



Thomas (Tom) White

December 2, 2025

Thomas (Tom) White passed away in his sleep the morning of December 2, 2025. He leaves behind his beloved wife Vera, sons Alex (Lindsay), Adam (Vanessa), bonus son/nephew Shawn Cregan, granddaughters Maeve and Ada, sisters Mary and Ann, as well as many nieces and nephews, and countless students.

Tom was a lifelong Pittsburgher and proud pastor's kid. He enjoyed and constantly talked about his experience at Muskingum College, where he earned his B.A. in teaching. He taught high school English at Northgate High School, before retiring in 1999. Even after retirement, he never stopped teaching anyone who was willing to learn. He would run into former students wherever he went, never forgetting their names.

Tom was an Elder and one time Clerk of Session at Hiland Presbyterian Church.

Tom was an avid gardener, movie buff, and reader. Stories of his library size were legendary. He loved to travel, and his passport was full. When he could no longer travel, he would read travel books and watch travel documentaries. A bigtime baseball fan, Tom would tell anyone who would listen about how good the Pirates used to be, regaling us with stories of Roberto Clemente, Maz, and Willie Stargell.

The family will be holding a memorial service at Hiland Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 28 at 4:00pm. The church is located at: 845 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to Hiland Presbyterian Church, or support your local library and read a book in his honor.

Arrangements entrusted to the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 28. 4:00 PM (ET)

Hiland Presbyterian Church
845 Perry Highway
Pittsburgh, PA 15229

Tribute Wall

PM

“ I am very sorry to hear about the passing of Mr White. I was one of his students at Northgate. He was an excellent teacher and he also taught a class on film study. He gave us the insight and the experience of watching many classic movies. One year we stopped by his house and sang Christmas carols and he and Mrs White joined in. I thank him and Mrs White for their dedication and professionalism in teaching us. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Paul Miller. 412-477-7542

Paul Miller - December 13, 2025 at 07:45 PM

DW

“ I was so sorry to hear about Tom’s death. I have such fond memories of reminiscing with him about the good old days of 1970s Pirates baseball—those conversations were a gift in themselves. Uncle Elm always spoke of Tom as a dear and faithful friend, and I know how much their friendship meant to him. I also enjoyed our coffee hour conversations about literature and history. Tom’s love of learning and his gentle spirit left a real impression on my heart. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers during this difficult time. May God’s comfort surround you and bring you peace. Deb Warren

Deb Warren - December 05, 2025 at 08:12 PM

VW

Thank you for your thoughtful reminiscences.

Vera Karn White - December 14, 2025 at 08:31 AM

DN

“ *My favorite memory of time spent with Tom was in Budapest Hungary. He was determined to go to one of the hot baths. We were there he a few days after New Years and it was snowing!! What fun. I never would have experienced this if it was not for Tom. May he rest in peace*

Dolores Norton - December 05, 2025 at 05:20 PM

VW

Yes, that was certainly a memorable experience! Thanks for the memory.

Vera Karn White - December 14, 2025 at 08:32 AM