



## Mrs. San Rafael White

July 20, 1948 - June 25, 2020

San Rafael is survived by her devoted husband, Stanford; loving children son, Parrish and daughter, Tami; grandson Darion (Leah) and great-granddaughter Amari (Waco, TX); her brother George W. Ware (Tulsa, OK); seven sisters Venora (Lafayette) McKinney (Milwaukee, WI), Opal Fox (Long Beach, CA), Margaret Gentle (Atlanta, GA), LaVerne W. Broiles, Lula (late Vernon L.), Rider, Linda Ware (late Opio) Toure, Vonnie Ware (Alvin), Roberts (all of Oklahoma City, Ok), Mae (Stewart) Williams (Edmond, OK); brother in-laws George (late Sarah) Hathorn, Larry Jackson, Rodney Brooks and William Broiles, Sr.; Godchildren Derrick Ware, Mitchell Broiles, Jelani Toure, Robert Ware Jr., and Alyssa Ware and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, cousins, other relatives and extended family Delores J. Stephens, Donnell Davis, Jewell Maxine Cook and many other friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the LU Foundation P.O. Box 725 Langston, Oklahoma. 73050.

Odess and Hazel Ware Scholarship Fund in memory of Rafael Ware White.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington Memory Gardens

3400 N Midwest Blvd  
Midwest City, OK 73141  
<http://www.dignitymemorial.com/arlinton-memory-gardens/en-us/index.page>

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JT

“ *Joshua Timothy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



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**Joshua Timothy Thomas** - December 12, 2020 at 02:10 PM

TP

“ *To the White Family in loss of their Beloved Wife, Mother and Family Member. I just got notified of this great loss and want the family to know that I share in the memories of her beautiful smile, spirit, and always being supportive of our beloved classmate Stanford at our many class reunions. Please know Family, you are each prayerfully covered. May our Lord and Savior grant you peace and strength during this time of great loss. Prayerfully yours, The Polk Family*

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**Tessa Polk** - July 14, 2020 at 01:50 PM

RT

“ *She was an endearing, kind and considerate woman who gave people many chances! I appreciate the time, commitment, devotion and love that she exemplified!*

*Although learning late in life that she was family, I admired her from a far and at a distance as she walked the halls of the building full of potentials and bright minds!*

*She Gave Chances!*  
*#AWomanOfChance&Opportunities*

*Love,*  
*Ms. Rosie K. Thompson & Family*💜

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**rosie thompson** - July 10, 2020 at 12:44 AM

MI

“ *Mrs San Rafael White 🙏 from the day we first met, she was one of the most welcoming, graceful, kindest women I've ever known. Mrs Rafael would always give me the sweetest compliments, and I will never forget her. I always looked forward to seeing Rafael, and her sisters walk in at the family gatherings attended. As I'd see them walk in, I felt proud to know these smart, beauties with such class. Even more interesting before I knew them as sisters one of them use to be my principal at Harding middle school (Dr Toure!). I am truly saddened that I did not know, and give you the family my deepest condolences. I felt like she was definitely an angel here on earth, and presence of her will be missed* 💔😞

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**Michelle** - July 08, 2020 at 11:19 AM

EW

“ *Essetta Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



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**Essetta Williams** - July 07, 2020 at 04:05 PM

MT

“ *I would like to reach out to the family and offer my condolences for the loss of my dear cousin, Rafael. I remember all of those days growing up in Meridian, OK. Good times! My prayers are with you.*  
*Margaret Parrish Thompson*

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**Margaret Thompson** - July 07, 2020 at 12:10 AM

WJ

“ *Wanda Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



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**Wanda Jackson** - July 06, 2020 at 02:50 PM

JM

“ *Rafael was a beautiful person with a big heart. She always greeted you with a smile. She was a kind and thoughtful person. We will miss her. May God comfort the White family. Rest cousin until we meet again.*

*Gerald and Judy Mack*

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**Judy Mack** - July 05, 2020 at 10:20 PM



“ My dear Aunt Rae! Everything is still unreal at times! However, I’m resting on God’s promises believing that “to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord”! I can only imagine how much greater heaven is than earth! We weren’t ready to say Bye, yet but believing you were at peace brings us peace. Love always,  
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D’Andrael Alarie - July 05, 2020 at 09:13 PM

MM

“ Merl And Mae McGary lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White



Merl and Mae McGary - July 05, 2020 at 08:57 PM

ED

“ Evelyn DuBose-Crump lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White



Evelyn DuBose-Crump - July 05, 2020 at 08:29 PM

ED

My heartfelt sympathy to the family during your time of sorrow. God bless you.

