



Coach Stanford White

January 19, 1945 - September 8, 2022

A Memorial Celebration will be held Thursday, September 15th at 7 p.m. at the Moses F. Miller Stadium/Stanford White Field, Frederick A. Douglass High School, 900 N. Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73117. This even is open to the public.

Stanford White was born on January 19, 1945, on West Poplar Street in Hugo, OK to Edna Jackson and Eugene White and grew up in Oklahoma City. He was the oldest of four siblings. Stan is preceded in death by his wife, parents, grandparents Rev. and Mrs. Emmitt Jackson Sr., one brother Charles Brigram, uncles Emmitt Jackson Jr., twins Stanford and Stanley White, and Fitzhugh White Jr., aunts Betty Farmer, Nettie Jackson, Dorothy Henderson, and a close cousin, Janice Mays.

He attended Dunbar Elementary, Moon Jr. High and Douglass High School, graduating in 1963. He attended Langston University on a football scholarship, majoring in Biology. He graduated in 1967 and began what would be 38 years teaching science and football in the Oklahoma City Public Schools system.

After his first three years as the Jr. High Football Coach at Star Spencer High School, he was hired as an assistant coach at Douglass by Coach Donald Burns and Principal Jake Diggs in 1970. Six years later, with the

recommendation of Assistant Principal Alpha Mouton, he was promoted to head coach in 1976 by Principal Dr. Betty Pate.

Blessed with great players, dedicated coaches and loyal Trojan alumni support, Douglass had winning seasons in 21 of his 26 years as head coach. He resigned from coaching in 2004 and retired from the classroom in 2005 having won 176 games, the most in Douglass football history.

In 2010, the football field at Douglass' M.F. Miller Stadium was named in his honor. In 2014, he was inducted into the Soul Bowl Hall of Fame. In 2017, he was inducted into the Oklahoma Coaches Association Hall of Fame. On September 7, 2022, Stan was honored by the Douglass High School Class 2002 at the Legendary Teachers Ceremony.

Married 52 years to his Langston college sweetheart, Rafael Ware White, they are the proud parents of Parrish and Tami White, grandson Darion Stanford White (all Douglass and Langston graduates), and three-year-old great-granddaughter Amari Jordyn White.

“Coach White” is survived by his son Parrish Russell and daughter Tami LeAndra; grandson Darion Stanford (Aleiha) and great-granddaughter Amari (all of Oklahoma City, OK); his brothers Larry Jackson (Oklahoma City, OK) Rodney Brooks (Dallas, TX); sister Debbie White (DC); aunts Ruby Madison and Betty Sedgwick (both of DC), Shirley White (MD), and Lurline White (CA); uncle Bobby Farmer (San Diego, CA); eight sisters-in-law 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); brothers-in-law George W. Ware (Tulsa, OK), George (late Sarah) Hathorn, and William Broiles, Sr.; God-Children Vernon Aleksei Rider, Derrick Ware, Mitchell Broiles, Jelani Toure, Robert Ware Jr, and Alyssa Ware and host of nieces, nephews, great nieces

and great nephews, cousins, and many other friends.

Cemetery Details

Arlington Memory Gardens

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

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration

SEP **15**. 7:00 PM (CT)

Douglass High School/Stanford White Field
900 N. Martin Luther King Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73117

Graveside Service

SEP **16**. 11:00 AM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

CV

“ Coach White was my 9th grade Science teacher. He made learning Science fun & interesting. He always remembered his former students & made sure he spoke to you by name when passing you in the hall. He was a teacher, coach, & a mentor to so many. What a strong legacy! Sleep tight Coach White you certainly earned it! Constance (Connie Brown) Valdez. Class of 1978.

C Valdez - December 02, 2022 at 11:11 PM

SE

“ Cousin you will be truly miss.

Schon Webster Elix - September 16, 2022 at 03:03 PM

MF

“ From Anita Jones and family, our sincere condolences and prayers for the family of Coach White, who we admired for his love of family and warm, welcoming smile. May he rest in holy peace as his spirit lives on in the hearts of the many whose lives he touched. Amen.

Ms. Anita Jones and Family - September 16, 2022 at 01:54 AM

VF

“ Coach was a great educator, outstanding Coach, and a great friend even though we competed for many years. He will truly be missed, especially our historical perspective of the east side. My prayers are with you and family. 🙏

Varryl. Franklin - September 15, 2022 at 02:15 PM

CJ

RIP Coach White

Cynthia Johnson-Long - September 16, 2022 at 10:12 AM

MJ

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy to the White family. I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss.
Coach White was an inspiration to all the students , teachers and football players at Frederick Douglass High School. Our love goes out to you.
You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Madame James

Madame James - September 15, 2022 at 01:41 PM

KM

“ Kista McCoy lit a candle in memory of Coach Stanford White



Kista McCoy - September 15, 2022 at 01:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Coach Stanford White.



