of our band, and was inclined to talk. I told him I was in love with his bass player, and he took it in the spirit intended. I should add here that we were a bunch of long haired, bearded hippy freaks. Also, I should add we always had two sacred numbers in our shows, and showed up Sunday morning at the Gospel hour. Buck was so kind and friendly, and stayed a half hour. When he got up to leave he took out his wallet and gave me his card. He said if I was ever in Nashville to look him up. What a wonderful Gentleman. I was sad to hear he had passed.Sincerely; Gordon Brackett.brackett4@gmail.com

March 20 at 9:30 PM



Michael Jones posted:

Go rest high on that moutain

March 19 at 10:20 PM



John Perkins posted:

Amazing human being, father, husband, and musician. First saw him with Sharon & Cheryl in July 1978 in Hillsdale, NY. So blessed to see them again a few months later in Warwick, RI with Jerry Douglas and Rosie. Music is laughter to the soul!!

February 20 at 10:04 PM



John Sisk Jr lit a candle in honor of Buck.

Sorry to read about this. Was just watching an old Country reunion show a couple weeks ago with Buck & the Whites. Many summer nights I watched with my grandparents Nashville Now and The Opry. Nothing quite like those harmonies, especially singing with Ricky. May the entire family be surrounded by the Lords grace and mercy.



February 3 at 8:03 PM



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Fran J Canaday lit a candle in honor of Buck.

Fran J Canaday lit a candle in memory of Buck White

January 28 at 2:57 PM



Chuckie Estep posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about Buck I love listening to him and his daughters sing he will be deeply missed and prayers to all of the family Charles and Phyllis Estep

January 28 at 12:52 PM



Susan & Dwayne Adkins lit a candle in honor of Buck.

Susan & Dwayne Adkins lit a candle in memory of Buck White

January 28 at 6:46 AM



Chuck Mead & Brenda Colladay sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the White family.

January 27 at 11:08 AM



Chuck Mead & Brenda Colladay planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Buck.

January 27 at 11:08 AM



Gary Holmes posted:

God Bless you all with special memories & the Peace of Jesus at this sad time. A joyous musical homecoming is going on in Heaven with Mr. Buck's Savior & loved ones. Gary Holmes, Elkton, Maryland.

January 27 at 11:03 AM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the White family.

January 27 at 10:24 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Buck.

January 27 at 10:24 AM



The Grascals sent a Vivid Recollections to the White family.

January 26 at 6:19 PM



Love, 7 Bridges sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the White family.

January 26 at 11:59 AM





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Richard L White posted:

Buck White was a very special friend to all of the folks who knew him. It has been many years since I have gotten to sit down and talk to him but my memory of him will always stay with me. He loved the Lord, he loved others, and was just a fine man. I loved his piano playing and especially remember his fine performances on the Opry over the last forty years. My deepest condolences to the entire family. God has blessed all of us with the friendship and memories of Buck White. He will certainly never be forgotten.

January 26 at 5:20 AM



Sheryll Latham January 26 at 1:46 PM

Wow I couldn't have expressed my feelings about Buck White any better. I only knew him about a year but his life has certainly touched my heart. I love the whole family. I wish I could hug each one of them and thank them for being so much like their wonderful father on earth and their unparalleled Father in Heaven. I'm sure we will all be reunited with him in Heaven very soon since Jesus is. Coming back to get us very soon. So I'll for sure look for Buck up there so we can all praise God and Jesus together. I hope he can teach me how to Buck dance!!!



Phil Madeira posted:

Oh, my, Buck was a character. He played with us (Emmylou Harris and Red Dirt Boys) a few times at Opry at The Ryman, along with Sharon and Cheryl. Always cheerful, always smiling, and while he wouldn't remember me, my distinct impression of Buck was that I was in the presence of some sort of holy mischief maker! God bless his family as you celebrate him and remember him well. Blessings, Phil Madeira, Nashville

January 25 at 3:32 PM



Michael S. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Buck.



January 25 at 10:38 AM



Karen And Bob Artis posted:

Our prayers go out to all the family - Buck was a truly remarkable man and will be missed by the extended bluegrass family everywhere. Bob and Karen Artis

January 24 at 6:32 PM



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Mike, Steph, Michael And Cailyn sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the White family.

January 24 at 12:30 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the White family.

January 22 at 7:08 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Buck.

January 22 at 7:08 AM



Ron Branham posted:

Buck was a true gentleman in every sense of the word. Will certainly miss hearing him and the girls. He is now harmonizing with his lovely wife Pat. Condolences to the entire family. You keep picking and singing and I'll keep listening.

January 22 at 6:52 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the White family.

January 21 at 10:09 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Buck.

