



## Sheriff Darrell White

November 22, 1926 - December 10, 2020

William Darrell White went home to be with Jesus on December 10, 2020 after being here on earth for 94 years. Darrell was born in Huntsville, Texas to George and Dovie White. As a young man, Darrell served in the U. S. Army during WWII. He saw active duty and served under General Patton. After being honorably discharged, he moved to Houston, Texas where he rented a room and met the love of his life, Janell Koehl. They were married in 1950 and remained married for 70 years. After asking Darrell what the secret was to a long and happy married life, his answer was to never go to bed mad at each other. Each and every night, Darrell and Nell held hands and expressed their love for each other.

Darrell was a long time law enforcement officer with his first position being a Security Officer at Sam Houston State Teachers College in 1957. In 1959, Darrell became a City of Huntsville Police Officer, a Deputy Sheriff in 1965 and ultimately became the Sheriff of Walker County in 1969 where he remained in that position for 20 consecutive years.

The retirement years were good to Darrell as he enjoyed his time on the ranch. He was proud of his horse training abilities and his vast knowledge of agriculture. Darrell loved animals and in general enjoyed being outdoors whether it be hunting, fishing or just going to check on his cows. On his last day here on earth, he was joking, laughing and driving his four wheeler across

the property making sure everything was in order. For those of you who knew him, you are certainly familiar with his good natured attitude, his big smile, constant laughing and his many pranks that he loved playing on people. He dearly loved to visit and tell story after story while drinking his Dr. Pepper. He would talk until he lost his voice. Each day was an adventure for him and many say he was still a kid at heart. Above all, he cherished his time with his wife of 70 years, his family and his many friends. He will forever be missed.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, George White and Dovie Ellington White, his five sisters, one brother and his great grandson, Maddox William White.

William Darrell White is survived by his wife, Janell White, children Dennis White and wife, Tayna, Ronnie White and wife, Reba, and Ruth Lynch and husband Tommy. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Rex White, Angela DeLeon Guerrero, Johanna White and Keith Bond. He is survived by one great grandson, Theodore DeLeon Guerrero.

Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 10am at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Graveside will immediately follow at Ebenezer Cemetery.

Sherriff White will lie in state at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Monday, December 14, 2020 from 10am to 7pm.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Ebenezer Cemetery

Huntsville, TX

# Previous Events

## Lie in State

DEC 14. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

## Funeral Service

DEC 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sheriff Darrell White*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *My last memory of Darrell was when he and the man buying Frank Robinson's cows arrived to catch and load the cattle. Darrell got out and unloaded his 4 wheeler then he and Frank headed out into the brush to hunt down the cows. I stayed with the truck, as I thought I was too old to chase cows. I'll bet they are in Heaven today still chasing cows. Two of the best men I will ever know.*

*In loving memory  
Jim Willett*

**Jim willett** - December 28, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ *Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Sheriff Darrell White*



**Charlotte Efird** - December 15, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ *Will miss a great friend  
Derwood and Nancy Collum*



**nancy collum** - December 15, 2020 at 04:36 PM

JH

“ Jeannie Hightower lit a candle in memory of Sheriff Darrell White



Jeannie Hightower - December 15, 2020 at 01:46 PM

AL

“ Adrienne Cooley Lambeth lit a candle in memory of Sheriff Darrell White



Adrienne Cooley Lambeth - December 15, 2020 at 11:28 AM

NH

“ Nancy Hopper lit a candle in memory of Sheriff Darrell White



Nancy Hopper - December 14, 2020 at 06:48 PM

RK

“ Ramona Koch lit a candle in memory of Sheriff Darrell White



Ramona Koch - December 14, 2020 at 09:00 AM

CW

“ I grew up hearing “Darrell White” stories. One of my favorite memories was when I actually went on a jeep ride with him. I never got in a jeep with him again!

Mrs. White, Dennis, Ronnie and Ruth- you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

With love,

Cheryl and Joyce Mitchell McLaughlin



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**Cheryl McLaughlin Washington** - December 14, 2020 at 08:53 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sheriff Darrell White.



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December 14, 2020 at 07:06 AM



“ May the Lord give peace and comfort to the family of Sheriff White My name is Terri Jo Hardy Wells. My dad is Joe Hardy(83) former DPS. I have sat and listened to daddy talk over the past years about his service in the DPS and the times that he and Ronnie Stone worked along side Sherriff White. Daddy talked about the seeing Sherriff White two years ago when they were both in Creekside. I would have loved to have been a fly on the windshield or seat of those cruisers and watch true officers in action.

