



Donald Augustus White Sr

July 31, 1946 - August 28, 2025

Donald Augustus White Sr of Newnan, formerly of Fayetteville, passed away on Thursday, August 28, 2025. A 1965 graduate of Hapeville High School, he served his country as a United States Marine, including a 13 month tour of duty in Vietnam in 1967. Don will best be remembered as real bearded Santa Gus. He delighted children and adults alike at parties and family gatherings, and he spent many years as Santa at Rhodes Hall in Atlanta. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Cathy Battles White, son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter Donald, Amanda, and Emily White of Sharpsburg, GA, as well as his son David White of Detroit, MI. He is also survived by his sister Judi and Joe Volk of Honolulu, HI and nephews Stuart White of Charleston, SC and Andrew White of Inman, SC. He was preceded in death by his brother Tom White and his parents Marion and Martha White. His family wants to show their gratitude to his caregivers at Westhill and Hope Center. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. There are no services planned at this time.

Tribute Wall

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“*Don was more than just my friend's dad; he was a kind and gentle man who I got to know over the past 32 years. He was so easy to like, and I'll always remember our great conversations, often centered on our shared love of soccer and the many people we knew in that world. We spent a lot of time together at games, going all the way back to college when he and his wife, Cathy, would come watch his son Donald and me play both indoor and outdoor.*

We spent many Thanksgivings together at Don's house, where the table was always full of great food, laughter, and stories of old games and people we both knew. We even spent time going to soccer games like the AC Milan vs. Club America match in Atlanta, and we always had such a great time. What I appreciated most, though, was his genuine interest in me, my wife, and our three children. He always asked how everyone was doing and listened intently.

He had a gentle spirit that shone through everything he did, and it was no surprise when he became a real-bearded Santa in his later years. It was a perfect fit for a man who brought so much warmth and kindness to everyone he met.

I'm really going to miss Don, but the memories of his kind heart, his easy laugh, and the many Thanksgivings we shared will always be with me.

Stephen Zoeller - September 01, 2025 at 04:15 PM

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“ So sorry to hear!
Don was in the first group of men I knew when Ann and I came to Providence UMC in 1996!
He made me feel comfortable as we had similar childhoods about Hapeville, Ga. He grew up there and I lived a few miles away in Atlanta city limits.
We shared many stories of the "Old Days".
RIP Santa!
You were a natural that touched so many!

Danny Williams - August 28, 2025 at 09:27 PM

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“ Donald and Amanda,

I am so sorry to hear of the Mr. White's passing. My thoughts and prayers go to you and the entire family during this time.

Lea Winkles

Lea Winkles - August 28, 2025 at 04:22 PM