



Obituary

Died: Monday, October 12, 2020

Norvel E. White, 83, passed away on Monday, October 12, 2020. Norvel was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on March 30, 1937, to Norvel E. White Sr. and Martha Mabry White.

Norvel attended elementary public schools 42 and 44 and had a delightful childhood full of great adventures.

Norvel and his sister, Shirley White Thomas, had many escapades and Norvel was always ready to include his sister, especially when it called for a whooping. Regardless of whether Shirley was involved, Norvel would say, "What you gonna do about Shirley?" This led to a phrase of endearment that would span into adulthood and begin many fun and loving stories Norvel and his sister loved telling their childhood stories to family, and many enjoyed hearing them.

Norvel graduated from the legendary Crispus Attucks High School, where he formed and developed many of his passions. Norvel's experiences at Crispus Attack High School became exciting stories that he would later share with his family, especially the story of meeting the love of his life, Doris Scott. Norvel and Doris were married for 63 years and would often share stories of the good old times with family and friends – times such as when the legendary Crispus Attucks High School became the first all-black school in the nation to win a state basketball title

Norvel's passion for music led him to play the saxophone while attending the Jordan School of Music; he also had a passion for art. He often sketched and he attended several classes at the Herron School of Art.

In 1960, Norvel started his lengthy career at Ford Motor Company, working there for 50 years. He was one of the first African American supervisors at the English Avenue division. One of the stories he told was how, upon applying for a position at the Ford plant during that time, African Americans were required to take a test; however, other job candidates were not. It was because of this experience that Norvel was a strong advocate for helping others gain employment to better their lives. He was instrumental in many people starting their careers at Ford.

During his 50 years at Ford, Norvel received several awards for his dedication, attendance, work ethics, Job One Quality, and management of the teams he led. Norvel was often called upon to represent the English Avenue division at various events in Indianapolis and Detroit, Michigan.

Ford Motor Company was a huge part of Norvel's life, as evidenced by his lengthy tenure there. Norvel formed many friendships at the Ford plant, friendships that extended beyond the plant; his friends at Ford became household names at Norvel's home and part of his life. Norvel believed in supporting his friends in their efforts to develop and advocated "pulling someone up!" Norvel loved his job, and it was fitting because since childhood, Norvel had had a

Service Summary

Interment following funeral service

Fri Nov 06, 2020

Visitation

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Fri Nov 06, 2020

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Celebration of Life

12:00 PM Fri Nov 06, 2020

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passion for cars and always drove the latest model Ford. It was a delight for Norvel to be selected to attend various events in Detroit, which gave him the opportunity to attend many of the car shows.

Norvel had an infectious passion for being with his family, listening to jazz, and attending basketball and Colts football games, where his granddaughter was a Colts cheerleader. Norvel was elated when his granddaughter became a Colts cheerleader and his grandson-in-law became a coach for the Philadelphia Eagles. Norvel was always ready for game night! Norvel also enjoyed traveling to many places stateside and beyond. Many of his travels consisted of being with family and he loved it – ship, plane or car, it didn't matter to him. He loved it all, and when the family got together, it was one big party!

Norvel was a charter member of Convent Community Church.

Norvel is survived by his wife of 63 years, Doris White; daughter, Geneane White; son, Norvel E. White III (Daphne); granddaughter, Ambria White Ollie (Nathan); sister, Shirley Thomas; and a host of nieces, nephews, and family and friends.

Norvel lived a full and generous life, a life full of gratitude for the blessings God gave him. Norvel will always be in the hearts of those who loved him. Memories of him will last forever and he is now enjoying his mansion with the Lord. Norvel, Junior, Daddy, Granddaddy, Uncle Norvel, Dad White, Side White, Northside, and Jive White were all names of endearment for him that will last forever. Rest in sweet peace, and we will see you later at the dinner table!!

Humbly Submitted.....The Family