



## Charles Steve White

October 13, 1939 - December 8, 2023

Charles Steve "Sonny" White, 84, of Portland, a beloved husband, father, and "papa" to the grandchildren, died peacefully on Friday, December 8, 2023. Charles was born October 13, 1939 in Hazard, KY, the son of Steve and Juanita (Patrick) White. As a boy, his grandfather nicknamed him "Sonny," a name he proudly used throughout his life. He grew up among the Kentucky coal camps, and was a proud descendant of a Scottish family that made their way to America aboard the Mayflower. Although Sonny moved north at a young age, he remained proud of his family heritage and upbringing throughout his life. As a young man, he settled in Michigan, where he married and started his family. He worked as a Millwright at Fisher Body until his retirement in 1996. Sonny enjoyed a lifelong passion for automobiles, especially his corvettes. He married Sharon Ann Norton and the two enjoyed 37 years of love and adventure, traveling throughout the country and all over the world, including the Far East, Australia and Europe. In his spare time, Charlie enjoyed time in the outdoors, tending to his garden and attending Detroit Tiger's games. He loved to play pool, and continued to enjoy watching others play when he no longer could actively participate. Above all, he loved and cherished time spent with his family and friends.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 37 years, Sharon Norton-White; his forever friend and mother of their children, Rosalie White; children, Billy (Donetta) White, Sonny (Susan) White, Cristal White, and Ruth (Brian Porter) Henry;

grandchildren, Tausha (Eric) Stiver, Nichole (Joe Bowles) White, Jeff (Fawn Larder) White, Megan Burden, Chuck (Stephanie) Moss, Zebulin (Jennifer) White, and Cody White; 14 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Anna Belle Emenheiser; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Steve White and Juanita Fraley; sisters, Doris June Wells and Barbara Sue Trowbridge; brothers, Curtis Eugene Fraley and Theodore Wayne Fraley; and son, Steven White.

Friends are encouraged to support Charles' family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). A Memorial Gathering will take place on January 6, 2024 from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Charlotte Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #3552, 116 Lansing St., Charlotte, MI 48813. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Reception

JAN 6. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Charlotte Eagles (FOE Aerie 3552)  
116 Lansing St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dean & Char B lit a candle in memory of Charles Steve White*



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**Dean & Char B** - December 13, 2023 at 09:18 PM

SA

“ *I've always had fond memories of Uncle Sonny. I remember when I was a kid saying that I had no middle name. And Uncle Sonny said I should have Sonny for a middle name. After that he called me Sonny Suzette for many years .I will never forget him. 😊 He was always kind to me.*

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**Suzette Anthony** - December 09, 2023 at 04:02 PM

PH

*Charlie was a fellow Millwright at Fisher Body. I had the pleasure of working with him and I enjoyed his stories! I looked forward to our ROMEO skilled trades breakfasts in Grand ledge. He was so genuine always got a handshake and a good morning! Charlie was very well liked and I for one will miss him. Prayers to your family Charlie RIP. Tiny!*

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**Paul R. Tiny Haynes** - December 10, 2023 at 07:22 PM