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**Nathaniel White**

to Nathaniel White, 73, of Hilton  
to Head Island died Thursday Jan. 22,  
ral 2004, at Hilton Head Regional  
Medical Center.

He was born March 20, 1930, on  
Hilton Head, the son of Johnny and  
Matilda White.

He attended Hilton Head public  
schools and graduated from Penn  
Normal Industrial and Agricultural  
School in 1949. After graduating,  
he moved to New York, where he  
lived until 1965. He attended  
Brooklyn College in New York and  
Armstrong Junior College in  
Savannah.  
While in New York, he met and

married Ella C. Radcliff of  
Bennettsville. She preceded him  
in death. In June 1996, he married  
Gardenia Simmons of St. Helena  
Island.

He was employed at Random  
House and as an agent with  
Metropolitan Life Insurance in  
New York. When he returned to  
Hilton Head, he and his father  
formed White and Sons landscap-  
ing business.

Mr. White was a member of the  
St. James Baptist Church and was  
instrumental in building the pres-  
ent sanctuary. He also served as an  
usher and in various other capac-  
ities. In New York, he was a mem-  
ber of Brown Memorial Baptist  
Church and served as president of  
the usher board.

He was instrumental in the for-  
mation of the Hilton Head Island  
Blue Jays baseball team.

Mr. White is survived by his  
wife, Gardenia Simmons-White;  
two sons, Nathaniel Harris White  
of Ridgeville, and Jonathan Buford  
of Hilton Head; a daughter, Clara  
Chaplin of St. Helena Island; three  
stepchildren, Donna Gray of  
Virginia Beach, Va., Richard Lewis  
of Hilton Head, and Maurice Lewis  
of Valley Stream, N.Y.; two broth-  
ers and sisters-in-law, Johnny O.  
and Willie White of Queens, N.Y.,  
and Perry and Barbara White of  
Hilton Head; seven sisters and  
three brothers-in-law, Edith and  
Edward Moultrie of Savannah,  
Grace Bartley and Maggie Bruen of  
Brooklyn, N.Y., Cerr White of

Hilton Head, Alethea and David  
Jackson of Hempstead, N.Y., Rosa  
and Errol Cromwell of St. Croix,  
and Marvelina Clemmons of  
Atlanta; three grandchildren; five  
great-grandchildren; and other  
relatives.

He also was preceded in death  
by a daughter, Cheryl Felicia  
White.

Wake services will be held from  
7 to 8 p.m. today in the sanctuary  
of St. James Baptist Church on  
Hilton Head.

Funeral services will be at  
11 a.m. Monday at St. James  
Baptist Church. Burial will follow  
in Union Cemetery.  
Marshal's Wright-Donaldson  
Home for Funerals is in charge of  
arrangements.