January 21 at 10:09 AM





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January 20 at 5:24 AM



Shirley Andersen posted:

I'm from Wichita Falls but never knew y'all back then. I'm older by a few years, graduated from Rider in 1970 and 2 weeks later married a man that was stationed at Shepherd Air Force Base in town that I met at my church, Southwest Baptist. He was from Boston, Mass. and got out of the AirForce in July 1970 right after we got married and we went to Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo. where he studied and became a Pastor. We worked in a church in Mass. for 20 years, Rhode Island for 5 years, and back in Whitney, Texas for 11 years. Then my husband passed away from esophageal cancer. I was raised on country music of course Andy, my husband, wasn't but I played it at home along with all the Christian music. We both loved the Whites, actually y'all were Andy's favorite. I hope Andy gets to meet Buck White now in Heaven. They can talk religion and church for hours. Thank you for your influence in the Christian community to help others decide to become a Christian also. Love you all.
Shirley Andersen

January 19 at 3:01 PM



Nathan posted:

Sorry for your lost I loved the whites their music and Ricky music also sorry he will be missed the Lord knows where he is he's walking on the streets of gold shouting and singing one day y'all will meet him up in heaven love to here y'all sing I lost my daddy I know what it's like to lose someone I want a cd of the whites and Ricky skaggs but I can not find them praying for y'all keep up the good work

January 19 at 9:09 AM



Mary Jo Hansen posted:

There are a lot of wonderful compliments that this man is worthy of receiving, and those who knew him personally could tell us the best. But, one of the things that amazed me most about Buck White was the amazing harmony vocals that he so perfectly blended with his daughters. It blended so perfectly that sometimes I just loved the challenge of being able to pick it out as he was singing. I loved the love and respect that he always showed his daughters on stage. What a great man!

January 18 at 8:23 PM



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PH

Pastor Ted O'Hara posted:

Please accept my condolences for your loss. I met Buck while having breakfast at a restaurant. We talked as if we were longtime friends. Nice man, a beautiful reflection of Jesus.

January 17 at 11:48 AM

TH

Travis Hatcher posted:

Sending my thoughts and prayers to the White family. I first seen the White's perform as a teenager for the first time at Twitty City in 1987. Several times since at the Opry.

January 17 at 8:18 AM

MH

Mike Hill posted:

Truly, Buck and family are the Salt of the Earth and always let their Light SHINE (Matthew 5:13,14) I consider it an honor to have known Buck and interacted with him. He was miles ahead of me as a mandolin picker, but always humble enough to pick a duet with me. Sure was a thrill to hear them all in person, or just being with them.

January 17 at 7:18 AM

FR

Fred Robbins shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Prayers and sympathies to the family, especially Sharon, Cheryl, and Ricky. With Buck at the helm, you were a major impact on my Blue Grass life beginning over 5 decades ago. My tribute with recordings & photos: frobboi.org/slides/buckwhite



January 17 at 6:39 AM

AL

Alice lit a candle in honor of Buck.

My heart ones out to t the Whites for the loss of the beloved Dad! A true joy to everyone, whether they knew him or not. I have watched reruns of The Whites on You Tube for a long time now and always enjoyed their performances. Mr. White had so much energy and watching him do his little dances filled my heart with joy! R.I.P., Mr. White, I will continue watching you on You Tube as long as I can! Prayers for the family and everyone who loved him! You will always be loved! ❤️



January 17 at 5:50 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the White family.



January 17 at 5:28 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Buck.



January 17 at 5:28 AM



Larry & Janet Spruiell sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the White family.



January 17 at 5:03 AM



Doris Barnett posted:

Just wanted to say I am Praying Gods comfort for you all . Always loved the fact you all aren't afraid to talk about God in public , and loved you all on Family Reunion shows . God's Grace be with you all.

January 17 at 3:13 AM



Susan Nation January 18 at 2:31 PM

Our deepest condolences to Sharon, Cheryl and all the family. We have such great memories of Buck and all of you. Our prayers will be with you in the days ahead.- Susan and Chuck Nation



Brenda Wallace sent a virtual gift in honor of Buck.

Brenda Wallace sent a virtual gift in memory of Buck White



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NG

Natalia Goza lit a candle in honor of Buck.

Rick, Natalie, and B.J. Goza

January 17 at 2:56 AM



FR

Fred Robbins posted:

Prayers & sympathies to those who made such a huge impact on my Blue Grass life starting 5 decades ago: Sharon, Cheryl, & Ricky. Here is my tribute with photos and recordings..frobboi.org/slides/buckwhite

January 16 at 11:59 PM

RD

Ray Deacon posted:

Sending my condolences to you, Ricky and Miss Sharon. Thank you for sharing the life of Buck with others. He will surely be missed, but his legacy will go on forever. God bless you all.

