



Russell Zack White

October 20, 1970 - May 25, 2026

Russell Zack White came into this world early on October 20, 1970. He left us far too soon on May 25, 2026, at 55 years old.

Russell was a devoted and cherished son, father, grandfather, brother, and friend to so many. He worked for many years at North Star Recovery, where he left a lasting impression on everyone he encountered and formed lifelong relationships. Russell helped countless people on the road to recovery, and many helped Russell along the way.

Russell was an adventurer from a very young age; never fearful, never met a stranger. He loved Georgia football, sweet tea, family dinners, long conversations about the Bible, and just about any subject you wanted to discuss. His joy in life was being around those he loved; he was always up for anything we threw at him, and we threw a lot.

Russell faced many struggles in his life, but he was always an over-comer, a warrior. He never questioned why or complained; he simply battled with grace and stood firmly in his faith. He was brilliant; he had a photographic memory and could challenge you on any subject, and often did. He was so special to each of us, and we will miss him every day until we meet him again and hear him say, with that overwhelming excitement of his, "I have been waiting for you!"

Russell was preceded in death by his father, Hugh Zack White Jr., who adored him; by his beloved dog Lilly, who also adored him; and by many others who welcomed him with open arms.

He is survived by his mother, Brenda White, and stepfather, Herb Sleeme; his four children, Hank White (Mikaela), Heather Gillenwaters (Lane), Cole Staples (Angie), and Casey Staples (Kira); and his four grandsons, Silas, Hudson, Benjamin, and Brantley. He is also survived by his sisters, Kerry Hatch (Michael) and Kelly Keeler (Lee); his step-siblings, Todd Sleeme, Chris Sleeme, and Kim Dunn; his brother in Christ, Randy McClain (Carol); nephews Evan Waddy and Andrew Hatch; nieces Kelsey Gillette, McKenzie Megginson, Kayleigh Khan, and Catherine Kilmer; great nieces Eden Waddy and Molly Campbell; great nephew, Lincoln Waddy; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A funeral service to honor and celebrate Russell will be held at Parrott Funeral Home on June 15, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., with visitation from 9:30–11:00 a.m. with Rev. Dr. Jim Donovan and Chaplain Evan Waddy officiating. Burial will follow the service at Crest Lawn Cemetery in Atlanta.

Russell's legacy of faith, grace, and love for family and others will live on in the hearts of all who adored him.

“I am leaving, I am leaving, but the fighter still remains.”

— The Boxer, Simon & Garfunkel

Cemetery Details

Crest Lawn Memorial Park

2000 Marietta Blvd., NW
Atlanta, GA 30318

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 15. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory
8355 Senoia Road
Fairburn, GA 30213
(770) 964-4800
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<https://www.parrottfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

JUN 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Parrott Funeral Home Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Russell Zack White*



Parrott Funeral Home - June 15 at 08:37 AM

SF

“ *Stephanie Shoemaker and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Russell Zack White.*



Stephanie Shoemaker and family - June 12 at 06:55 PM

JH

“ *“Remember NO man is a failure who has FRIENDS.”-Clarence*

And man did you have friends! You were larger than life, Russell, and made such an impact on so many people. You touched so many lives, including mine and countless others. Honored to have known you. May your sweet soul Rest in peace.

Joni Herron - June 11 at 11:47 AM

PR

“ *PURPLE Recovery purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Russell Zack White.*



PURPLE Recovery - June 09 at 08:49 PM

PF

“ *Papa Jack's (Hugh Zack White, Sr) family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Russell Zack White.*



Papa Jack's (Hugh Zack White, Sr) family - June 04 at 12:57 PM

DC

“ *So sorry for your family's loss.
You will be forever missed Russel!
I thank God and your family for you being such a part of my life and my recovery*



Darryn Curry

Darryn Curry - June 03 at 05:08 PM

KH

This means so much to us, thank you Darryn!

Kerry Hatch - June 05 at 03:23 PM

KH

“ Dear Baby Brother, we really did not find you under a pier!! You were so loved and we will miss you every single day till we meet again. Love, Sis

Kerry Hatch - June 02 at 12:38 PM

US

My dear nephew I am so sorry that your life was cut short. However the cancellation is I know that I will see you again in Heaven. You will be missed until we meet again. Love you and will miss you. Your 007 RIP

Uncle Steve - June 05 at 12:37 PM

KH

“ Kerry Hatch lit a candle in memory of Russell Zack White



Kerry Hatch - June 02 at 08:18 AM