



Michael Vernon White Jr.

January 19, 1990 - January 29, 2016

Electronics Technician Second Class Petty Officer Michael Vernon White Jr., 26, passed away Friday, January 29, 2016 in Hitchcock. He was born January 19, 1990 in Mexia to Michael Vernon White Sr. and Deborah Ann Hoffmann White. Michael was a member of Saint Kateri Catholic Church in Buffalo. Michael was currently serving his country in the United States Navy and a member of the Jewett Volunteer Fire Department.

Survivors include his parents, his paternal grandparents, Marvin and Georgie White, maternal grandmother, Dorothy Hoffmann, 3 sisters, Amy Flores and husband Wesley, Lisa Talbott and husband Anthony, Kathleen Coburn and husband Clint and a host of other loving family members and friends. He was preceded in death by an infant twin brother and maternal grandfather, Leon Hoffmann.

A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, February 6, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Rosenberg with Father William Bartniski presiding. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park with Military Honors. Visitation will be Friday evening, February 5, 2016 from 4:00 until 8:00 P.M. in the Chapel at Davis Greenlawn Funeral Home Chapel with a Rosary at 6:00 P.M.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Rip Sailor. My son is also an MA in the US Navy. Thank you sir for your service to our country. God bless your family, friends and shipmates. Semper Fortis*

Joy Menard - February 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Debbie & family, I am so sorry to hear about your son, Michael. Please know all of you are in our thoughts & prayers. Sending hugs & love to all of you*

Denise Tallas Minns - February 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ *Michael was an amazing person and impacted so many peoples lives. He was amazing in every aspect. He was always smiling and loved what he did. I had just talked to him 2 days before all this. Your missed so much Michael. You are and will always be a hero and thank you for your service. You are so dearly missed. I read our last conversation everyday. Rest in love my brother : watch over your family and loved ones. Condolences to the whites you had an amazing family member.*

Halie Cunio - February 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Michael,*

You left an exceedingly positive mark with your fellow Sailor, in my crew, and in our Navy. Such a positive force! Your ol' Captain will miss you.

To Michael's family and loved ones,

I offer my condolences. I am CERTAIN there is a better place for Michael and pray that you find strength and peace.

In His name!

CAPT John S. Banigan, USN Ret

John S. Banigan - February 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ *Michael was truly a one of a kind individual. I never saw him without a smile. He will be missed by so many. Cherish the memories you have and know he is smiling down and watching over all of you. God Bless The Family of Michael White.*

Gregory Dodge - February 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear about this. Michael was an amazing and wonderful person. He was always there when you needed him and never without a smile. He once took the time to help clean up my work area, rinse out my hair, and line my car with bags after an accident at work all so I could get home and rest and not worry. He just wanted me to be ok. That's who he was, helping others and trying to make you smile. I hasn't talked to him in years and this still hurts me so. Rest with the angels my friend. You'll make an awesome guardian angel in death as you were in life.

Telly Thomas - February 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and minds, through us, they live on. Please accept my condolences, Michael will not be forgotten. Praying for you and your family. âž•

Lourdes Marroquin - February 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Michael was not just my neighbor growing up, he was my childhood best friend, my prayers are with all the family today as they say their goodbyes. I will forever remember Michaels smile and laugh, he will be missed, until I see him again in heavan.

Lacy Boyd Gregg and the Boyd Family - February 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Kathleen, you and your family are in my prayers.

Brittany Stiborik - February 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ My heart is broken for all of you during this difficult time. It is never easy. I pray for comfort for each of you. Michael was raised knowing the Lord, and that should give you peace knowing that you will see him again one day. When I think of Michael, my own son comes to mind. Times like these make me cherish him more, and for that I am thankful. Know you are in our thoughts and prayers.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Mathew 5:4

Carly Hickman - February 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ So sorry fr y'all's loss, I know it's hard. Praying for peace, to surround your family.

Michelle Allbritton - February 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ To the White family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I went to A school with him at Great Lakes. I remember White as a really great guy. The kind who does good deeds without asking for anything in return just because it is the right thing to do. He made a difference in a sometimes mean world.

Kati Herscher - February 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I remember Michael for the way he always made his family laugh, and for always being nice to me despite the fact that I can be ridiculous. I always saw him with a smile. I took for granted seeing him at work at Christmas with the elf costume he drove from Houston to Jewett to pick up. I hope in time his memory will bring your family more smiles than tears.

Christen Felton - February 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ My heart breaks for the White Family. I am blessed that I got to know Michael and spend time with him. He was a great kid and grew up to be an amazing young man. Always a big smile on his face, very well mannered, and great hugs. Mike, SR and Debbie did an amazing job raising such a great young man. He will be truly missed.