January 16 at 11:15 PM

BB

Brian Brewer lit a candle in honor of Buck.

I truly was inspired by his playing mandolin and I started playing mandolin because of his playing. I loved the music he and his family did for all these years. I will truly miss him but I will see him in Heaven soon. God bless the family and they have my prayers and I pray they have comfort knowing he is in Heaven playing and singing up there.

January 16 at 9:06 PM



CS

Charlie Schlaufman posted:

Mr Buck White is and was an American treasure.

January 16 at 6:43 PM

LR

Louise Rochester lit a candle in honor of Buck.

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Carol Lee Billups posted:

We have never met Mr. Buck White in person but we have always enjoyed watching Buck White, Sing, Dance and play the Piano on TV with his two daughters and Ricky Skaggs. We Pray for God's Comfort to Buck White's entire family, all his friends and fans. From Carol Lee and Bill Billups

January 16 at 4:46 PM



Theresa Kehoe lit a candle in honor of Buck.



January 16 at 4:32 PM



Patricia Smothers lit a candle in honor of Buck.

I have always loved watching the Whites together and I loved Buck when he started his little dance ❤️ He will dearly be missed. Condolences to the family 🙏🕊️🙏



January 16 at 4:21 PM



Sandi Westover lit a candle in honor of Buck.



January 16 at 4:03 PM



Donna P Moses posted:

I have been listening to Mr Buck and the Whites for most of my adult life. Loved how he mastered the mandolin playing. Praying that you all will feel the Lord's comforting embrace. Condolences being sent from Atlantic Canada. Donna P. Moses

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Justin posted:

I remember many years ago I was having one of the lowest points in my life. I was able to go backstage at the Opry. Sam Bush and Buck were visiting in a dressing room. I walked in, Buck recognized me and greeted me kindly as always. Sam began to tell a funny story of a prank that Buck had played on him many years ago. We all shared a chuckle. It really helped me feel better and kind of lift me up a couple of notches. I'm very grateful to have spent some time around him and his wonderful family! Justin Clark

January 16 at 3:53 PM



Jayne Marsh posted:

Sympathy and prayers for all. Have always enjoyed The Whites!

January 16 at 3:44 PM



Paul Berkley posted:

"Sounds like Texas," Ricky used to always say of Buck's playing on the Opry. Loved it so much. What a wonderful testament he was to the Lord, also. You could see it. What a blessing.

January 16 at 3:02 PM



Mark F Hill posted:

Buck was such a nice man, so very respected by all those in CM & BM. I got to sit and talk with him at an Award show, RIP buddy.....Mark Hill formerly ACM 37 yrs.

January 16 at 2:59 PM



Wanda West lit a candle in honor of Buck.



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Paul Asbell lit a candle in honor of Buck.



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WB

Wally Bush posted:

love to here him and the girls sing rest in peace buck

January 16 at 2:44 PM

VB

Vickie Elder Bunn posted:

One of my favorite memories growing up was going to bluegrass festivals with my family. Way back in the early 70's saw the Whites at Ottawa's festival for the first time. The family harmony was so great. Buck will be missed.

January 16 at 2:44 PM

RU

Risa Utley lit a candle in honor of Buck.

Mr. Buck always had a smile and was kind to everyone. He and Mrs. Patty were so precious and while we will miss him, he's reunited with her and together I'm sure they are enjoying heaven!



January 16 at 10:00 AM

LJ

Larry Johnson January 17 at 5:09 AM

I never got to meet him but may he Rest with Jesus. 🙏❤️

MM

Margaret Monaghan January 17 at 1:07 AM

God Bless your Lovely Soul R.I.P 🙏

KB

Karla Baker January 16 at 5:04 PM

Sincere condolences to his family and friends. My heart goes out to all of you. He will be truly missed. 🙏🙏🙏 pray for all of you during the his time.

KC

Ken Church January 16 at 3:33 PM

Buck was an authentic human being. He lived the teachings of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. May God console his large and beautiful family.

CR

Chet Rhodes January 16 at 3:00 PM

I am devastated by the passing of a friend that I met in the late Seventies. I worked for County Records, a label The Down Home Folks recorded for so I had many encounters with Buck White. He was always so nice and kind and, onstage, what a musician and entertainer! I will never forget this kind, humble and great man. Fly high with the angels, my friend. Chet Rhodes
Roanoke, Virginia



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Judy West lit a candle in honor of Buck.

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Tommy Conlon January 16 at 11:30 PM

Beautiful talented gentleman had pleasure of meeting him in dublin ireland with his daughters
rest in peace Buck 🙏🙏🔪☐❤️❤�



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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