September 15, 2022 at 09:29 AM



“ *To the family of Cousin Stanford White. I send my sincere prayer and Condolence to you all. He was the Historian of the family and I learned from him and enjoyed the time spent talking with him. He and his Cousin Aline Williams-Collier were close. On behalf of myself Mayme Collier- Terry and sibling. We love you all and pray that God will see you through the sorrowful days ahead. Terry and Collier family. Wichita, Kansas.*

Mayme Terry - September 15, 2022 at 12:55 AM

DR

“ *Danita Ramsey lit a candle in memory of Coach Stanford White*



Danita Ramsey - September 14, 2022 at 06:55 PM

JP

“ *Juanita Perry lit a candle in memory of Coach Stanford White*



Juanita Perry - September 14, 2022 at 05:30 PM

GM

“ *Our sincere condolences to the White family. May God comfort you in your time of sorrow.*



Gerald and Judy Mack - September 14, 2022 at 03:40 PM

LA

“ LAKEISHA lit a candle in memory of Coach Stanford White



LAKEISHA - September 13, 2022 at 09:22 PM

IA

“ To the family of Coach Stanford White, we, the Abercrombie Family offer our sincere condolences during your time of bereavement.

In John 14:27, the scripture states, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Blessings

*Lucille Abercrombie (nee Jackson) and Family
Toledo Ohio*

Ingrid L Abercrombie - September 13, 2022 at 07:17 PM

BS

“ Brian And Dorothy Smith lit a candle in memory of Coach Stanford White



Brian and Dorothy Smith - September 13, 2022 at 11:06 AM

RM

“ To The White Family, Please except our Deepest and Heartfelt Condolences in the passing of your beloved family member. May God’s continued covering and blessings provide comfort and strength during this most difficult time and the transitioning days ahead. God Bless each of you. The Moore Family. TROJANS 63, 69, 72, and 74



Rosietta S Moore Murray - September 13, 2022 at 09:16 AM

NW

“ Coach White taught me more than football, he taught me many life lessons to which I still carry with me today. You were the father many kids did not have, all while showing us tough love. We appreciate you and love you. Thank you Tami and Parrish for sharing your father with us. God bless all of you, we love you, the White Family.

Norris White - September 12, 2022 at 07:17 PM

WT

“ Coach White was the BEST Coach and Teacher that DHS had. It was great to be a part of his football program. He will truly be missed. Wishing the family Peace, Comfort and lots of love at this time of sorrow. May God continue to give you Strength and Coach White spirit will ALWAYS be there with you. Willard Taylor and Family.



WILLARD TAYLOR - September 12, 2022 at 06:22 PM

WT

“ *WILLARD TAYLOR lit a candle in memory of Coach Stanford White*



WILLARD TAYLOR - September 12, 2022 at 06:14 PM

WF

“ *Willard and D'Andrea Taylor and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Coach Stanford White.*



Willard and D'Andrea Taylor and Family - September 12, 2022 at 06:11 PM

TJ

“ *Tyeson Cecil Calvin Jr lit a candle in memory of Coach Stanford White*



tyeson cecil calvin jr - September 12, 2022 at 02:08 PM

WH

“ We were all lucky to have been able to share part of our lives with Stanford. I believe the mold from which he was made was broken because as the quote goes “They don’t make them like him anymore!”. Stanford was the ultimate gentleman among gentlemen. Always greeting you with a smile and a pleasure to be around he was a comforting force to be reckoned with. The love and friendship he shared with family, friends and students will forever keep his memory alive. It is with the ultimate love and respect that we say “Farewell until we meet again!”.

Warren Hollier - Detroit, MI

Warren Hollier - September 12, 2022 at 12:10 PM

GM

“ Gwendolyn McGarrity-McCarroll lit a candle in memory of Coach Stanford White



Gwendolyn McGarrity-McCarroll - September 12, 2022 at 10:53 AM

KB

“ Coach white wad one of my favorite teachers. He was very patient and would use his planning time to help his students. Fly high with the angels.

