



## Eva Mae White-Stokes

January 7, 1928 - January 7, 2023

It is with much sadness, we announce the passing of Eva Mae White-Stokes, who passed away on her 95th birthday, January 7, 2023. She was preceded in death by her first husband Alfred E. White ('81) and her second husband Hyland Ashmore Stokes ('97). Eva was the last surviving member of her immediate family, Eva and Andrew Wright and 3 older siblings; Julius, Margaret and Henry from St. Louis MO. Eva is survived by 3 sons; Anthony, (his wife, Shelley), Timothy (his wife, Kim) and Ronald (his wife, Sue) along with 4 granddaughters; Stefanee, Lindsey, Alison and Sarah; 2 grandsons, Zach and Nick; 3 nieces; JoAnn, Julianna and Candy and 7 great grandchildren; Ella, Jada, Elijah, Hazel, Evelyn, Indya and Destynee. Eva lost a grandson, Sean White in 2010 and oldest son, Al White in 2016.

Eva worked for many years at Dayton's, downtown Minneapolis; Minneapolis Star & Tribune; writes an article on Eva's successful climb to become one of the first Black women Managers at Dayton's; 1966. She was also an active participant as one of Dayton's Models which enabled her eventual opportunity to be featured in Glamour Magazine.

Eva was heavily recruited and finally joined National Car Rental in 1968, where she worked behind the counter at the MSP, International Airport for 25

years. After living in various cities including, St. Paul (Rondo neighborhood), Eva and her family settled in south Minneapolis in 1956 and became a staple in this new upcoming, not yet, diverse community. Sending her 4 sons to Bancroft Elementary, Bryant Jr. High and Central High School. All 4 were active in sports including, Baseball, Track, Football and Basketball. Her faith was a priority and had her family join Central Lutheran Church where again, along with pioneering the largest Lutheran Church in the cities at the time, she had them all involved in all the various choirs and remained as members for over 30 years. Eva also enjoyed travel which brought her to South America and nearly every country representing Europe.

Most of all, she enjoyed her family and lovingly became known as "Nana" extending her gracious arms to all her family especially her great grandchildren, to whom she fondly referred to as her "Greats". Her skill at cooking any meal combination without a recipe was a gift that many had the opportunity to enjoy. Her specialty was fried chicken, mustard greens and deep dish, macaroni and cheese!

Her funeral will be held on Sunday, January 15 at 11AM with visitation one hour prior at Washburn-McReavy Funeral Home in Edina. Eva was dearly loved and will be missed. Our love for her will happily endure forever as we know, she now rests in the comfort of God's Hands.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

## Chapel Service

JAN **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Eva Mae White-Stokes in memory of Eva Mae White-Stokes



Washburn-McReavy - January 11, 2023 at 11:42 AM

MA

*Our Hero Mrs Eva. With such personality, independent, self principled, loving caring and God fearing. You were such a mentor. We loved you, even when our hearts feel toll, you are still in our hearts. Your kindness and sweet memories will be cherished. You are greatly missed our hero. Rest In Peace. Mercy-Caregiver Brookdale Edina.*

Mercyline Anchinga - January 15, 2023 at 11:52 AM

TK

“ We had the absolute privilege to be next-door neighbors of Eva (and Hy) in our first home on Elliot Av. She was a perfect neighbor. We still savor her fried cabbage and bacon dinners!! She was especially caring and supportive as we dealt with a breast cancer diagnosis. She helped watch over our children and nurtured them as if they were her own. God lived in you, Eva! May you continue to be held close in his arms💕💕💕  
The Kellys

The Kellys - January 18, 2023 at 10:31 AM

JA

“ Miss you dearly, Aunt Eva, and will always cherish the beautiful memories.  
Rest well and love always,  
Juliana

Juliana Arrington - January 15, 2023 at 10:38 AM

LL

“ Aunt Eva had a sweet spirit and was beautiful inside and out. I will greatly

Luticia Luckey - January 14, 2023 at 06:36 PM

SW

“ Stephanie “SNACKS” Williams lit a candle in memory of Eva Mae White-Stokes



Stephanie “SNACKS” Williams - January 14, 2023 at 03:07 PM

SW

My heartfelt condolences to The White Family! Love ❤️ & Kisses 😘  
😘! R.I.H.  
“SNACKS”

Stephanie “SNACKS” Williams - January 14, 2023 at 03:17 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eva Mae White-Stokes.



January 13, 2023 at 09:53 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Eva Mae White-Stokes.*



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January 13, 2023 at 08:05 PM



“ *Eva I will miss all of our conversations and laughs. Your friendship and your outspoken personality will always be remembered. RIP, EVA. hugs and love* ❤️

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**Lana Schaffhausen** - January 12, 2023 at 05:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eva Mae White-Stokes.*



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January 11, 2023 at 03:41 PM