Evelyn DuBose-Crump - July 05, 2020 at 08:31 PM

CT

“ To the family of Rafael White, my deepest sorry for you, you have lost a beautiful LADY and GOD has brought home one of his brightest Angels. I give all of prayers to you for sharing this LADY with us. She gave me my second career and in turn I gave her a trip to China. I will be forever grateful for both. May God Bless you all and everyone whos life she made better. And that is us all.  
Coach Tom Trammell

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**Coach Tom Trammell** - July 05, 2020 at 09:59 AM

JW

“ Dear Stanford, Parrish, and Tami:  
Bernard and I are keeping you and your family close in caring thoughts and prayers. Though your heart must hold deep sadness at the loss of the wife and mother that you all loved so dear, may it also hold the blessings of the life you shared and the love that will always be a part of you...we are praying that God will comfort your heart, uplift your spirit, and carry you through this time of sadness to a place of peace. Your classmate and friend.

*Bernard & Judy Williams Ward (Douglass Class of 1963)*

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**Judy Williams Ward** - July 03, 2020 at 04:37 PM

WW

“ Very sorry to hear about Rafael we grew up together and played together she will be missed God bless family during these times

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**wilma j smith wates** - July 03, 2020 at 04:37 PM

JW

“To Stanford (our dear friend and classmate), Parrish, and Tami:”  
We the Douglass High School Class of 1963 extend our sincere sympathies and prayers to you and your family for the home going of your beautiful and precious wife, San Rafael White. She was a beautiful and elegant lady; and, will forever be missed by our class. Cast your burdens on Jesus, for earth hath no sorrows that heaven cannot heal.

*Douglass High School Class of 1963*  
*Janice Felix Euwing, Class President*  
*Judy Williams Ward, Secretary*

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**Judy Williams Ward** - July 03, 2020 at 04:21 PM

SL

“Rafael was such a wonderful person. She always greeted me a smile and a hug. I will always remember her joyful spirit and kindness. I pray for her family and know that God will comfort each of you as struggle with her loss.

*Sanestelle Lewis*

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**Sanestelle Lewis** - July 03, 2020 at 02:50 PM



VB

“Veola Bray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White



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**Veola Bray** - July 03, 2020 at 02:38 PM

VB

*LaMonte and I want to extend our condolences to the family. God Bless You and Keep You. You are never alone.*

**Veola Bray** - July 03, 2020 at 02:40 PM

TP

“ *May God's peace and comfort continue to be with your family and guide you through this time of sorrow. Grace and Peace*

**Tonya Patterson** - July 03, 2020 at 01:32 PM

KP

“ *Karen E Patton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



**Karen E Patton** - July 03, 2020 at 12:23 PM

KP

*Your family have my sincerest condolence and prayer.Rafael was a wonderful coworker*

**Karen E Patton** - July 03, 2020 at 12:26 PM

SS

“ *Mrs. White was such a great teacher and very nice. She was also part of my extended family. She will be truly missed. Heaven has gained another Angel. Keeping the family in my prayers during this difficult time. Sherri Lynn Prince Shepherd*

**Sherri Shepherd** - July 03, 2020 at 10:58 AM

GR

“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the White family . God bless all of you, Rafeel was a very nice person.

Gaye Rucker - July 02, 2020 at 10:42 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. San Rafael White.



July 02, 2020 at 05:00 PM

RH

“ The best High school principal in the world.

Randy Hall - July 02, 2020 at 02:38 PM

MB

“ Maureen Burden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White



Maureen Burden - July 02, 2020 at 01:17 PM

AS

“ To the White family::The Lord has took another good angel he makes no mistake may he be with you guys in your time of needed just call him and he will come. The Avis Prince-Sadler Family

Avis Sadler - July 02, 2020 at 12:13 AM

SP

“ *Rafael, was one of the sweetest lady's that graced the earth with her presence. She always had a smile on her face, even when we were kids. RIP my sweet cousin. Family remember the sweet person that she was and will continue to be in your hearts. Shirley Clark Phillips*



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**Shirley Phillips** - July 01, 2020 at 10:48 PM

BL

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family*



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**Betty Love** - July 01, 2020 at 06:01 PM

