



Shanna Darnelle White

June 10, 1943 - January 31, 2025

Shanna Darnelle White, 81, of Bakersfield, California, passed away peacefully on January 31, 2025. She was born on June 10, 1943, to Ralph and Edna Swisher.

Shanna was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She married Jim White on July 9, 1975, and together they built a life filled with love and cherished memories.

She was a loving mother to her four children: David Kaff (Amy), Leah Wells (Jacob), Trisha Smith (Joe), and Jeremy White (Chrystle). She also held a special place in her heart for Trent White, the son of her best friend of 66 years, Darlene Duncan.

Family was at the center of Shanna's life, and she adored her grandchildren: Emily Black (Jamie), Spencer Kaff (Jessica), Christian Kaff (Anna), Levi Wells, Abby Wells, Aiden Wells, Nathaniel Wells, Brevony McWhorter, Bregan McWhorter, and Abby Rose. Her legacy of love continues through her great-grandchildren: River and Sage Kaff, Winnie and Scout Kaff, and Ansel and Mabel Black. She also leaves behind many beloved nieces and nephews.

Shanna's life was filled with passion for the simple joys—her love of horses, gardening, the beauty of the Southwest, and time spent at her cherished cabin

in the mountains. A devoted homemaker, she created a warm and welcoming home, filled with kindness and love. Her deep faith as a Christian guided her, and she lived as an example of grace and compassion to all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Jim White; her brothers, Joel Swisher (Wanda) and Ralph Swisher Jr.; and was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Edna Swisher, as well as her siblings, Terry, Mark, and Deborah.

Shanna had a heart that knew no bounds—she welcomed everyone with warmth and showed love to all she met. She will be deeply missed but forever remembered by those who were blessed to know her.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Olive Branch Community Church
12000 Olive Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93312