



Donald "Don" Eugene White

February 23, 1947 - April 17, 2005

Donald Eugene White, 58, Topeka, died at home on April 17, 2005, following a short illness.

Don was born February 23, 1947, in Great Bend, the son of the late Harry and Agnes White. On October 14, 1972, Don and Susan I. Walle were married. Susan survives along with two daughters, Callie Jo Carman and her husband, Brian, and Kara Lynn Neill and her husband, Ryan, all of Topeka. Other survivors include a brother, Harry D. White, III, Eugene, Ore.; a sister, Marianne A. Lee, Wichita; and extended family, including cousins, nieces and nephews.

After having lived most of his life in the Wichita area, Don graduated in 1966 from Watchung Hills High School, Warren Township, New Jersey. He served as a medic in the U.S. Army from 1969-71. Don's career in Emergency Medical Services began in 1971 and included Service Director positions with Reno County EMS, Hutchinson, and Saline County EMS, Salina. From 1988 to present he served as Education and Training Coordinator, and most recently, as Deputy Administrator with the Kansas Board of EMS, Topeka.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka, KS 66614. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at West Side Christian Church. Inurnment will follow at Mount

Hope Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hutchinson Community College Endowment Association, in care of the Don White Scholarship Fund for the HCC Paramedic Program, 1300 N Plum, Hutchinson KS 67501.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald "Don" Eugene White*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to your family over the loss of Don. Don was both a professional colleague and a friend. We met many years ago, both of us were EMS training coordinators for our respective states. We had a "bond" in that Don went to high school here in New Jersey and we often compared notes about it. We often spoke and when we met at annual meetings, we always shared the good and not so good about our jobs. I shall miss Don and feel badly about his untimely death. I shall pray for him and for all of you during this difficult period. He shall be missed by me and also by so many good friends that he came to know as part of the National Council of State EMS Training Coordinators.*

*Sincerely,
Bob Dinetz
New Jersey Office of EMS*

Bob Dinetz - April 25, 2005 at 07:09 PM



“ *It is always difficult to lose someone who has touched so many lives. My prayers are with your family at this time. Please take comfort in reading the thoughts of so many who were touched by his life and work.*

Angel Burba - April 25, 2005 at 11:33 AM

JL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. His efforts in EMS will not be forgotten.

Ops Chief, Estero Fire Rescue (Fl)
BOD NAEMSE

Jeffrey Lindsey - April 24, 2005 at 07:37 PM

JN

“ On behalf of the National Association of EMS Educators I would like to extend condolences to you and your family in this time of sorrow. Please know that Don will be missed by the EMS educators across the nation as his leadership was extraordinary. My prayers are with you and your family.

Joann Freel, Executive Director of NAEMSE - April 24, 2005 at 07:15 PM



“ Donald "Don" Eugene White

April 24, 2005 at 01:32 PM

TM

“ Susan, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of sorrow. As the years have passed we have lost touch with one another but I have thought of you often and remembered good times that we shared. We are in CA now...email me back...and if I can do anything for you...let me know. God doesn't give us anymore than we can handle. I have always valued our friendship and wish that I was there to help you through this difficult time. Hang on to the precious memories.

Tom & Pam McMahon - April 22, 2005 at 02:02 PM

LW

“ Susie, There are no words to express our sorrow at the news tonight of Don's death. I wish we could be there with you. Know that you and your family are in our prayers and that we love you very much.

Lawrence and Eileen

Lawrence & Eileen Wittman - April 21, 2005 at 06:43 PM

KN

“ Susan, Callie, & Kara -- I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. You have my deepest sympathy, and you will be in my prayers. I hope your family and friends are able to provide you with peace and comfort during your sadness.

Kelli Netson - April 21, 2005 at 12:35 PM

CI

“ My deepest sympathy. Terry and I will keep you and your family in our prayers. I hardly know what to say - I feel so bad for you. Please let me know if there is anything we can do for you. I will try to call you soon.

Cindy

Cindy - April 21, 2005 at 10:30 AM

SF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. I worked with Don on the Paramedic to RN state project. He was a wonderful assest and leader. Linda Sanko, Dodge City Community College

Susan and family - April 21, 2005 at 09:41 AM

VS

“ Working with Don the past few years to make his dream of the Paramedic to RN articulation a reality, has been a wonderful experience. A kind insightful man, he was always ready to share his wisdom and his heart. Although I have never met you, I feel I know you. Stories of our children and their accomplishments often filled our break time. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Vera Streit

Vera Streit - April 20, 2005 at 09:50 PM

DP

“ I am so sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you. Don always had an open ear and listened, he always spoke his heart and mind and I appreciated that very much. I am an I/C and Don was a mentor to me. He will be missed dearly.