AD

“ *With deepest sympathy in the loss of your love one.*



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**Alene K. Dunlap** - July 01, 2020 at 12:17 PM

A8

*She was a very beautiful nice lady. She is a fine example to younger ladies.*

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**Arnita Yearby Golden DHS class of 80** - July 01, 2020 at 11:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. San Rafael White.*



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July 01, 2020 at 05:42 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy for the Family. Rafael will forever live on in our hearts!*



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**Ellen Bradley** - June 30, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ *Mrs. White became the principal of Southeast High School the first year I taught there. A class act that woman. Even under stress, Mrs. White was there for each and every teacher...never failing to put on a positive smile. She will be missed.*

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**Diana Dee Baker** - June 30, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ *Rafael,  
My dear sister, "Our Duchess" we will treasure the memories of you in our hearts forever. Proverbs 31  
Love your sister, Opal*



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**Opal Ware Fox** - June 30, 2020 at 04:30 PM

VB

“ *Veola Bray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



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**Veola Bray** - June 30, 2020 at 03:22 PM

CH

“ *Cousin Stan, Raymond and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. We are praying God's comfort and peace for you all. May your loving memories sustain you and your family during this time of loss.*



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**Clara Calvin Hayes** - June 30, 2020 at 01:55 PM

EF

“ *I'm sending my heart and prayers*

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**Erica Frazier** - June 30, 2020 at 12:49 AM

SC

“ *Sending our sincere condolences and prayers of strength and peace to the entire family. Patrica Braggs and Sherrye Braggs Charlot*



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**Sherrye Charlot** - June 29, 2020 at 07:00 PM

RH

“ *My you all be surrounded with peace love and comfort as you prepare to celebrate her life.  
The Hamilton family.*



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**Ramona Hamilton** - June 29, 2020 at 05:29 PM

JA

“ *JFK Neighborhood Association lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



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**JFK Neighborhood Association** - June 29, 2020 at 05:07 PM

VY

“ *I have lots of memories of her bringing clothes to me for alteration. We would have some very interesting conversations. But I never knew until now that she could sew, and had actually taught sewing. Now that never was revealed in any of our conversations. Wow!  
Viola Young.*

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**Viola Young** - June 29, 2020 at 03:41 PM

TN

“ *The Ware Families of Los Angeles CA & Los Vegas NV purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mrs. San Rafael White.*



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**The Ware Families of Los Angeles CA & Los Vegas NV** - June 29, 2020 at 02:36 PM

CJ

“ Auntie.....I still can't believe this. We miss you!!! Nothing in this family will ever be the same without you! There are so many great memories, I could say so much about you! You are resting now and in good company with our loved ones who have gone on. We love you. Fly High, Duchess!



To Uncle Stan, my cousins, Parrish, Tami and my godson, Darion, thank you all for always sharing Aunt Rae/Duchess with us! We are thinking of and praying for all of you and we are here for you guys.

Love, Chris, Carla (your favorite niece), Christopher II and Carmen Jacobs

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**Carla Jacobs** - June 29, 2020 at 02:10 PM



“ Condolences to the White family! May the Lord comfort you during the days ahead.

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**Natalie Lambright** - June 29, 2020 at 01:58 PM

JB

“ Jewell M. Black lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White



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**Jewell M. Black** - June 29, 2020 at 01:51 PM

MJ

“ *Marcellus Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



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**Marcellus Jones** - June 29, 2020 at 01:48 PM

TM

“ *Rafael you will be missed but God knew best. To the family deepest sympathy and condolences. 🙏❤️ Teresa Allen McNeely*

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**Teresa McNeely** - June 29, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. San Rafael White.*



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June 29, 2020 at 01:35 PM

LT

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. My girl Rafael was my buddy since the day we first met when my sister was sick. Every visit to Oklahoma from Illinois I knew I was getting one of her famous CHEESECAKES. The best cheesecake I ever had. We would hug, hold hands and of course eat lots of cheesecake and I got to take it home. What a wonderful lady!! Our phone conversations were hilarious and I sure am going to miss her so much. My heart is broken. I know you looking good with your heavenly wings.*



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**Linda Dorsey Tillman** - June 29, 2020 at 01:26 PM

LL

*I've always known Rafael too have such a sweet spirit. I'm going to miss her and always remember her kind spirit.*

**Lukata Lawrence** - June 29, 2020 at 04:41 PM

BB

*Raphael was a stylish, friendly administrator at Taft Middle School. She created the trajectory for my career teaching Spanish and ESL. She had faith in her staff and led graciously by example. May she be at peace surrounded by the angels, enjoying God's grace and blessings.*

**Barbara Baay** - June 29, 2020 at 11:25 PM

PR

“ Love and Prayers to the Family of San Rafael .  
Love John and Pearlina Rider ❤️❤️❤️

**Pearline Rider** - June 29, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. San Rafael White.



June 29, 2020 at 08:43 AM

EA

“ Condolences to the White Family. May God comfort you during these times of sorrow.

