



District Missionary Pearl Tressa White

March 16, 1937 - September 13, 2025

District Missionary Emeritus Pearl Tressa Cooper White, affectionally known to many as “Mommy Pearl,” peacefully transitioned into the presence of the Lord on September 13, 2025, in Rowlett, Texas.

Born on March 16, 1937 in Mobile, Alabama, to James Cooper and Mattie L.T. Daniels, Pearl was their only child — a treasured gift from the Lord and a radiant light throughout her life. She pursued academic excellence at Southern University, where she earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Social Studies (French minor). While attending Southern she also met the love of her life, Walter N. White Sr. They were united in holy matrimony on October 25, 1961, and remained devoted for 53 beautiful years. Their marriage was a testament to love, partnership, and faith, and from that sacred union came three children: Dr. Tania White Jackson, Kristi Camille White, and Pastor Walter N. White Jr.

She earned a Master’s Degree in Counseling from Prairie View A&M University. An educator by profession and a nurturer by calling, Pearl served as a French teacher, a Secondary School Counselor at Fair Park High School, a National Board Certified Counselor, and later, an Adjunct Professor of Psychology at LSU. She viewed education not just as a career, but as ministry —shaping hearts and minds with grace, intellect, and intentionality.

Her life, however, was most defined by her devotion to the work of the Lord. She was a devoted member of White Temple Church of God in Christ, serving under the guidance of the late Bishop John W. White and Superintendent

McClendon Winbush. Later, she became part of Bryant Temple Church of God in Christ. Under the leadership of the late Superintendent Andrew Bryant and State Supervisor Mother Leola Bryant, she was elevated to serve in the role of District Missionary for the Allendale District. As a District Missionary under Superintendent Bryant and later Superintendent Michael Nation, she worked untiringly as God gave her innovative and creative ideas. She was an organizer and believed in order. She implemented programs including but not limited to honoring the graduates in the District at every District Meeting and building the Auxiliaries, Bands and Units. She promoted fellowship and organized a prayer fellowship which met from month to month at every church in the District.

Following the passing of Supt. Bryant and Mother Bryant, she continued her service under Pastor Leroy Ealy and First Lady Jo Ealy. Over the years, District Missionary White faithfully led as Sanctuary Prayer Leader and Marriage Ministry Coordinator. She played a pivotal role in the Jurisdictional Department of Women, working in every Department, and served 18 years as Jurisdictional Secretary. On the national stage, she contributed significantly as an Aspiring Missionary Instructor, mentoring many women into ministry with wisdom, patience, and love.

Her heart for evangelism led her to serve on mission trips to Malawi, Nairobi, Kenya, and Haitian townships, where she ministered across cultures and borders with humility and joy. She also shared her spiritual insight through the written word, authoring a reflective and impactful book titled Toll Free.

Missionary White was also a proud lifetime member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, where she served faithfully for over 67 years, and celebrated as a distinguished Pearl Member. Whether in the church, classroom, sorority, or community, she lived out the meaning of service to all mankind.

After a lifetime of faithful service and spiritual leadership in Shreveport, Louisiana, she spent her final years in Texas, where she continued to shine her light and bless those around her.

She was preceded in glory by her husband Walter N. White Sr., her beloved daughters Dr. Tania White Jackson and Kristi Camille White, and her parents James Cooper and Mattie L.T. Daniels.

Her memory lives on through her devoted son, Walter N. White Jr. (Shrona) of Rockwall, Texas, and her son-in-law Gary Jackson of Frisco, Texas, her six grandchildren — Thomas H. Mims, Jasmin A. White, Grant W. Jackson, Gabrielle A. White, Alyssa S. Jackson, and Victorya A. White. She also leaves behind a loving extended family of in-laws, including Lora Dell Timberlake, Zelma Thomas (John), Willie J. White, and Josephine White, her god-daughter Janice Brown, god-son Frankie Savannah, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, sorority sisters, and dear friends who were all blessed by her love, prayers, and presence.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

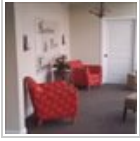
White Temple Church of God in Christ
3898 Hollywood Ave.
Shreveport, LA 71109

Burial

SEP **29**. 12:30 PM (CT)

Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery
7970 Mike Clark Road
Keithville, LA 71047

Tribute Wall



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