

Communiqué on the death of Dr. David Allen White

February 17, 2025

David Allen White died on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at his home.

He was born on November 9, 1948, the son of Medwin and Lois White of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Dr. White was a graduate of the University of Minnesota, B.A., summa cum laude, 1970. He earned his M.A. from the University of Wisconsin in 1971 and his PhD from Indiana University in 1981.

He taught at Temple University, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and was a Professor at the U.S. Naval Academy, 1981–2009, where he was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award in 1994/1995.

Dr. White did many years of theater work, acting and directing in over 100 productions.

He was the editor of Shakespeare A-Z, a Shakespeare encyclopedia, as well as a lecturer in many venues, including the Roman Forum in Gardone, Italy, 1995–2000 and over 20 (sea and river) cruises.

For many years, Dr. White offered a monthly Shakespeare commentary on Hugh Hewitt's national radio show. He also often appeared as a host/narrator for Annapolis Symphony Children's concerts.

Dr. White authored three biographies of controversial Roman Catholic bishops: The Mouth of the Lion (Bishop Antonio de Castro-Meyer), 1991; The Horn of the Unicorn, (Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre), 2000; and, The Voice of the Trumpet (Bishop Richard Williamson), 2017.

Dr. White is survived by brother, Paul (Caroline) White of Plymouth MN; nephew Justin (Sophia) White of River Forest, IL; and niece Camille White of Chicago, IL.

A visitation will be held for Dr. White on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, from 7pm to 9pm. A Requiem Mass will be conducted on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 10am at Saint Athanasius Traditional Church, 9201 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22182. Interment will be private.

“Fear no more the heat o’ the sun . . .,” Cymbeline, Act IV.