David Paine - April 20, 2005 at 09:03 PM

EC

“ May God grant you grace, peace, and rest in your time of loss. Words are not enough to honor someone who played such a big role in so many lives. Don was a good friend to us here. He helped Emergystat so much with his guidance and direction. He will be very sorely missed, but I believe he is where he needs to be now.

Emergystat Ambulance, Linn County - April 20, 2005 at 12:53 PM

JE

“ Don and I worked together at Reno Co. EMS before, during and after the merge of the two hospitals. It was a time of great excitement in what we did and who we were. Don always tried to make things work for everyone. People come and go in each of our lives, but there always remains those who made a difference in our lives - made an impression that we can never forget. Don's dedication and commitment, his smile and his laugh I will never forget. My prayers are with Susan and her family.

Jim Emrick - April 20, 2005 at 12:38 PM

DF

“ Dear Susan White and family, I want to express my heartfelt sympathy for your loss. I worked with Don on some statewide committees over the past few years and felt he was a good friend as well as a good colleague. He was a wonderful man and he will be missed. My apologies for being unavailable to attend the service this week. You will be in my prayers. Sincerely, Jeanne Walsh, Director of Nursing, Johnson County Community College

Don White Family - April 20, 2005 at 11:15 AM

VK

“ My condolences to you in this time of sorrow. Don will be sorely missed by all who knew him. He was a tremendous asset for Kansas EMS. I will be at a loss when I have questions, because Don is the person I always turned to. He always had the answers. Know that I will continue to keep you and your family in my prayers.

Vickie Kennedy - April 20, 2005 at 09:50 AM

GM

“ *What an honor to meet and get to know Don at the State EMS Coordinators annual events. He tried hard to get Oregonians to switch from Starbucks to Folgers. On a serious note, he was a wonderful friend and will be missed by many. Our love to his family.*

Gail M. Madsen - April 19, 2005 at 10:52 PM

AE

“ *Our prayers are with the family, Don will be truly missed by all members of the EMS communities.*

Anderson Lowe and Belle Plaine EMS - April 19, 2005 at 10:46 PM

SG

“ *My sincere condolences to the family and friends of a dynamic, dedicated, and caring professional. EMS across the nation lost a leader this week, one who will be difficult to replace. Although I knew Don for less than a decade, he became a friend and a peer who could not be forgotten. The thoughts and prayers of those of us in the West Central Georgia Region 7 Emergency Medical Services System are with you at this difficult time in your lives.*

Sam R. Cunningham (Columbus, Georgia) - April 19, 2005 at 10:37 PM

CB

“ *Susan, Kara, and Callie, So sorry for your sudden loss. Please know you can count on your neighbors in this difficult time. Don will be sadly missed by all of us here on Kent Street. Our prayers are with you.*

Cindy and Denny Baker - April 19, 2005 at 09:30 PM

JW

“ I am praying for God's mercy to be upon you and your family at this time of sorrow. Don and I go back many years. He was at Reno County EMS when we first met. He will be missed by many.

Jim Werries - April 19, 2005 at 04:59 PM

MV

“ My condolences to you Susan, Callie, and Kara. Don's extended family of EMS providers in Kansas can only share in your loss. Don was a not only a very important person in developing Kansas EMS, but was probably the most instrumental person to develop my career in EMS as well as advanced life support in Salina. As you know Don was my first EMS Director as well as my Paramedic Instructor. Kansas EMS has lost a great leader and most of all a great Friend.

Marvin VanBlaricon - April 19, 2005 at 04:00 PM

CM

“ Our condolences to your family. Don was not only a valued colleague but considered a friend as well. Over the past few years Don graciously and open-heartedly lended his support towards my success and Barton's success. He will be greatly missed and forever appreciated.

Chy Miller - April 19, 2005 at 02:03 PM

JH

“ Kara, Ryan, Callie, Brian and Susan,

You are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you all.

Johnny and Kristy Hanshaw - April 19, 2005 at 01:50 PM

CA

“ Our prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. Know that Don will be truly missed by the EMS educators at Flint Hills Technical College. He has been our guidance, our strength and our friend for several years. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Carman Allen - April 19, 2005 at 01:14 PM

DL

“ Kansas EMS has lost a truly dedicated and committed professional and I have lost a close trusted friend and colleague. However, those do not begin to compare to the loss of a loving husband, father, and brother that you are feeling. May God bless you and give you strength and know that Don and all of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

David Lake - April 19, 2005 at 12:19 PM

MM

“ May God be with you and your daughters in your time of sorrow and pain. My prayers and thoughts are with you. God Bless you.

Mary E. Mulryan - April 19, 2005 at 12:00 PM

GH

“ We hope your family finds peace during this very difficult time.

Grant Holthaus & Kristin Halliburton - April 19, 2005 at 09:22 AM