



## Mr. Ernest Leroy "Godfather" "Uncle Tom" White

October 30, 1934 - July 19, 2024

Ernest LeRoy White was born October 30, 1934, in LaGrange, Tennessee. He was one of twenty-two children born to the late Mr. Gillan White and Mrs. Betty Gatewood.

He is preceded in death by six sisters— Dora Jean Summage, Ever Easter Gatewood, Luella Mae Franklin, Ernestine Lewis, Mary Butler, and Lillie Watson; and five brothers— Cleveland Gatewood, Robert Gatewood, Andrew Gatewood, John Gatewood, and Edward Gatewood.

Ernest confessed Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour at New Life Christian Covenant Church. He loved spending time with his family. He had a love for fishing. He worked as a painter and construction worker, and then he retired as a maintenance worker at the Alexander Human Development in Alexander, Arkansas.

Ernest leaves to cherish his loving memories his daughter—Pam Washington (Jasper Stiger) of Madison, Wisconsin; his sisters—Nettie Mae Jordan of Alexander, Arkansas, Louise Crawford of Forrest City, Arkansas, and Linda (Eugene) Walker of Alexander, Arkansas; brother—Thomas (Darlene) Gatewood of Little Rock, Arkansas; two brothers-in-law—Archie (Nancy) Butler of Round Pond, Arkansas and B.M. Watson of Forrest City, Arkansas; one sister-in-law— Jean Gatewood of Madison, Arkansas; stepchildren—

Pearl Gibson of Chicago, Illinois, Dixie Harper of Madison, WI, Charles Jackson of Mississippi, Everette Jackson of Chicago, Illinois, Katherine Washington of Madison, Wisconsin, Joyce (David) Webb of Madison, Wisconsin, Mary Washington of Wisconsin; and a host of grand and great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## **Pinecrest Memorial Park**

7401 Highway 5 North  
Alexander , AR 72002  
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/funeral-homes/arkansas/alexander/pinecrest-funeral-home/8924/cemetery>

# Previous Events

## **Visitation**

**JUL 26.** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Canaan Missionary Baptist Church  
1700 South State Street  
Little Rock, AR 72206

## **Service**

**JUL 27.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Quinlock Rooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Leroy "Godfather" "Uncle Tom" White*



Quinlock Rooks - July 27, 2024 at 01:45 PM

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“ *Shirley Williams Thorn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ernest Leroy "Godfather" "Uncle Tom" White*



Shirley Williams Thorn - July 22, 2024 at 07:28 PM

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*Sending a prayer for the family in the loss of Ernest Leroy! Keep GOD FIRST.*

Carolyn Williams - July 28, 2024 at 07:42 AM