Keep his memories close as they will help you in the future remember what a joy Michael was. My thoughts and prayers continue to go out to the entire family.

Lauren Powers - February 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Praying for your family during this time. Michael was such a sweet person. He will be missed by so many.

Jaime Rohrer - February 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dear Michael, Debbie, Amy, Lisa, and Kathleen,

I am so sorry to hear the terrible news about Michael Jr.

In my mind I still remember him as the adorable little guy who used to tag along with us when Amy, Cory, and I got to play with Amy, Lisa, and Kathleen at your house in Jewett and at Garner State Park so many years ago.

As I read through the memories and condolences in this guestbook, especially those from his military family, it is obvious that Michael has a beautiful soul and managed to touch many people in his short time on Earth. Thank you, Michael, for your willingness to serve.

Much love,

Laura Nix

Laura Witzkoski-Nix - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ IAm so sorry for yall loss. I work with Michael at B and B. It was such a awesome person. I hate to hear that this happen. Y'all will be in my prayers.

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KS

“ I served with Michael during A school in Great Lakes, IL. He was the kindest person I've ever had the pleasure of meeting. You could always be guaranteed to get a smile and laugh when you were around him. The world is a little less bright without his presence.

Fair winds and following seas.

*Respectfully,
ET2 Kaitlyn Smith
Naples, Italy
USN*

Kaitlyn Smith - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Michael my fellow brother in arms at first but then to find out we were Texans. Will never forget all the pictures and cheer ups from you. Oh and the one night you tried to pick me and another friend up at the same time but fell. . Lol. Your family will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

Christy Ortiz - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Sending our love and thoughts from Normangee VFD and myself! Gone but not forgotten! Thank you for your service! You were always an awesome young man Michael and I'm going to miss you with all my heart!! I know I'll see you again and I will always remember you every time I see my shot glasses you brought me back!

Christina Meadors - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Going to miss you bud! It was great to serve with you on board Lake Erie! Will miss you a lot

Adam bricker - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ I remember Michael from A school in Great Lakes. We would talk from time to time when we had watch together. I admired his strong character. He brought out the best in me and everyone else.

Tony Garcia - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Michael is and will continue to be an inspiration to me. I worked along side Michael for almost half of a year before he knew it was a tumor that was the root of his pain. When asked, he would mention he had migraines but wouldn't make a spectacle or feel sorry for himself. Anytime I think I'm having a tough day I think about Michael, his situation, and the manner in which he dealt with it. His smile and sense of humor were always present. My condolences to his family. Goodbye Michael.

Michael Rodriguez - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I worked with Mike at HEB at both Woodlands 3 and at Spring Market. He was always a pleasure to be around and had a great work ethic. I remember in particular when he would close the dairy dept at Spring Market and I was the closing store manager. He had such pride in his work and would always show me everything that he had accomplished that day that was above and beyond the regular tasks. I ran into Mike about a year and a half ago and we both showed off our jeeps to each other and talked upgrades and what not. I am very saddened by his passing and have thought about his family and friends a lot this past week. My interactions with Mike were limited over the past few years but my heart is heavy after hearing of his passing. I can only imagine what those closest to him are going through. I'll be thinking of you all during this time of healing.

Jamie Lee - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Michael and I were in Great Lakes together. He was a little piece of home for me during that first year in the Navy. He could light up any room, always bringing a smile to people's faces. He will be forever loved and cherished by all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. Heaven gains one of the best people I have ever known.

Lorren Rowland Lerew - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Ill miss you Michael. Im a better man for knowing you. See you again in the resurrection.

Darren Wilks - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Your family is in my prayers. I know the hole in your heart is so painful. Michael was such a kind person.

Barbara Adkisson - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ My sincere condolences to the entire White family. We are so very sorry for your tremendous loss. It is only work that is preventing me from being there during this most difficult time as my alarm simply goes off too early for me to attend... May peace be with you. Most sincerely, Nick Biediger, and family

Nick Biediger - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Please know that the Hoffmann and White families are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you all. Michael will be greatly missed.

Debbie Bialas Fellman - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Michael & Deborah - Our deepest condolences for the loss of Michael Jr. It was an honor to be his DIVO on LAKE ERIE. We often talked about Michael onboard and I would get occasional up dates from his friends. It is a great sorrow to hear of his passing. Fair Winds and following Seas, Shipmate!

LCDR Michael & Libby Murphy - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ To the White Family, I am truly sorry for your loss. Please know you have been in my thoughts. May prayers help heal you in your grieving process. It is never easy to lose a close family member.

