



Dr. Edward "Ed" Marvin White

September 24, 1929 - August 15, 2025

Dr. Edward "Ed" Marvin White, 95, of Mentor, Ohio, who lived most of his life in Northeast Ohio and the past 25 years in Southwest Florida, died August 15, 2025 in Mentor. Ed was a true gentleman with a warm, welcoming smile and a knack for brightening the day of everyone around him. He loved his family, his friends, serving others through dentistry, working on his golf swing, and sharing stories over dinner or a few glasses of wine.

Ed was born on September 24, 1929 in Jefferson, Ohio, the son of Dr. Ross White and Mrs. Marjorie Marvin White. As a boy he had many friends (some of them lifelong), a love of playing sports, and a keen sense of doing the right thing.

Ed attended Bowling Green University and earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree at Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine. After serving in the Navy in California, Ed married Sarah "Sally" Lamade in 1953 and they settled in Painesville, Ohio, where Ed launched a dental practice. In 1969, he partnered with Dr. Jerry Patriarca to co-found the Painesville Dental Group, which remains a successful, thriving practice to this day.

For the next several decades, Ed and Sally raised their three children while staying active in the Painesville/Lake County community as members of a

long list of clubs, associations and civic groups. Sadly, Sally passed away after a long battle with cancer.

Ed – known to many as “Doc” – was also active in professional organizations, serving as President of the Ohio Dental Association in 1984 and earning its Distinguished Dentist Award in 1989.

In 1991, Ed married Vicky Pozar – embarking on what would become his second marriage of more than 30 years. Ed and Vicky lived in several homes around Northeast Ohio – always within a short drive of Madison Country Club, where he loved to golf. In 1998, they began splitting time between Ohio and Marco Island, Florida, eventually purchasing a home there. In 2005, they moved to Pelican Preserve, a golf community in Fort Myers, Florida, where they lived until just seven weeks before Ed’s passing.

At Pelican Preserve, Ed was passionate about golf, often playing four or five rounds a week and practicing in between. He was even more passionate, however, about spending time with his and Vicky’s many friends and neighbors. Having fun with people – and being truly interested in them and their stories – was a central theme throughout Ed’s life.

Ed is survived by his wife, Vicky White of Mentor, OH; his daughter, Dr. Gail White of Aurora, OH; his son George (Brenda Caranci) White of Littleton, CO; four grandchildren: Justin White of Port Charlotte, FL; Allison (Jacob) Hamblen of Vancouver, WA; David (Faith) White of Westminster, CO; and Katerina Vasilko of Parma, OH; one great-grandson, Leroy White, of Westminster, CO; and sister in law Arlene (Ronald) Toivonen. He was preceded in death by his first wife Sally White (1988); his son Doug White (2022), his grandson Ed White (2024), and his daughter-in-law Michele White (2025).

Ed wrote this message to be included in his obituary: "There are so many people in so many different ways that made my life so memorable to me. To those who passed before me, I hope I said thank you for the things you have done on my behalf. To those still here, I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for all that you have meant to me."

If you're inclined, please take a moment to remember your time with Ed. Maybe raise a glass. Plant a flower. Hit a golf ball into a lake in his honor. Just know he was truly glad to have known you. His family, who will be marking his passing privately, joins him in thanking you for everything.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio, 44060.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Daddy White's passing. Mummy and Daddy White (Sally and Ed) were a formative force in my life as a 17-year old exchange student in Painesville.

There are many life lessons I learned from Daddy White which have served me well.

I never expressed my gratitude to him for all he taught me about living life as a good human being.

Thank you Daddy White, for everything.

Johan Mokhtar - February 20 at 04:11 AM

LA

“ Dr. White was a wonderful dentist with a kind and gentle demeanor. I was never afraid to go to the dentist because of his ability to make me feel at ease, even as a child. He was also a great friend to my parents. Sending my heartfelt condolences to Vicky and the entire White family.

Laura Bringardner Armstrong - August 30, 2025 at 09:43 AM

LI

“ He was my dentist for years. I truly loved this man so kind and patient.

lisa - August 27, 2025 at 02:16 PM

MC

“ My daughter, Cait Roberts, and I send our deepest condolences to Ed's family on his passing. We first met Ed and Vicky through Ed's daughter, Gail, who was our across-the-street neighbor here in Bainbridge Township for some years. Ed was one of those welcoming, joyful people who made you feel like he'd known you for years. He was filled with good humor, genuinely listened to what you had to say, and was so very thoughtful and generous. Last year at age 94 he even made me (age 77) two beautiful wooden trays for my indoor and outdoor walkers, much appreciated after my back-to-back knee replacements. He was a remarkably energetic and inspiring man, and I know what a loss his warm and kind spirit is to everyone who knew him. Mary Chadbourne

Mary M Chadbourne - August 27, 2025 at 09:13 AM

NP

“ Neighbors at Tuscana Pelican Preserve purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree for the family of Dr. Edward "Ed" Marvin White.



