



Marjorie White

March 5, 1936 - February 16, 2026

Marjorie Joan White (Umphenour), 89, of Kansas City, Missouri, passed away on Monday, February 16, 2026, at her home in Kansas City. She was born on Thursday, March 5, 1936, in Pleasanton, Kansas, the daughter of William Lee Umphenour and Eva Pearl Umphenour.

Marjorie grew up in Pleasanton, where she excelled in school, graduating as class valedictorian. Following graduation, she went to work at the Bendix Corporation in Kansas City, Missouri, where she met Ben E. White. The couple married and settled in Higginsville, Missouri, where their three children were born.

When her children came along, Marjorie devoted herself fully to raising them. She was a hands-on mother who worked alongside her family in the fields and in the kitchen, and she was deeply committed to her children's education — working with them after school on reading, writing, and arithmetic. She was meticulous with numbers, had excellent penmanship and grammar, and possessed a steel-trap memory that never let anything slip by.

Marjorie was an accomplished seamstress, a devoted gardener and canner, and a faithful reader of her Bible. Those who knew her understood that she was as strong and capable as she was intelligent — a farm-raised Kansas woman through and through. She also had a well-known liking for a warm cup of coffee and a soft spot for chocolate.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by Ben E. White, who passed away on April 3, 2023. Surviving are her sons, Aaron "Tony" (Sherlyn) White

of Leawood, Kansas, and Michael Whited of Columbia MO; and daughter, Monica Whited of Kansas City, MO; grandchildren, Garrett (Brianna) Whited, and Heather (Bryce) McMillin of Warrensburg, MO; sisters, Juanita Mitchell, Donita Miller, and Bernice Umphenour of Kansas City.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 27, 2026, at the City Cemetery in Higginsville, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

City Cemetery

2275-2491 Lipper Ave.
Higginsville, MO 64037

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 27. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (cst)

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Tribute Wall



“ Monica so sorry for you and your family❤️may your mother rest in peace 🙏🙏

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marjorie Whited.

March 02 at 02:41 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marjorie Whited.



February 26 at 01:01 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Marjorie Whited.



February 25 at 02:03 PM

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“ P1 Service purchased the *Lavender Reflections Spray* for the family of Marjorie Whited.



P1 Service - February 25 at 11:27 AM

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