*Edda F Allen*



**Edda F Allen** - June 29, 2020 at 05:43 AM

ET

“ *Ella Tharp lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



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**Ella Tharp** - June 28, 2020 at 11:51 PM

AH

“ *Condolences to the White and Ware family. Sending prayers to my Soror's. Mrs. White was my sewing teacher at John Marshall High school and was the sweetest teacher ever... Soror Angela Harkey*

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**Angela Harkey** - June 28, 2020 at 11:19 PM

EB

“ *Extending to the White and Ware families my heartfelt love and condolences. Rafael was my elementary school mate. Growing up she was always kind and fun-loving. She was loved and will be deeply missed. I will forever hold sweet memories of her in my heart.*

*Evelyn Brison-Spriggs*

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**Evelyn Brison-Spriggs** - June 28, 2020 at 09:49 PM

KS

“ *Keep you and your family in my prayer DHS. Class 78. Kathy S*

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**Kathy simpson** - June 28, 2020 at 08:54 PM

SK

“ *Extending my sincere prayers and condolences to the White and Ware families.*

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**Sandra Kuykendall** - June 28, 2020 at 02:01 PM

VR

“ *Vivian Lee Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



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**Vivian Lee Roberts** - June 28, 2020 at 01:26 PM

TC

“ *I worked with Raphael for years. She had such class and grace and she loved her students. She will be missed. My condolences to Mr. White, Dr. Toure, Ms. Broiles and all of the other family members and friends who loved her.* ❤️

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**Tammy Carter** - June 28, 2020 at 09:30 AM

CS

*My condolences to the family Mrs. White was my sewing teacher, I loved her so much, she was a very classy sassy beautiful lady, I never missed her class. (Johnmarshall high school) class of 81. She will be missed.....Clara Starr*

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**Clara Starr** - June 28, 2020 at 05:54 PM

LS

“ *Rafael was a dear friend and colleague. Prayers and condolences to the White, Ware and Toure families. Linda Steele-Brown*



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**Linda Steele-Brown** - June 28, 2020 at 12:29 AM

LM

“ *Linda Mack sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



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**Linda Mack** - June 28, 2020 at 12:11 AM

LM

*Such a beautiful sweet lady, you will be miss, love you soooooo much .*

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**Linda Mack** - June 28, 2020 at 12:13 AM

E(

“ *Ray you will truly be missed. Your kindness and caring is what I remember the most. RIP my friend.*



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**E. K. Mack (Kaye)** - June 27, 2020 at 11:12 PM

LM

“ *Lisa Miller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



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**Lisa Miller** - June 27, 2020 at 07:13 PM

BH

“ *Brenda Horton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



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**Brenda Horton** - June 27, 2020 at 03:11 PM

BH

*We are deeply saddened to hear of the transition of Rafael who was such an amazing, professional woman. She is one of education's great! Our prayers go out to all the family at such a devastating time. She will be loving never forgotten. May God comfort your hearts. Special love nuggets to Stan, Tammy and Parrish. Sincerely Edward, Brenda Horton and Trischell Batson*

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**Brenda Horton** - June 27, 2020 at 03:31 PM

JB

*To the White and Ware family, Gods has called another one of his angels home. Rae will dearly be missed but never forgotten. Her beautiful smile was a ray of sunshine. We love ya family.*

*Booker & Jewell Black*

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**Jewell M. Black** - June 29, 2020 at 01:54 PM

DF

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Dee Fox** - June 27, 2020 at 02:38 PM

DF

“ I was blessed to work under the leadership of Rafael White at Taft Middle School. Her footprints of professionalism, respect, inspiration, encouragement, teamwork, and compassion for children and staff will continue to light the way for many and will not be forgotten. Thank you for the journey. Dee Fox



