



Raymnonnd Larry White

February 12, 1947 - August 27, 2025

Born to Richard & Winferd White of St. Louise, Ill., the youngest of five sons. At the age of 19, Ray was drafted and served 2 years in Vietnam, (1966-1968). Following his military service, he worked for the U.S. Postal Service while pursuing his education. He received his Master's Degree from Southern Ill University of Edwardsville.

Ray worked for the Metro Nashville Airport Authority, retiring after 18 yrs, as the Dir. Of Planning. It was there, he met Pam McWright. They fell in love and married in 1979. Pam blessed Ray with a son, Andrew, in 1980.

In 1997 Ray accepted a position with Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority. He moved his family into a 1928 “fixer-upper” in Sarasota. Restoring old homes was only one of Ray’s many passions, as this was not their first 1928 home. After 18 years, Ray retired as the Vice President of Engineering, Planning and Environmental Affairs. Throughout his long career, Ray received accreditation’s as Accredited Airport Executive of AAAE, as well as certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners.

During his retirement Ray enjoyed traveling with his wife, refurbishing antique oil paintings, restoring antique radios and of course, old cars, especially his 1999 C5 Corvette.

Ray is survived by his loving wife, Pam White; his son, Andrew (Yana) White of Clearwater; granddaughter, Skyler White of New York, NY; his brother, David White of Augusta, GA; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 3 brothers'; Howard White, Don White & Richard White; and his beloved dogs, Toby and Toby II.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 19th, at 11:00am, at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72 (Clark Road), Sarasota, FL 34241.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Rd 72
Sarasota, FL 34241
(941) 922-7200

Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond Larry White.*



September 16, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ *I had the privilege of working with Ray, and I will always remember him as a driven, visionary engineer whose creativity, and determination left a lasting impact on SRQ. He had a remarkable talent for maximizing resources and grants, always championing the vision of the airport and the community it serves. His dedication, ingenuity, and leadership will not be forgotten.*

Some of my fondest memories of Ray are the moments when his entire demeanor shifted as he spoke about his family. Though I never had the chance to meet Pam, Andrew, or Skyler, I feel as though I know you through the love and pride in Ray's words. I'm truly sorry I'll be out of town during his service, as I would have loved to meet the special people who meant so much to him. You are all truly blessed to have had Ray in your lives.

Anita Eldridge - September 05, 2025 at 10:55 AM



“ *Ray was an outstanding Engineering leader at SRQ and the hardest working individual I ever met. He always had the best interest of the public and the airport in his heart and I was blessed to have worked with him. May he rest in peace and may God bring comfort to his family.*

Rick Piccolo - September 05, 2025 at 09:15 AM