



Thomas Edison White Jr

February 8, 1954 - December 21, 2024

Thomas Edison (Eddie) White, Jr, 70, of Havana, FL, passed away Saturday, December 21, 2024. He was born to Thomas Edison White, Sr and Alice Sullivan White of Brewton, Alabama, February 8, 1954. Eddie was a 1972 graduate of Greenville High School, Greenville, Alabama.

After moving to Tallahassee, Eddie joined the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in 1974, where he remained employed for over 30 years until his retirement.

Eddie had many interests and hobbies, his biggest love being birds. He was an avid watcher and was known to travel to faraway places hoping to catch a glimpse of the newest reported sighting. He was an instructor with Becoming an Outdoors Woman. Music, fishing, camping, exploring, and field guide were among other interests.

Having a large family and a larger community of friends, all would come together at Eddie's annual birthday party. Some may not see each other in between, but it was always known 'we'll see ya next year.'

Eddie was preceded in death by his mother, Alice White, and sister, Sheri White Boren. Survivors include Thomas E. White Sr., Matt (Kathy) White, Ricky (Jan) White, Phillip (Diana) White. Nieces and nephews: April (Nathan)

McNair, Phillip Paul White, Tyler Bragg, Michael (Anna) Bragg, Cody (Desi) White, Alex (Sam) White, Amanda (Ryan) Black, Shelby (Nick) Beske, Dalton White, and many great nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to UF Health Shands – Lung Transplant Program Support (<https://www.uff.ufl.edu/giving-opportunities/018323-lung-transplant-program-support/>) or a donation to Big Bend Hospice, Margaret Dozier House (<https://bigbendhospice.org/foundation/donate/>). Todd Wahlquist is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com).

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“Eddie was my "go-to" biologist who would always answer questions when I was facing deadlines for Florida Wildlife magazine. However, he was so much more -- an avid birder, he inspired me to learn more about watching birds and sometimes would point out special species. Once, a huge flock of cedar waxwings invaded the holly trees outside the Bryant Building (then FWC headquarters) and he was quick to point out this very short-lived invasion. He offered to teach a basic birdwatching class at the FWC Outdoor Women class and I "assisted" him by letting the ladies know he would help them in any way to focus their binoculars, spot a bird and identify a call. Otherwise, they were at first shy to ask questions. His outgoing, honestly friendly manner won them over quickly. He's "one of the good ones" as FWC co-worker Judy Gillan said. Truly he was.
Andi Blount former FWC employee and friend

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