



Russell Lee White

November 28, 1945 - November 7, 2025

Russell “Russ” Lee White, 79, of Petersburg, Illinois, passed away on Friday, November 7, 2025 at his residence. He was born on November 28, 1945 in Irving, Illinois, to Wayne and Eleanor White. He married Patricia “Pat” Kuhajda on June 29, 1974 in Salem, Illinois.

Russell attended St. Peter Catholic Church. He enjoyed tending his and Patricia’s farm and taking care of their various animals and gardens. He was a teacher for 46 years at PORTA High School, teaching chemistry and math. He also taught at Lincoln Land as a professor, and drove a bus for many years.

Russell is survived by his children, Albert White, Robert (Lisa) White, Brett White, Stephanie Walters, Kayla Jones, Merl White, Charity Pratt and Elysia White, and several grandchildren. Russell was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia, who passed on July 26, 2025. He was also preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral service will be held for Russell on Friday, November 14, 2025 at 11:00am at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, with Pastor Rick Pierce from Petersburg United Methodist Church officiating the service. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends the evening prior on November 13, 2025, from 5-7pm at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter Catholic Church, 711 S. 6th St, Petersburg, Illinois 62675.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Petersburg, IL 62675

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Russell Lee White



Larry and Mary Hundt - November 18, 2025 at 03:27 PM

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“ American Crystal Sugar friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell Lee White.

American Crystal Sugar friends - November 11, 2025 at 08:17 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russell Lee White.



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“ Mallinckrodt Technical Ops. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Russell Lee White.



Mallinckrodt Technical Ops. - November 10, 2025 at 09:31 PM

FK

“ Frank, Sandra and Kyle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell Lee White.

Frank, Sandra and Kyle - November 10, 2025 at 04:02 PM

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“ Frank, Sandra and Kyle purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Russell Lee White.



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November 10, 2025 at 12:21 PM

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Larry and Mary Hundt - November 09, 2025 at 11:19 AM

BT

“ *Mr. White was one great teacher. My sincere condolences to his family.* ”

Barbara T. - November 09, 2025 at 11:13 AM