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**Dee Fox** - June 27, 2020 at 02:33 PM

LA

*I, too, worked with Mrs. White at Taft Middle School. Being her secretary, we made a good enthusiastic team. I will never forget her smile and delightful laugh! God bless you, Rafael, and your family!*

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**Linda G. Aynes** - June 27, 2020 at 11:45 PM

AR

*I also worked with Mrs. White at Taft Middle School. She gave me an amazing opportunity as a first year teacher and I truly appreciated her support and leadership. May God bless you and you family.*

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**Amy Kupka-Williams Rathbun** - June 29, 2020 at 11:50 PM

SP

*Mrs. White was one of my favorite principals over my 40-year career as a teacher. Smart, compassionate, beautiful and classy. I loved her voice and what a smile she had! I have thought of her often since I left Taft Middle School. Love to her family and friends who will miss her so much.*

*Susan Pike*

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**Susan Pike** - June 30, 2020 at 08:22 AM

MR

“ *To the White and Ware Families, my family you all are in my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you all.*



Marilyn Rider - June 27, 2020 at 09:36 AM

TT

“ *Teri Turner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



Teri Turner - June 26, 2020 at 11:38 PM

DB

“ *Leon and Donna Bragg*



Donna Bragg - June 26, 2020 at 08:41 PM

BB

“ *Baby Vee Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



Baby Vee Brown - June 26, 2020 at 06:18 PM

DM

“ *Dianne McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



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**Dianne McDaniel** - June 26, 2020 at 05:42 PM

GW

“ *Gwendolyn Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



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**Gwendolyn Wallace** - June 26, 2020 at 02:40 PM

GW

*One of the best Middle School Principals I worked with in the OKCPS. She became more than a Principal also a good friend. Thankful for the wonderful memories. Praying that the Lord will comfort the White & Ware families with His peace and surround you with His love.*

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**Gwendolyn Wallace** - June 26, 2020 at 02:46 PM

GJ

*A wonderful person who always tried to help others. Georgetta Jamess*

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**Georgetta James** - June 27, 2020 at 11:20 AM

JK

*Such a beautiful person with a beautiful smile! May God bless the family in their time if grieving. James and Laurice Keith*

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**james Keith** - June 29, 2020 at 04:43 PM

KS

“ Karen Spencer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White



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**Karen Spencer** - June 26, 2020 at 01:43 PM

KS

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Mrs. White was a jewel. May the Lord comfort Your family during this time.  
Sincerely,  
Karen Spencer

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**Karen Spencer** - June 26, 2020 at 01:37 PM

MS

“ My deepest condolences to the family. My heart aches but not nearly at the level of yours. Rafael and I had an immediate attachment and a special fondness for each other when we first met at Jackson Middle School in the 80's. She was my last principal before I began my tenure as an administrator. She was special, poised, delightful, beautiful, fashionable, effective, and extremely professional. Therefore, she was an excellent role model for me when I began my career as an administrator. We didn't see each other often after I left Jackson, but when we did, you would think we had just talked the day before. She was so special to me. I pray that you feel God's arms tightly embracing all of you -- the family, neighbors, and also the multitude of friends, as you walk this journey. She will be missed. Marguerite Flakes Stumbaugh (Dr. Charles)

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**Marguerite Stumbaugh** - June 26, 2020 at 01:17 PM

KM

“ *Katherine L McNeely lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



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**Katherine L McNeely** - June 26, 2020 at 12:13 PM

DT

“ *Debra and Willie Thomas, We are so sorry for the family's loss. Sending prayers and condolences.*

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**Debra and Willie Thomas** - June 26, 2020 at 12:12 PM

BT

“ *Sincerest condolences to the family. Rafael was a beautiful person and a cherished friend.*



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**Blondene Taite** - June 26, 2020 at 11:22 AM

KP

“ *Karen E Patton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



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**Karen E Patton** - June 26, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ *Melva Darling-Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



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**Melva Darling-Franklin** - June 26, 2020 at 11:16 AM

JD

“ *My condolence to the family  
Praying for God's comfort during this season.*



*Joyce Dawson Dunn*

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**Joyce Dawson Dunn** - June 26, 2020 at 10:59 AM

KB

“ *Sympathy and condolences.*

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**Kim Burge** - June 26, 2020 at 12:39 AM

JH

“ *Joyce Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. San Rafael White*



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**Joyce Henderson** - June 25, 2020 at 11:32 PM