To White because the Navy made it awkward to call you Michael, lol you will be sorely missed. From Great Lakes to Hawaii, I was lucky to have you as a friend. I hated being deployed while you found out about the cancer but I was grateful I could help you when we returned. Your heart is huge and may it continue to fill and spread over us all as you now have new orders. Fair winds and following seas my dear friend and fellow shipmate.

Mandy Arcitio - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BA

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Barbara Adkisson - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ I don't have the words to properly express the feelings I have knowing that Michael is gone. I just hope that one day I can see him again in God's kingdom.

Gavin Borchers - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ My condolences go out to the entire White family and all those who knew Michael. He was a great shipmate to serve with and a great friend when you needed an ear. Rest easy brother.

Matt Baldwin - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Mike, you were an amazing friend and shipmate. You will be missed and you will always be loved. Fair winds and following seas buddy.

Thomas Muhlbach - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Debbie I just want you to know you have been in my prayers always and you always will be. Love you...

Amber Rae - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NO

“ My heart aches and weeps for the White Family and ALL the people who were lucky enough to know Michael White...he was a bright light in our world and will continue to shine in our memories...All my love to the White Family...

Nicole Orsack - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Im so sorry for your loss. Prayers your way.

Melanie Howard-Burns - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Our prayers, and condolences to you, Debbie and Mike, and all your family during this time of sorrow and grief. May God bring comfort to your hearts and remember, Msgr. Ted is with Michael and they are both enjoying the blessings of heaven.

Jeanette Weaver - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

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Thomas Muhlbach - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ A great loss of great sailor

Tom Bender - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ May you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding your family, i spent a lot of time with Kathleen most of Jr. High, since my aunt lived right down the road from the White's. We would always go exploring into the woods, trekking through the creek, ever where we could possibly go on the golf cart, and i am 99% sure every time we would look over our shoulder there would be Michael Jr following our every little step. I am so happy i got to know Michael and his family, my mom and i followed and prayed for Michael on his cancer treatment progress every day since my grandpa was also diagnosed around the same time. Kathleen, i love and miss you girl you and your entire family are in my heart and i will continue to keep you all in my prayers.

Jamie Copeland - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Debbie, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. My heart aches for you all.

Sandy Sloan - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Prayers for your family in such a tragic time! There is no amount of words that can comfort you but the Love & Grace of God can!

The Jennings Family - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ I will always remember Michael and how I first met him, which was in Great Lakes, II. He was such a great person and always strived to make everyone laugh. He had the hugest of smiles and could make your day turn the brightest even when it was dark. I will miss him, and my prayers go out to the family.

FC2SW Emily Garcia - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I pray you find comfort knowing Michael is in a better place. There are no words, I know, that will make you feel better but please know that many people are praying for you all to get through this. It was a pleasure to know Michael for awhile. He was a great young man. And I know you are all proud to call him your brother and son.

Shelly Charlton - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ Michael was on of the best people I have met in the Navy. I remember going out and getting pizza with a couple other people and him. We ended up driving around in his truck till we found party city. Convinced him to buy an elf costume which he stayed in the rest of the night and stayed in character the whole time. He was walking around base telling people he was buddy the elf and asking people their favorite color. You could be having the worst day and couldn't help but smile when you were around him. I will miss him a lot.

Heather Gillespie - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Mike was such a joy to work with. He was such a positive young man who will be missed by so many. He was such an inspiration to so many too.

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OR

“ It was an honor serving with you brother. Prayers going out to the White family.

OS2SW Ressel - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ It has been a honor serving with you and being able to call you my friend. I will miss you brother but I know God has gotten himself a great soldier.

Bryan - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Our sincere sympathy to the White and Hoffman families on the tragic loss of Michael, Jr. What an exceptional young man who was taken too early.

Daryl and Nancy Hartmann - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Mike & Debbie and the girls: We are deeply saddened to hear about Michael's tragic, and unexpected passing. Y'all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Raul Herrera Sr. & Denise Holmes - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Debbie and Mike I am so very very sorry to her about Michael.

Gayle Gage Krejci - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Michael for a few years while we were in the Navy together. He truly was an amazing person, and one of the best men I've ever met. I'll never understand why he was taken from this world so young, while there were still so many people for him to meet and make smile. But I will forever remember him, and am glad to have someone as special as him looking down on us. Love you always, Michael.

Rowan McNeill - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ All my prayers are with Michael's family. And to my friend, Brenda, my love and know that I will help time pass when you need it. Always, Teddy

Terry Felcman - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ No words would make Your pain and suffering better right now. Please just know that we Care and are so Sorry about Your tragic loss Of Michael.

