

# WILLIAM WHITE

## MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

William “Bill” White lived a life driven by purpose, grit, and a deep love for the rumble of an engine and the promise of the open road. Raised among the wide skies and fields of Devils Lake and Cando, Bill learned early the value of hard work, resilience, and curiosity. Those lessons shaped him into a devoted father, a skilled mechanic, and a man who believed that knowledge - especially hands-on knowledge - could change lives.



Cars were never just machines to Bill. They were stories, challenges, and opportunities waiting to be unlocked. He drove grain trucks as a teenager, admired the sleek lines of Ferraris, pursued the unmistakable growl of a Maserati, and harnessed the raw power of a well-built engine. Yet, he found just as much joy under the hood of a pickup in a small-town garage. He loved talking shop with anyone willing to listen, sharing what he knew, and encouraging others to learn by doing. To Bill, turning a wrench was more than a skill; it was a way to build confidence, independence, and pride.

Bill's enthusiasm was not limited to automotive pursuits. An accomplished mariner, he single-handedly brought his 40-foot sailboat from New England to Virginia - through a hurricane. He was the Chief Engineer for a fleet of charter ships on the Potomac River, along the coastline of Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC. He enjoyed skydiving, flying, and tinkering with steam engines.

Bill's love for all things mechanical is what fueled his dream of giving back to students pursuing automotive careers. He often spoke about supporting the automotive program and creating scholarships, so young people could access the same hands-on learning that shaped his life. Bill knew that not every student had the resources to follow their passion, and he wanted to be part of removing those barriers. He believed that investing in students wasn't just helping individuals - it was strengthening families, communities, and the future of skilled trades.

Above all, Bill's legacy is one of generosity and mentorship. Whether he was teaching his daughters how to change oil, helping a neighbor fix a stubborn engine, or talking about ways to support students, he lived with the conviction that knowledge should be shared, and opportunities should be extended to others.

Bill will be remembered not only for his love of all things mechanical, but for the way he used that passion to uplift those around him. His dream of supporting automotive students ensures that his spirit will live on - in every engine rebuilt, every skill learned, and every student who gains the chance to pursue their future because someone believed in them, just as Bill did.