Kelli King

Kelli King Boyd - September 12, 2022 at 04:32 AM

AJ

“ I just want to give my condolences to Coach White and his family I will forever be thankful for Coach White giving me a chance at being apart of his football program 🙏🙏🙏🙏🥹🥹🥹🥹. From Amos Jacobs Trojan football '03-'04

Amos Jacobs - September 11, 2022 at 11:26 PM

DN

“ RIH Coach White & thanks for all the memories! Prayers to the entire family. 🙏



DeLandria Nolan - September 11, 2022 at 06:03 PM

BS

“ Our sincerest condolences. Brian and Dorothy Smith

Brian and Dorothy Smith - September 11, 2022 at 11:24 AM

TB

RIH Coach White. Thanks for being a very good to me and my family. My condolences to your family.

Thelma N Bell - September 12, 2022 at 06:29 PM

ND

“ *What a tragic loss for our community, state, and nation! ! ! The awesome, legendary Coach Stanford White was a leader on multiple levels: husband, father, grandfather, brother-in-law, teacher, football coach/mentor/surrogate father, community activist, etc. More specifically, Coach White was an inspiration to me as a teacher and Assistant Coach at Star Spencer High School in the late 1960's. Then, after observing him as Douglass's Head Football Coach for over two decades, I was blessed to have worked side-by-side with him as a fellow Douglass teacher, colleague, and mentee. Moreover, I loved watching the genuine display of love and husband-wife togetherness between him and his dearly, previously-departed love, the beautiful San Rafael Ware White. I can just visualize their warm, welcoming embrace in God's Paradise when he transitioned last Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022. Now, they are both dancing together with the stars. Needless to say, Coach White will forever be one of my all-time role models and heroes. May God bless and strengthen the White/Ware Family.*

Nancy L. Davis - September 10, 2022 at 08:59 PM



“ *Debra Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Coach Stanford White*



Debra Taylor - September 10, 2022 at 06:48 PM

CA

“ *Words can't explain how much I miss you already cousin, I am praying for Tammy, Parrish and the family. I thank God for the time Stan was in my life. God's continue Blessings on the family.*

Carolyn - September 10, 2022 at 03:23 PM

LW

“ *May you R.I.P. Stanford, my schoolmate!
Blessings and comfort to the White family as
you bear this burden of loss! May the Lord
console and bless you all!*
LeeEtta Edwards Woods DHS Class of '62



LeeEtta Woods - September 10, 2022 at 11:56 AM

SR

“ *The great days of Douglas High school. The fun in the In graduation
class of 63. May God give the Sanford family peace in your lost.
THY not to see what has taking away but memories that have been
left behind*

Sandra Ramsey-Marshall

saundra Ramset-Marshall - September 10, 2022 at 10:59 AM



“ *Debra Taylor lit a candle in memory of Coach
Stanford White*



Debra Taylor - September 10, 2022 at 08:41 AM

JB

“ *Joyce Boyd lit a candle in memory of Coach
Stanford White*



Joyce Boyd - September 10, 2022 at 06:33 AM

GR

“ I will keep Standford's family in prayer.

Gaye Rucker - September 10, 2022 at 02:31 AM

GR

“ I was so very sorry to hear of Stanford's passing and will keep his family in prayer.

Gaye Rucker - September 10, 2022 at 02:23 AM

EA

Condolence and prayers to Standford family. I will always remember his kindness to all he meet and his love for Douglas HS. RIP classmate of '63. 🙏🌹
Edda Faye Allen '63

Edda Faye Allen - September 12, 2022 at 09:13 PM

KM

I was in shock, saddened when I heard of his passing and immediately went back to memory lane when he challenged my mental asking me, "what was the meaning of my t-shirt." I was late going to my math class trying to explain & express my thoughts behind the meaning of my shirt. And the lesson learned from his challenge was anytime anyone ask a question or challenge me, never become timid or feel embarrassed & always respond with "confidence," even if I'm self-doubting. Coach White was a great person, leader, teacher, challenger, listener and one of the BEST/GREATEST of all times H.S. Football COACH. It is with respect & please accept our deepest sincerest condolences in the passing of YOUR/"Our" beloved COACH. May our Lord continue to give you strength, comfort, peace and abundance of Love during this time as he forever R.I.H. God Bless you all!
KcM Class of '96 & My mother Ms. McCoy.

Kista McCoy - September 15, 2022 at 01:09 PM

FA

We celebrate the life of Stanford White. We are grateful, thankful and blessed that he chose to shine a bright light on our family ancestry. "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Hebrews 13:16

Stan remembered.

Freeda Gassaway Abbott & Family

Freeda Abbott - September 15, 2022 at 05:10 PM