Neighbors at Tuscana Pelican Preserve - August 22, 2025 at 04:19 PM

AP

“ Growing up Uncle Ed was my favorite uncle. He was fun and laid back with a great smile. I can still see it and hear his laugh. I haven't seen him in years but I will never forget him. Thinking of all of the family who will be missing him. Hugs to you all

Anne Lamade Pikolas - August 21, 2025 at 09:40 PM

FS

“ Barb and I would like to send our most sincere condolences to Vicky, George, and Gail. Barb and I were deeply saddened to hear of Ed’s passing. We moved into Pelican Preserve in 2020 and were fortunate to become Ed and Vicky’s next door neighbors. Ed was truly amazing for his advanced age, always loved spending time working on his landscape, which always looked great! Ed always had a smile on his face, always a positive attitude, and always greeted us with a loud hello. He was a great contributor to the neighborhood HOA, landscape committee, Christmas decorations, and much more! Ed’s endless positive attitude despite some physical challenges, and his amazing resilience was truly inspiring! We will truly miss Ed, and we really wish Vicky the best as we know how difficult this must be for her! Frank Stubbs

Frank Stubbs - August 21, 2025 at 09:15 PM

RR

“ I would like to add to what Mike Temming said, I was one of the original members of BOS, and that is where I Met Doc, he was one of the kindest and most gracious people I have ever met and I can truly say I loved that man, how couldn’t anyone, never a bad word to say about anyone except maybe Temming, all i know is that I was proud to be able to call him my friend👍👍 And Doc hit them straight in heaven and no gimmes. , you will be missed by those who got to know you ❤️❤️❤️

Randall Rautmann - August 21, 2025 at 05:49 PM

DH

“ Dear Vicky, Gail, George - Pattie and I want to extend our deepest condolences to all of you during this difficult time. I saw Ed a week ago at our office. He was in good spirits and by asked about Pattie and my children and grandchildren! I'm so happy I had a chance to visit with him..I owe a debt of gratitude to Dr White and Dr Pat for giving me an opportunity to join the PDG and move back home. They believed in me and taught me everything about becoming a productive and responsible clinician. Dr White was an amazing and thoughtful colleague who believed in providing modern dentistry to all our patients. He was also active in the community and taught me how important it was to be involved. Ed gladly welcomed my family into the PDG group and we enjoyed all our gatherings. He was always kind, thoughtful and believed in family values. Working with him was an honor and privilege. He was always pleasant and respectful to everyone and I enjoyed being his colleague and friend. I could go on and on about all my experiences with Ed but rest assured, he was one the best gentleman I've ever known. I will miss him...Pattie and I will continue to keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.. Denny and Pattie Horvath

Dennis Horvath - August 21, 2025 at 05:06 PM

JE

“ I know my husband Gene is happy in heaven but today he's happier because his good friend Ed has joined the happy throngs! Our neighbor, our friend, our dentist, our 'go to' guy!! A big loving hug sent from me to you Vicki

jeanne Ann Elkin - August 21, 2025 at 11:53 AM

MT

“ We met Ed and Vicki about thirteen years ago when Kitty and I moved to Pelican Preserve. I was able to get into the Boys of Summer golf group and Ed was a senior member. He did love golf and practiced all the time. Kitty and I would see them at dinner at the club on Friday nights and we got to know them from the church we attended. We also worked on a project to supply dental screening and care to homeless people in the area. Doc liked gardening at least he said he did, but it only happened on Sunday mornings. In the last year, I would see him walking his neighborhood and I would stop and we would chat. In fact back in May he told me they were moving back to Ohio to be closer to family. I guess the lord works in all ways. I will miss the banter and the beer after a round, but I know that a person with a heart like Doc's he is playing the 18 under par and looking down on us. He is in heaven for sure.
Miss you Doc, Mike T.

Mike Temming - August 21, 2025 at 06:45 AM

CC

Dear Vicky , Gail ,George and families ,so sorry to hear of our dear Dr. White passing It seems like yesterday that I was sitting beside him slapping instruments back and forth !!!!! He taught me a lot not only dentistry but dealing with people as he was so personable with his patientsHe will be missed by many but now he will reconnect with his friends upstairs ❤️

Connie and Gary Campbell - August 21, 2025 at 03:56 PM

KB

I am a long ago friend with Ed & Vicky. I was so surprised to read of Ed Whites obituary. I shouldn't have been because 95 is a good age. He was always a terrific person. My husband George & I loved them both & enjoyed what time we would have together playing Golf & dinners at MCC. My husband passed 14 years ago & I'm sure he is thrilled that Ed has now joined their Golf league in the sky. My sympathies to Vicky & family.

Kathe Brown - August 23, 2025 at 03:30 PM