



## Thomas Lincoln White

March 11, 1947 - July 2, 2019

Thomas Lincoln White, Sr. (Link), of Providence Forge, VA passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on July 2, 2019. Link lived a life surrounded by his most important principles; faith, family, and service. He knew no stranger and was a protector to all he loved.

Born and raised in Lynchburg, VA, he graduated from E. C. Glass High School and went on to study at Lynchburg College. He served his community in a variety of ways throughout his life. He was employed with BWX Technologies for over 30 years in the Photo lab and Production Studio. In doing this, he was able to follow his passion of photography. After retirement he went on to become a member of the Bedford County Sheriffs Department as part of the Smith Mountain Lake Patrol which allowed him to follow another passion, being on the lake that gave him many memories and peace. He also served as a Security Officer at Lynchburg College where he could serve the students and faculty while spreading his infectious smile to all. Link was a member of the Campbell County School Board and an elder in his church.

Always ready to serve and protect others, he answered the call of duty to his country in 1968. He served in the US Army's 82nd Airborne Division in Vietnam where he was awarded a Bronze Star. Through this service he came to hold veterans, servicemen and women in high esteem. He enjoyed meeting other veterans and sharing stories. He was often seen at the VA smiling and chatting with fellow veterans, sharing a bond that only they could comprehend.

Upon moving to New Kent County to be closer to his children and grandchildren, Link made fast friends in his new community. He became a member of Providence Forge Presbyterian Church where he helped with the Food Bank and other organizations. He was a member of the Ruritan Club and the Masons. He was the self appointed neighborhood watch and welcoming committee for his neighborhood, riding up and down the streets in his golf cart checking in on his neighbors, helping when could. He offered smiles, advice, and comfort to his community.

Link is leaving an everlasting imprint on the hearts that he touched in his life. His larger than life presence will be missed by many.

Link was preceding in death by his parents, John D. and Elizabeth Ralph White and his in-laws William G and Mary Eyler Smith all of Lynchburg. He is survived by his wife of 46 years Carole "Jo" White of Providence Forge, VA. Their love story was an example to all. He was a loving father to Johanna W. Davis (Brian) and Thomas L. "Chip" White, Jr. (Carrie). His three beautiful granddaughters, Elizabeth C. "Ellie" Davis, M. Ainsley White, and Kendall A. White all of New Kent County gave him great joy and pride. He and his loving brothers John D. White (Jane) and Richard A. White (Sandy) of Lynchburg always stood strong together. He was loved by his brothers and sisters in law as well, Patrick Smith (Kathy), Robert Smith (Faye), and Mark Smith (Sharon) Peggy Colville and Muriel Smith as well as Kenneth Smith and William Smith who have preceded him in death. Link's lifelong best friend, Wiley Green (Carolyn) was just as much a brother to him as his own flesh and blood. The two were always laughing and creating mischief when together. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews who loved and cherished him. The family would like to give a special thank you to the caring and compassionate ICU staff at Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Hospital who provided extraordinary care to Link and his family in his final days.

Visitation will be held at Vincent's Funeral Home in Providence Forge, VA on Thursday, July 11, 2019 from 6-8pm. A Memorial Service will be on Friday, July 12, 2019 at 11am also at Vincent's in Providence Forge. In lieu of flowers

please consider donating to The Wounded Warriors Foundation or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel  
9923 Pocahontas Trail  
Providence Forge, VA 23140  
(804) 966-7075

## Memorial Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JL

“ We always think fondly of our time with you all in The Oaks! Link always spent time talking to our boys and riding them around on his scooter. We treasure Halloween memories and neighborhood picnics. Link always looked out for everyone and was so easy to love and talk to!

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**Jennifer Lantz** - August 11, 2019 at 08:36 AM

MA

“ We just wanted to write to let you know that you are all on our minds and in our prayers at this difficult time.

*Much love to you all,*

*Michael, Christy, Adam, & Ryan Arthur*

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**Michael Arthur** - July 11, 2019 at 05:33 PM



LW

“ Lisa Womack lit a candle in memory of Thomas Lincoln White



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**Lisa Womack** - July 10, 2019 at 11:57 AM

LW

*Jo, John & Jane, and families,*

*I was heart broken to hear of Link's passing. He was such a sweet, kind, caring man. I will always remember the smiles and hugs he shared when he worked with us at LC. I loved hearing him talk about his family and sharing his beautiful photography. God has gained one amazing angel. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Lisa Womack  
Business Office at LC*

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**Lisa Womack** - July 10, 2019 at 12:19 PM

CH

“ *Chris & Theresa Hill lit a candle in memory of Thomas Lincoln White*



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**Chris & Theresa Hill** - July 09, 2019 at 06:12 PM



“ *Mr. Linc, Things on Pilmour just aren't the same without you. I miss seeing you zipping through the neighborhood with a big smile on your face. You never knew a stranger. I'm so happy that we all went to Sun's together recently. You enjoyed the meal and the interactive aspect of hibachi so much. Seeing that was the best part. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for taking myself and my children in like your own family. God put you and Ms Jo in our lives right when we needed it. Your heart was so big and we love you! We promise to take care of Ms. Jo. Your entire family is very special to us. Prayers for the White and Davis families as their broken hearts heal. Much Love, Remle, Delaney and Christopher*

