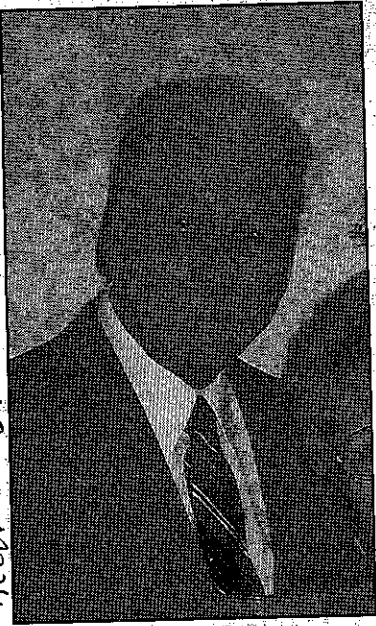


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**Royden White**  
**Jul. 26, 1934 - Aug. 6, 2019**

Royden White, 85 of Denton, TX passed away Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2019 at the Denton Rehabilitation Center in Denton, TX. Funeral service will begin at 11:00 am Saturday, Aug. 17, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Burial with military honors will held in the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family and will be determined at a later time. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Royden L. White was born in Osawatomie, KS on July 26, 1934 to Harry and Mexa (Hopwood) White. Roy married the only other woman he loved, besides his mother, his sweetheart, Janet Kimball, on Feb. 20, 1954. They both completed their education at Lane High School in Lane, KS. To this union four daughters were born.

In 1953, Roy joined the United States Army where he served for three years ending as a Non-Commissioned Officer training the then, new Reserved Forces Training Recruits. A few months following his military service he, his wife and baby girl moved to Des Moines. This eventually led him to work for the Rock Island Railroad, first as a switchman and later as a yard master. During this time his second daughter was born. He moved his family to Altoona where two more daughters were born. After nearly 20 years with the railroad, he entered the Trucking industry as an over the road driver, later being promoted to Safety Director of Ace Lines Trucking Co.

During his tenure as Safety Director and Driver Personnel Director, Roy served on the Iowa Council of Safety Supervisors. Also during this time, he had a close working relationship with the Iowa Motor Truck Association. He served on the Advisory Board of three Iowa Colleges and on the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety.

After many years of having a summer home on Lake Ponderosa, Roy and his wife moved to a permanent lake home. It was there he began Lakeside Consultant Services. He continued his relationships with the insurance industry on driver safety and D.O.T. compliance. As a consultant, he conducted audits on State and Federal D.O.T. compliance for insurability of transportation companies. He was later recruited by Progressive Insurance, and later, Redland Insurance, as their

director of safety. During this time they moved from Lake Ponderosa to a home in Montezuma.

In late 1995, Roy suffered a heart attack followed shortly by a stroke. This resulted in early retirement. In 1997, he and his wife moved to Denton, TX where they currently reside.

Roy lived as he died, on terms. He will be most remembered by his quick wit, ornery smile and kind, crystal blue eyes. He was a man of many words, who would strike up a conversation with anyone who would listen to one of his many stories, and captivated his audience. Being a man of many words, he loved to write poetry and had written poems for many of his grandchildren which were told to his four daughters, and later his nine grandchildren and over 13 great grandchildren, who always enjoyed hearing them over and over.

Roy had a way with people leading him to interesting situations such as taking a nap on Johnny Cash's tour bus, having lunch with Walter Mathau, and during a business trip, upon seeing Roy's Private Pilot License years before at Ekman Field, near Altoona. He subsequently earned his Instrument and Multi-Engine Ratings at Des Moines Flying Service.

Roy is survived by his wife of 65 years, Janet, and his "harem", as he called them, Deb Smith, Denise (Steve) Thompson, Nola (Mike) McClaffin, and Janice (Anthony) St. Clair, Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren, extended family and lots of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers, Leo, Donald and Homer, son-in-law, Bob Smith, as well as, other in-laws.