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**Terri Hardy Harris-Wells** - December 13, 2020 at 06:22 PM

JR

“ *Jerry & Sue Register sent a virtual gift in memory of Sheriff Darrell White*



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**jerry & Sue Register** - December 13, 2020 at 04:39 PM

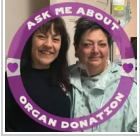
RJ

“ *May the Lord give peace and comfort to the family of Sheriff White. My father (Oma Johnson, Sr ) had great respect for him as sheriff of Huntsville Texas-Walker County. Respectfully, Ruby A. Johnson.*



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**Ruby A Johnson** - December 13, 2020 at 04:02 PM



“ Ruth, Ronnie, Mrs White & family, so very sad about the passing of Sheriff White. He was a dear man so very, very special in my heart!! When I was about 5-6, everytime he would see me out with my Daddy, he would give me a quarter!! Wow!!! .... especially back then!! And then, I noticed that he had stopped with the quarters and the last couple of times, it had been dimes (You KNOW kids notice these things!! LOL). I asked my Daddy about it and he said "Inflation"??!! Of course, I didn't know what that was at the time, but I learned years later in life!! It seemed that we would see your Daddy at Ms Mary Walthall's diner right down our street. It was always a special treat for everyone because she had the best lunches in town .... plus I got to see my Momma when she worked there! Ruth & Ronnie, I loved your dear Daddy so much ... and just glad that he was able to enjoy life until the very end! And he DID do that!!  
I know that he is sitting around in Heaven (like at The Texan) at a table, laughing, telling their stories, exchanging the gossip and dazzling those angels! !

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**Jamie Sue Brinegar** - December 13, 2020 at 02:37 PM

DR

“ Dawn Rachal sent a virtual gift in memory of Sheriff Darrell White



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**Dawn Rachal** - December 12, 2020 at 10:46 PM

PK

“ Darrell and his family was like a second family to the Dolly Hightower family as we grew up!! They were very special people!! I rode his Daddy’s hay bayler and what a chore that was, I learned right then I wasn’t made to be a farmer’s wife!!! He was a special person to my two boys and I appreciated that, Thank you Sheriff White ❤️❤️ You will be missed ❤️❤️ RIP 🙏🙏

Peggy Kroesche - December 12, 2020 at 08:20 PM

EA

“ Edd & Terry Artherholt sent a virtual gift in memory of Sheriff Darrell White



Edd & Terry Artherholt - December 12, 2020 at 08:19 PM

NV

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the White Family. May God keep you close and give you peace.

Nicole (McCarty) Venette - December 12, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ Sheriff White was always so kind to me. He always had a good story and a good joke. Condolences to his family members and his many friends. He will be missed.

Allan Rushing - December 12, 2020 at 01:01 PM

DT

*Ruth and rhe entire White family. Rachel, Ruth and I are so sorry to hear of your dad,s passing. One of my first big memories of him was one year when Rachel and Ruth were gking to Vacation Bible. School at Cook Springs Baptist. Sheriff White came by rhe church and the children were allowed to see his sheriff's car. Very exciting. He was always such a nice and very kind and gentle person full of fun. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Take care and let us know if there is anytbing we can do to help you. Dorothea Tarver*

**Dorothea Tarver** - December 12, 2020 at 02:30 PM

FW

“ *From David and Cindy Williams purchased the Di vine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sheriff Darrell White.*



**From David and Cindy Williams** - December 12, 2020 at 12:24 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Sheriff Darrell White*



**M. Hyvl** - December 12, 2020 at 11:08 AM

MC

“ *I think it would be safe to say we ALL had our favorite memories of Darrell over our lifetimes. Everyone was a fan of Darrell's !!!!!*

**Mark Chalker** - December 12, 2020 at 08:12 AM

AH

“ *Annette Massie Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of Sheriff Darrell White*



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**Annette Massie Hunnicutt** - December 12, 2020 at 05:34 AM

MW

“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss.*



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**Mellicent Sikes Wiley** - December 12, 2020 at 12:54 AM

CG

“ *Such a great man my dad Frank Wynn thought the world of Sheriff White. Sending heartfelt sincere condolences to all the family.*

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**Carolyn Wynn Gideon** - December 12, 2020 at 12:03 AM

MC

“ *God Bless the family of Sheriff Darrell White... I have to say I have many memories of him. Most of them were from being in a hay field somewhere in Walker county. He always had a smiling face as he told you a story. He had many stories. I will always remember this man. Love him.. My healing Prayers are with YOU his family and friends.*

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**Margo and Mike Chandler** - December 11, 2020 at 11:40 PM

BC

“ Prayers for peace and comfort for each of you during this time of loss of a good man.



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**Bridgette Neeley Clay** - December 11, 2020 at 08:37 PM

SP

“ My deepest condolences to the White family. Mr. Darrell was always so sweet to me growing up.  
*Stephanie Hightower Peterson*



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**Stephanie Peterson** - December 11, 2020 at 07:51 PM

SH

“ So very sorry to hear of Mr. White's passing! What a wonderful spirit! He always had a laugh in his pocket for me! He will live in our lives for many years to come.

*Skip and Suzette Heath*

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**Skip Heath** - December 11, 2020 at 07:44 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Sheriff Darrell White.



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December 11, 2020 at 06:31 PM

JH

“ *Darrell White was one of the sweetest, fairest and funniest man I ever met. Prayers for the family.* ”

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**Jo Ann Holleman** - December 11, 2020 at 06:24 PM

TR

“ *Terry And Janet Ramback lit a candle in memory of Sheriff Darrell White* ”



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**Terry and Janet Ramback** - December 11, 2020 at 05:54 PM

DH

“ *Worked with Sheriff White for 8 years as a reserve deputy. He was always kind and fair with everyone. God bless him and the family.* ”

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**David Henderson** - December 11, 2020 at 04:05 PM

CB

“ *Carolyn G Baker lit a candle in memory of Sheriff Darrell White* ”



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**Carolyn G Baker** - December 11, 2020 at 03:28 PM