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**Remle Sherman** - July 08, 2019 at 10:27 PM

CR

“ Jo,  
*Thinking of you and your family during this sad time. You and Link have built such a beautiful family. It's been such an honor getting to know you all. We love you.*  
*Cathy and Bob Redford*

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**Cathy Redford** - July 08, 2019 at 09:57 PM



“ *Link worked with my father at B & W many years ago. He photographed my wedding in 1983, and then became a regular customer when some friends and I owned the Koffee Kup restaurant in the 90's. Jo, I think I met you there also. Link was such a kind, gracious, funny, compassionate man, and he always talked about his family so lovingly. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing, and my thoughts and prayers are with the family. Barbara Wills Murrell*

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**Barbara Murrell** - July 08, 2019 at 09:19 AM



“ *Jo, I am so sorry to read about Link. I hope you are well. I miss you a lot. Sending much love and prayers. Love Carolyn Creasy*

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**Carolyn Creasy** - July 07, 2019 at 06:54 PM

DS

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Link's passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Link had a wonderful laugh and smile and will be greatly missed.*



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**Donnie and Sherrill Smith** - July 07, 2019 at 05:51 PM

JC

“ *Link and I went to E.C. Glass and later worked together at BWXT. Link was a good friend and I will miss him. I am so sorry for your loss.*  
*Jerry Clark, SR.*



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**JERRY CLARK** - July 07, 2019 at 04:09 PM

BP

“ *Betty Phillips lit a candle in memory of Thomas Lincoln White*



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**Betty Phillips** - July 07, 2019 at 02:09 PM

BP

*Link was a great co worker at BWXT. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

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**Betty Phillips** - July 07, 2019 at 02:10 PM

BF

“ *So Sorry Jo & Family . Link was always a good neighbor . He Taught Tyler our son how to ride a bike Lots of good memories when you all lived across the street from us in Lynchburg . Hugs with prayers Gale & Becky Farmer .*

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**Becky Farmer** - July 07, 2019 at 11:16 AM

JE

“ To Jo and family:

*We are so sorry for your loss. Link was a good guy and neighbor. Not seeing him riding through the neighborhood on his golf cart won't be the same. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers!*

*Jennifer & Jeff Carper, and kids*

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**jennifer** - July 06, 2019 at 08:22 PM

PM

Jo,

*We were very saddened to hear of Link's passing. May the Lord keep him and May he Rest In Peace.*

*Paul & Rosemary Mary*

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**Paul & Rosemary Mary** - July 07, 2019 at 08:02 AM

EH

“ Jo:

*We are sorry for your lost. Link was a great friend and neighbor and he will truly be missed. Link was like family to my wife and I. Jo we are here for you if you ever need anything. Danita and Eric Harrison*

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**Eric Harrison** - July 06, 2019 at 06:23 PM

AR

“ Jo & Family,

*We're so sorry for your loss. Link was always kind checking in whenever he saw us outside. He always asked how Brennan was doing and what new skills he was learning. You all are in our thoughts & prayers.*

*Amy & Michael Ryan*

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**Amy Ryan** - July 06, 2019 at 11:51 AM



CS

“ Jo:

*I just found out that Link died. I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Link sat near me in 7th grade at T. C. Miller so I remember him fondly.*

*Cindy Stevens  
804-378-5455*

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**Cindy Stevens** - July 06, 2019 at 11:29 AM

 Lori  
Waddell

“ *Link welcomed Mom (Sandy), Kim, and I so easily into the family. It is hard to imagine such a larger than life and boisterous figure silenced forever. I will always remember him for his warm and humorous personality.*

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**Lori Waddell** - July 05, 2019 at 01:03 PM



RC

*I was saddened to hear of Links passing. Link would come to Gammon Well Co. Inc. and have some conversations with Mr. Gammon about day to day life stories, but mainly just to stop by and see how he was .Would always stop into my office and ask how i was doing. Link was a kind and caring person. My thoughts & prayers go out to his family and friends. Robin Chadwick*

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**robin chadwick** - July 08, 2019 at 08:36 AM

CK

*Jo, holding you in prayer. Cindy Kissel-Ito*

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**Cindy Kissel-Ito** - July 12, 2019 at 02:52 PM

DW

*Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers for my brother. Link left a lasting impression on everybody he ever met. My brother loved meeting people and could remember everything little detail about them. Link was truly one of a kind. I just wish I had spent the time he had left more wisely. I also would like to give a special thanks to his neighbor Mr Smith for his kind words at the service, all of which described Link exactly. A final thank you to all the members of Providence Forge church and to Wallace Manor for all the hard work they did for his reception. We all will miss that 5% grizzly bear / 95% teddy bear!*

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**dicky white** - July 12, 2019 at 07:34 PM