

William “Bill” Theodore White, Jr.



William Theodore White Jr., known to his loved ones and friends as Bill, passed away on July 19, 2023, from pancreatic cancer at the age of 92 in [Falls Church, VA](#). Born in 1931 in [Cleveland, Ohio](#), Bill was a beloved and remarkable individual who will be deeply missed by his family and all who knew him.

Always impeccably dressed and meticulously well-groomed, Bill was the epitome of kindness, thoughtfulness, and sensitivity. He had a warm and compassionate nature that endeared him to everyone he met. Bill was a wonderful listener, making sure that everyone he spoke with felt acknowledged and respected.

Bill is survived by his children, William T. White III of [Falls Church, VA](#), David H. White of Atlanta, GA, and Angela E. Avino-Bennett of Fredericksburg, VA. He also leaves behind three granddaughters, Selena D. Avino of Fredericksburg, VA, Lakota L. Moyah (Norman) of Thunderchild First Nation, Saskatchewan, Canada, and Abraxas M. White of [Washington, DC](#), as well as three great-grandsons, Wavoka, Muhegan, and Sylvester Moyah, of Thunderchild First Nation, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Bill pursued higher education at Ohio State University and postgraduate studies at Case Western Reserve. Additionally, he proudly served as a medic in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, contributing to the defense and security of our nation.

Throughout his career, Bill made significant contributions in various fields. He began his professional journey directing business and economic development projects for the Los Angeles Area Economic Development Agency. Later, he worked for the Los Angeles County Government and served in the Peace Corps in Ethiopia. Bill also worked as an Assistant Director for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, the Housing and Urban Development in the Model Cities Program and managed a \$3.6 million dollar development program for Africare in Ethiopia. He established World Vision International's presence in Baluchistan Province, Pakistan, and contributed to relief and rehabilitation assistance for Afghan refugees. Bill's career also involved directing international training for the Agency for International Development (AID) and managing U.S. Economic Development programs for the Sahel and West Africa region, serving as a Senior Foreign Service Officer for the U.S. Department of State. He later worked for various organizations, including the consulting group American Council on Asia and Pacific Affairs,

American Airlines, The Sigur Center for Asian Studies at George Washington University, and as Chief of Staff for a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Bill's passion for travel, fitness, reading, current affairs, spirituality, and philosophy enriched his life. He explored 21 countries in Africa, 12 countries in Europe, and 16 countries in the Middle East and Asia. Bill was multilingual, speaking Amharic, French, Urdu, and English.

In addition to his remarkable achievements, Bill was a devoted father, grandfather, and friend. He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, compassion, and intellectual curiosity. Bill's presence will be deeply missed, but his memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

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