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BL

“ To the wonderful White Family, God's grace and tender love be with you. My heart and soul aches over your loss. Rest in God's sweet spirit and your wonderful memories of Michael. Continued prayers for comfort and peace knowing God is faithful. Barbara

Barbara Little - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Barbara Little - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Our prayer is that piece be with you during this time. You are in our hearts.

Dorin Treadway - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ We are so sorry for you and for all of those who new and loved Michael. He will never be forgotten, and will always be missed. We know that your loving memories of him will will comfort you. You are in our hearts, minds and prayers.

Paul & Kyle Swetlick - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Mike was such a joy to work with. He was such a positive young man who will be missed by so many. He was such an inspiration to so many too.

Wendy Dickson - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ So very sorry this happened if y'all need anything please let us no He is a very special angelwe loveu guys prayers going up for the family

Tammie &James George - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ When me and Michael went to school together he would pick on me.. he was a very sweet guy. When we went on the FCCLA meetings out of town he would make sure I was ok. I'm sorry about yall lost if yall need anything I'm here for yall. I love you Michael I will miss you.

Amber Tooke - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I cannot begin to understand the loss of such a young life. I will pray for his union with Christ and for your family to heal.

David Brown - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Michael, Debbie, and Girls,*

It has truly been a blessing to see Michael grow up through the years a honorable and true at heart to anyone around him. We have followed h cancer and knew nothing would stop him from living, loving, and enjoyi We are going to miss him smiling and sticking his arms out the window each other, or him offering a lending hand. He made everyone's life ligi truly say he was one of a kind! We will always be on Michaels team for holds a special place in our heart and we love you all so very much, ar prayers. Fly high

WhiteboyðŸ‘¼ðŸ™

Randall and Jennifer Selman - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Micheal. I've known him since ETA school and stayed in contact with him via fb. I remember Micheal picking me up from HNL airport my first day in Hawaii and he drove me around the island, even though he had only been here a couple of weeks. I'm proud to call Micheal my friend and I'm sorry the world lost a good soul but heaven gained one. God Bless Micheal and his family.*

Bradley L. Morrison - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *I so wish I could be there and offer my condolences in person. I pray God's comfort and peace for your family. Even though our families have not had the chance to spend time together; your love for family is so evident. It is time for others to love on you. God bless.*

Deborah White Tallant - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Sorry for your loss*

Barbara Dorsey - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *You all are in my thoughts and prayers. My God comfort you and give you peace.*

Maria Hulsey - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *My prayers to the White family*

Carol White - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *We are praying for you and your family. Know that we love you.*

Nyanza Price - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. If there is anything we can do to help ,do not hesitate to ask . Our thoughts and prayers will be with you while you go thru the next several difficult days . We know you will always miss him and he will always be in your hearts.*

Pam and Robert Ramos - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Michael was a wonderful person. Friends to many. I met him in 3rd grade, he was one of the sweetest kids at leon. We lost touch but last Jan we ran into each other talked for about an hour outside of b and b. My condolences to the family, sorry i couldn't be there, but my thoughts &prayers are with everyone.*

Megan Burns - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Im so sorry to hear about michael. Its still so hard to believe, he was such a wonderful person...so kind hearted,a soul i'll never forget. I havnt talked to him the past couple years but no matter where i ran into him at he was always the first to spot me and greet me with a big hug everytime. Ill miss him very much. Prayers to the family...Fly high sweet boy*

Solyta watson - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Praying for all of you during this difficult time. Michael was certainly one of a kind and will be missed by many. We love you all.*

The Hintons - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *My sympathy to the White Family.*

Daryl Schmidt Smitty - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *Debbie and the White Family- I am so very sorry for your loss. I have followed Michael's Journey through Facebook and it seems he has been through so much. The love within your family reflects in every picture. Remember all the times together- good and bad. I would say it gets easier but in reality it doesn't-you just learn how to adjust. Thoughts, prayers and hugs to you all.*

Brenda and Calvin Zwahr, Jr. - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Really saddened of Michael leaving us too soon. It's really an honor to be one of his friends, will miss everything about him - friendship, kindness, hugs, laughters ...it's not easy losing a good kindhearted man. Truly a blessing to know and met the whole family. Praying deeply that each and everyone will find comfort in God's love and warm embrace knowing that he just went back home ahead of us, reunited with the other love ones who preceded him.

Kate RN - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Debbie, if you need me call....you have my number....all my love and prayers....any time day or night

Del

Delphia Woodall - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Michael in Great Lakes after graduating bootcamp. He was one of the best people that I could have ever known. He cared so much about everyone. We have some memories that I could never forget. My prayers go out to the family and friends of Michael. Im going to miss him for sure. Fly high Michael. I'll miss you while you are up there but we will meet again! Please keep a watch over all of us!

ET2SW Viravong, Alec K - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM