



William Nicholas White

February 27, 1945 - September 6, 2021

William “Bill” Nicholas White, 76, passed away on Monday, September 6, 2021, at his home in Travelers Rest, SC.

Born in Philadelphia, PA, he was the son of the late Francis White and Mary Barbi White. Bill proudly served his country in the US Army and was a Christian.

While in high school, Bill participated in football, baseball and found his liking for amateur wrestling. It was in 1964 after a short stint in the Army, while living in Florida, Bill went to do some roofing work at a camp that promoter Eddie Graham was holding, and at that time WWE Hall of Famer Jack Brisco was in town to do a wrestling demonstration for the kids. Since Bill wrestled in high school and they couldn't find anybody to help with the demonstration they asked Bill and he helped putting on the demonstration. Not soon after that he was asked if he wanted to try out to be a professional wrestler, so he tried out, got a call the next day and the rest is history. He attended many wrestling events and based on his demonstrated potential he began his wrestling career in Nashville, TN under the direction of promoter, Nick Gulas.

Bill traveled to Southern California, where he worked for Roy Shire from 1965 to 1967. In that period, he wrestled the likes of Ray Stevens, Pat Patterson, and Mr. Fuji. Soon after that he took his talents and began wrestling for

Vincent J. McMahon's World Wide Wrestling Federation where he wrestled such notables as Johnny Rodz, Jimmy Valiant, Victor Rivera, Don Muraco and Chief Jay Strongbow (Joe Scarpa).

Bill wrestled under such names as The Scorpion, Destroyer, Blue Demon, Red Devil #2, "Wild" Bill White, Tag Team Duo – Mask Medics, Cowboy Bill, and Bill White. Bill was able to pull off different matches and make fans believe there were different wrestlers under each mask. Tagged as the bad guy, Bill carried that image and made a living as the person that fans loved to hate.

Bill toured for both All Japan Pro Wrestling and New Japan Pro-Wrestling and had a very successful period while wrestling in World Class Championship Wrestling where he won the Texas Tag Team title with El Gran Goliath in February of 1979. In 1981, Bill wrestled for Eddie Graham in Georgia Championship Wrestling working for "Bullet" Bob Armstrong and soon after that he began working for Jim Crockett Promotions working alongside wrestling legends, most notably "Rowdy" Roddy Piper.

On June 10, 2006, Bill was inducted as an honoree into the Cauliflower Alley Club as a wrestler for his years of accomplishments and dedication to the wrestling business. To be inducted you must have more than 20 years of service in the wrestling business and have worked for multiple organizations and promotions across the country. Bill loved playing cribbage, thus at the annual Cauliflower Alley Club reunions he participated in "The Destroyer" Cribbage Tournament where he won three championships in 2007, 2011 and 2016.

After retiring from the wrestling ring in 1987, Bill worked as a truck driver for Central Transport, was an insurance adjuster, a certified scuba diver and continued in the wrestling business as a professional wrestling trainer.

Bill is survived by his children: William (Lynn) Jenkins, Nathen (Allison) White, Bryan (Jo) White, Chris (Rhonda) White, Aaron (Anna) White, Beverly Hawkins (Fiancé Tim), Jason Perry, Billy Perry, Nicole Perry, Benjamin (Ginger) White and Audrey (Belinda) White; brother: Harry (Mary Ann) Eberly; special niece: Joan Marie Dawson (Scott); special great-niece: Morgan Dawson; 21 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Along with his parents, Bill was predeceased by a brother: Joey Barbi; sister: Catherine Couchoud and great-grandson: Xavier Michael William.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2021, from 10:30 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. at The Howze Mortuary. Funeral service will follow the visitation in the Howze Mortuary Chapel at 11:45 a.m. Burial will be at M.J. Dolly Cooper Veterans Cemetery in Anderson, SC.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16.** 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Service

SEP **16.** 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

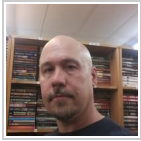
The Howze Mortuary Chapel
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Burial

SEP **16.** 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

M.J. Dolly Cooper Veterans Cemetery
140 Inway Drive
Anderson, SC 29621

Tribute Wall



“ *Bill was a great guy. Enjoyed talking and hearing his stories about his wrestling career. Learned alot from him. He will be missed!*

Steve Paradis - September 16, 2021 at 03:24 PM



“ *Audrey and Brenda
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family ♡
Susan Anastasia*

Susan Anastasia - September 15, 2021 at 12:43 PM

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“ *I want to tell Bill's Family that I am sorry for your loss and that I am praying for you. I got to know your Father 20 years ago after my wife died. He became a friend when I needed one and I am grateful to know him. Beverly had been friend of my daughter several years but I had been a fan of Bill White since 1975. Bill has more that could have been written in His obituary. He did a lot of good things in his time and he had a heart for people.
Franklin Edwards*

Franklin Edwards - September 12, 2021 at 06:25 PM

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“ *My heart breaks to hear this, it's been a while since I've seen Bill but I have the best memories of him telling so many amazing stories on the way to wrestling shows! To hear the amount of passion that he had for wrestling made me love it and appreciate it it even more. Beverly you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers!*



Joy - September 11, 2021 at 05:37 PM



“ Beverly and family, we are truly sorry for your loss. Troy and I are sending love and prayers during this time of sadness and grief.



September 11, 2021 at 09:38 AM



“ Bill came to me after a match one night and said " I see alot of myself in you when I was younger." One of the biggest compliments I've ever received. RIP Bill....

Billy Stowe/ Shane Austin - September 11, 2021 at 08:05 AM



Sorry for your loss.

Dolly Lynn - September 12, 2021 at 09:29 PM



“ Thank you Bill for all the years of giving of yourself to wrestling, and more importantly your friendship, love and respect, and hope that I returned it in kind. Go with God my dear friend and know that you will be remembered in the stories we tell with much Love and respect.

Les Thatcher

Les Thathcer - September 11, 2021 at 06:50 AM

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“ *My sincerest thoughts and prayers. I am blessed to have crossed paths with him.*
Lacey Gwinn

Lacey Gwinn - September 10, 2021 at 09:28 PM



“ *Bill was such a sweet person. I've thought of him over the years. It's been almost 40 years since I've seen him but he always brought a smile to my face. I'll remember him fondly. I know he'll be missed by his family and friends. RIP my old friend!*



Renee Allaire - September 10, 2021 at 05:43 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Nicholas White.*



September 10, 2021 at 04:36 PM

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“ *Bill was like a daddy to me. Loved his wrestling and such a lively guy. He will be missed.*
Melonie k, TRAVELERS REST SC



Melonie keith - September 10, 2021 at 02:06 PM