



# Sara Richkie Whitehurst

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**S**ara Richkie Whitehurst, born February 1, 1909 to Nell and Louie Richkie passed away Wednesday, August 27, 2003 at her residence.

As a member of the First Christian Church, Sara has taught Sunday School a total of 50 + years. She served in the worship, evangelism and membership departments, has served several consecutive terms as church historian and is a former chairman of the board of elders after being the first lady ever to be elected elder at the First Christian Church of Longview.

Concern for the well being of others has led Sara to become active in such organizations as the Longview Family Counseling Center. She is a former board member of the East Texas Council on Alcoholism, Gregg County TB Association and Round-Up Club for young people. She is also a charter member of the Junior Service League of Longview Incorporated known as the Jr. League of Longview and served on the board of the Downtown Development Corporation. Sara's great interest in Longview's cultural growth is also evidenced by her active membership in such organizations as the Civic Music Association, the Community Concert Series, the Shakespeare Club, as a patron of the Longview Community Theatre, as a board member of the Longview Symphony League, and as a former member of the Longview Music Club. Sara is also a member of Phi Beta, a national music fraternity.

Born in Longview, Sara has lived all her life here except for the time she spent away at Williams Wood College in Fulton, MO and the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester in New York.

After earning her degree in public school music, Sara taught the second grade at Campus ward School for two years before marriage to her late husband Herman Whitehurst.

Also preceding Sara in death were two brothers, Colonel Mack Heidtman and Henry



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Heidtman and a sister, Mary Richkie Finley.

Sara is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Gayle Hansen and Dr. James Hansen of Burlingame, CA; granddaughters and their husbands, Lisa and Hugh Baca of El Dorado Hills, CA, Lauren and John Scherer of Danville, CA; one great grandson, Michael William Baca of El Dorado Hills, CA. , sister and brother-in-law, Rosa and Guy Lamb of Longview; nephews, David Lamb and Stephen Lamb, Timothy Heidtman, Frank Heidtman and niece, Lou Ellen Corones.

A memorial funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday, September 6, 2003 at the First Christian Church with Reverend Phil Jones officiating.

In lieu of flowers contributions to the Longview Symphony League, Hospice Longview, or to First Christian Church would be truly appreciated.

Pallbearers in attendance will be David Lamb, Stephen Lamb, Hugh Baca, John Scherer, Tom Landers, Rusty Roberts, Robert Terrell and Lowell Holloway. Honorary pallbearers are Dr. Frank Jackson, Dr. W. D. Northcutt, Paul Johnson and LaFayette Herndon.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Mrs. Sarah was a special lady. She will be missed by many. Our prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Delores & David Morris##imported-end##

September 24 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Ms. Sara was introduced to me by my neighbor Florence Knox. One could always count on great things to happen when those two ladies got together. Florence lived across the street but Sara lived by correspondence or phone. She kept in touch with so many and was deeply loved by all. I will keep her smile and voice in my "memory bank".##imported-begin##Nancy Rue##imported-end##

September 15 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Ms. Sara always called me on my birthday so she could wish me, "A very special Happy, Happy Birthday! I love you, Sara Whitehurst." She was the most energetic and spiritual elder in my life. I love her very much.##imported-begin##Trevor##imported-end##

September 7 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sara was the most uplifting person I know...an icon of her generation and a true genteel lady of the south ...I will remember her as the lady with the rose colored shadow...I will miss her....JNG##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. J. Neal Garland##imported-end##

September 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Gayle and all of your family, thoughts & prayers continue with you/yours. Libby Morrison was here recently and we visited your Mother at home I'm sure YOU will hear from Libby then I saw her on 6th Floor at GSMC and back at home afterwards. All my love to you, I treasure Memories of your Mother and Family. Millie##imported-begin##Millie Harper##imported-end##

September 2 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Gayle.....my sincere sympathy on the passing of Sara. She was a real "lady" in every sense of the word. When my mother passed and I brought her back to Texas for burial, Sara was one of a small few who showed up for her funeral. I felt such love for her for caring. Millie Harper and I dropped by to visit with her last month. I was so glad to visit with her and to let her know I cared. Libby Morrison##imported-begin##LIBBY MORRISON##imported-end##

September 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

##imported-begin##Irene O. Cook##imported-end##

September 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

She touched my life too!##imported-begin##Bette Slade##imported-end##

September 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Ms. Sara called every year to wish us a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary. Mackenzie is twenty three and Carter and I have been married for twenty seven years. She never missed a year. We will miss her and her sweet calls.##imported-begin##Carter, Sherry and Mackenzie Tucker##imported-end##

September 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

##imported-begin##Pat Parker##imported-end##

September 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all over the loss of Sara. She will be missed by all. Love, Linda Butter##imported-begin##Linda R. Butter##imported-end##

September 1 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Several years ago when our family was going through a very hard time someone called to ask if there was anything they could do for us, my first thought was to ask them to call Sara and ask her to pray for our son. I thought the best person I knew must surely have a direct line to the Lord! We are all better people who knew this wonderful lady.##imported-begin##Tommy Eaker##imported-end##

September 1 at 7:00 PM



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