



## Tanda Kaye White

December 31, 1956 - November 11, 2009

Tanda Kay White, age 52, of Elkville, our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend, was received into the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Wednesday evening, November 11, 2009, in St. Louis University Hospital, surrounded by her husband, children and loving family.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, November 14, 2009, at the Dowell Baptist Church with Rev. Gary Pate officiating and burial at DeSoto Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Pettett Funeral Home and from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family.

Tanya was born on December 31, 1956, in Madisonville, Kentucky, to John, Sr. and Vicky Plain. She met the love of her life, Michael Gene White in Carbondale, Illinois, and after three short weeks, completely stole his heart. They were united by God in marriage on July 7, 1979, in DeSoto, Illinois. Through the ups and downs, ins and outs, and the good and the bad of life, they shared 30 years of together. Their names were synonymous Mike and Tanda, Tanda and Mike. You could not say one without the other. She joyfully opened her heart to Michael's two daughters Sherry and Michelle, loving them unconditionally as though they were her own. They completed their family with the birth of their son, John, shortly after.

Tanda was, in a word, exceptional. To all who had the privilege of knowing her, they could only describe her as unique--a one of a kind. From her love of flashy jewelry and fuzzy boots, to her extraordinary cooking ability, there was not much she couldn't do. But the most incredible gift she possessed was her enormous heart. She loved without measure and her forgiveness knew no bounds. Her capacity to give had no limits. No matter who you were and what you were going through, she could always be depended on to lend an ear or a helping hand. She loved her Lord and Savior with all of her being, and could frequently be found studying the word of God and preparing her Sunday School lessons. Her absence has left a void that can never be filled. And though our spirits rejoice in her freedom from pain, our hearts have forever been broken by a life gone too soon. We console ourselves in the knowledge that the brightest stars only burn for so long. They must then return to the hand that created them, having made the world that much brighter for being in it.

She is survived by her husband and soul mate Michael Gene White of Elkville; son John White and wife Amanda of DuQuoin; daughters Sherry Jeschke and her husband Steven of Elkville and Michelle Davis and her husband Daniel Davis of Elkville; by her eight beloved grandchildren Andrew, Brooke, Gabrielle, Sarai, Abigail, Micah, Levi, and Alyssa, and numerous relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother John Plain, Jr.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tanda Kaye White*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about Tanda, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time.*

**Rick & Melinda Bowlin** - December 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ *I read of your loss in the Madisonville, Ky Messenger on line and I am sorry. Many times we don't know what to say but I always shared a thought from God's word and I feel that is the best we can say to any one. Cherish her memory think of all the funny things she did , how she loved her family, and had fun with her friends. this will give you comfort. I know the best I can say is just as Christ Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb so he will all our loved ones in the future. (John 5:28) All I can see with my minds eye is the tears of joy there will be on God's new earth when seeing our loved one running toward us once again. Revelation 21:4 tells us at that time there will be no more pain, sorrow, sickness or death . they will have been done away with. Thank you for reading this in your time of grief and sorrow. Keep her close to you in your heart.*

**Alice Apple** - November 20, 2009 at 08:55 AM

KA

“ Mike: A few days passed and life goes on. You are never alone; Tanda is going to always be besides you, whether in the house, in the yard or at the grocery store, she will not let you be alone.

Gone at such a young age just doesn't seem fair. Bless her heart, she was in so much pain, she actually deserved to go. Now she walks the streets of gold, without sorrow and PAIN. She deserved that. She endured way more than her years.

Still, we are a family blessed. Even with her passing, we are blessed. We are blessed that she was our mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin or best friend. Our family is better because she was part of us. I will truly miss her.

Please know that you are loved and we will always be here in person or in prayer. If there is anything that Bill and I can do, please do not hesitate to call.

Love, Karen

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**Karen Agee** - November 16, 2009 at 01:53 PM

RS

“ We met Tanda and Michael years ago when we adopted our beloved Annie who was one of Tanda and Michael's 4 legged babies. Tanda had such a sweet caring personality that we have never forgotten her or Michael. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Ron & Mary Ann Simmons, Cairo, Il.

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**Ron & Mary Ann Simmons** - November 14, 2009 at 10:12 AM

BF

“ *Tanda will be deeply missed but never forgotten. She was and still is a bright and shining example of God's love.* ”



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**Bert and Jo Anne Annis and Family** - November 13, 2009 at 11:57 PM

CD

“ *Charlie, Terri, Cassie, & Dustin lit a candle in memory of Tanda Kaye White* ”



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**Charlie, Terri, Cassie, & Dustin** - November 13, 2009 at 03:08 PM

TM

“ Mike, I can't express in words how sorry I am for the loss of Tanda in your life. She loved you with all of her being. You brought a love to her heart that I can't even begin to put in words. I know this, because over the years we spent together she expressed her love for you over and over to me. There could not have been a more perfect match for you than her. My heart is broken for you and I wish I could make it all go away.... You know I am here for you always. We have shared some wonderful memories through the years together!!! All the trips to Current River, just hanging out of the weekends watching movies and having dinner, shopping trips, and I could go on and on. She is a part of me and I will always remember her. She was not only my sister, she was my best friend. When I needed someone to talk to Tanda was always there with open arms and I knew I could count on her. Tanda, what an amazing women! I am deeply saddened to the bottom of my heart for you, and please know I am and always will be here for you. I love you Mike and pray God will give you the strength to carry you through this tremendously sad time in you life.

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**Terri McCarthy** - November 13, 2009 at 12:48 PM

MR

“ Mike & Family: I'm so sorry about Tanda--she was such a kind person--My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

*Mary Beth Reiman*

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**Mike & Mary Beth Reiman** - November 13, 2009 at 12:47 PM

MD

“ Your loss is unimaginable and my heart goes out to your family during this time. Our prayers are for you and your family.

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**Michael and Cristy Desormeaux** - November 13, 2009 at 12:31 PM

MZ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of sorrow. May God Bless you and help you find comfort in this time.*

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**Madreda, Todd, Laurie, Darrian, and Jacob Zuehl** - November 13, 2009 at 12:09 PM

PF

“ *John and Amanda, so sorry to hear of your loss. One can never say the right words to help ease the pain. Just take comfort in knowing you have an extra special guardian angel in Heaven watching over you.*

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**Paula and Paul Imbierowicz family** - November 13, 2009 at 11:05 AM

PW

“ *Dear Calvin and John,*

*I am so sorry for your tragic loss. You have been and will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Pam White  
DeSoto School*

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**Pam White** - November 13, 2009 at 11:03 AM

TW

“ *I remember Tanda from years ago when I worked at the Revco Drug store in DuQuoin. She always came in there. She was so pretty and sweet and bright and always smiling. I am so sorry for your loss. God be with you and give you strength.*

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**Tammy Wall** - November 13, 2009 at 07:20 AM