

Preceded by:
Fredrick White &
Dorothy White

Survived by:
Wife: Jane White

Children:
Phillipa White (Peter List)
Chris White (Haley White)
The late Antony

Grandchildren:
Oscar List
Harrison White
Harper White



Welcome: Pip White

Eulogy: Chris White

Tribute: Roger Driver

Reading: Harrison White
'IF' by Rudyard Kipling

Tribute: Alan Malcolmson

Tribute: Simon Williamson

“Chalky”

Bruce Dalkeith White

August 6, 1941 - January 8, 2025



“A Life Well Lived”

Saturday March 15, 2025
Glenbrook Station

White, Bruce Dalkeith

Chalky passed away suddenly on January 8th in Timaru. Survived by his loving wife Jane, children Phillipa, Chris, and late son Anthony, grandchildren Oscar, Harrison, and Harper. Dearly loved father-in-law to Pete, & Haley. He will forever be in our memories, and we cherish time spent with him over the years. Spending Christmas/New Year together with his family this season was special as we knew he had a tougher road in front of him. He was a great mate and we will miss his talks, stories, and laughs dearly.

Biography

Bruce was born in Gore, August 6th, 1941, growing up in South Dunedin. Upon leaving Taieri High School (where he earned the nickname "Chalky"), he went shearing and fencing throughout Otago and Southland. He worked on farms at Tuapeka Mouth (Hyde Family) and Lindis Valley (Hamilton and Goodger Families) before finding his lifelong partner in Jane and settling into more permanent work in Dunedin at Burnside and DMBA freezing works. Rising through the ranks from slaughterman to union delegate, foreman, then general manager, he managed plants like Alliance Burnside, Mataura, Lorneville, Sockburn and Dannevirke, overseeing restructures, new builds, and key negotiations. He later became group manager of livestock for Alliance Group, even hosting a weekly radio segment with Jamie Mackay on Hokonui/Farming Radio, blending rugby, schedule pricing, and farming banter.

Retiring to Twizel in the Mackenzie Country, he returned to his true love, farming sheep and beef for his final 20 years. Shearing and crutching into his 79th year, his health was exceptional until post-Covid challenges required grit and frequent Westpac helicopter trips. A keen outdoorsman, he fished dozens of Southland and Otago rivers, skied Fox and Coronet Peaks seasonally, and bombarded locals and fish alike on annual Tekapo River trips. Weekends were for water skiing, rugby or fishing with mates.

A dedicated husband, father and grandfather, Bruce always tracked his grandchildren's latest adventures. Quick with advice and character reads, he rarely missed the mark. He loved rugby, playing for Taieri and Dunedin into

his 40s, later coaching DRFC seniors, introducing touch rugby to the city and building new club facilities as president. He nurtured young talent with Otago Boys and Neil Baker, encouraging young fellas to play for Dunedin in return for a job. In Twizel, he volunteered tirelessly, chairing the Community Board and Health Board, securing long-term medical services for the Mackenzie.

Above all was his 60-year story with Jane, they met at a Dunedin Town Hall dance. With her support, he thrived in the freezing works, sports and family life. Twizel, once their holiday spot, became their home.

Special Message

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

Maya Angelou

Bruce lived with passion, purpose and deep love. His adventurous spirit and dedication to family and community will inspire us always, whether on the slopes, by the river, or over a beer with mates.

Acknowledgements

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has offered love and support since Bruce's passing. Special thanks to the staff at Twizel Medical Centre, caregivers who provided comfort, and friends who stood by him, especially when we were overseas. We also deeply appreciate the Twizel community, his rugby mates and all who shared stories, laughs and a whisky with Chalky. Your kindness has been our strength.

Bruce's legacy of love, laughter and dedication will forever be cherished by his family, friends and the community he served. From shearing sheds to rugby fields, from freezing works to Mackenzie farms, his spirit lives on in our stories, memories and the lessons he taught us about living life to the fullest.