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Graveside services for Donald "Don" Hutton Whitaker, of Longview, will be held Saturday afternoon, Dec. 6, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. at Memory Park Cemetery. Mr. Whitaker died Wednesday Dec. 4 at Semper Care Hospital in Good Shepherd Medical Center. He passed away in the presence of his beloved family after a lengthy illness. Services will be conducted by the Reverends Paul and Lisa Klaus.

Don Whitaker was born in Bristol, Virginia on June 24, 1926. He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Lexie Whitaker, and one brother, C.A. Whitaker, Jr. He graduated from Dobyens Bennett High School in Kingsport, Tennessee. He attended East Tennessee State University. Mr. Whitaker then served his country in the United States Navy during World War II, in the Pacific. In 1956, Mr. Whitaker and his family moved to Longview to begin a 35 year career with Texas Eastman Company. Don was also an active member of Woodland Christian Church. Don is survived by his wife of 54 years, Betty Weaver Whitaker and mother-in-law Kathryn Johnson. He is also survived by his three children and their families; Dona and Jimmy Adams of Longview, Rick and Pat Whitaker of Henderson, Ken and Edith Whitaker of San Antonio. Mr. Whitaker's surviving siblings include; Gay W. Jankey of Longview, Edith and Bedford May of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Shirley and Lloyd Yonce, and Carol C. Whitaker all of Kingsport, Tennessee. Other survivors include grandchildren, Trey and Toni Adams, Zack Adams, Brian and Dee Whitaker, Christy and Brett Doerr, Stacy Huntley, Brandy Hailey, Christie Love, Wendy Millar, and Leah Anne Whitaker. Mr. Whitaker is also survived by six great-grandchildren; Riess, Skylar, Hailey, Chaney, Jordan, and Brady. There are numerous others to whom Mr. Whitaker was a most beloved uncle, friend, or cousin.

Pallbearers are Trey Adams, Zack Adams, Brian Whitaker, Brett Doerr, Jim Presley, Clark Presley and Phil Parnell.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Woodland Christian Church, Millie's Ministries, or to the National Kidney Foundation.



Tribute Wall

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September 13 at 10:31 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Aunt Betty, Donna, Rick, and Ken - We were so sorry to learn of Uncle Don's passing, but are comforted to know that he is finally at peace and pain-free. You all will remain in our prayers as the holidays approach as we know this cannot be an easy time for you. Uncle Don leaves behind many wonderful, happy memories and people that love him dearly. We love you all and miss you very much - Cindy and Eddie##imported-begin##Cindy and Edd Lockwood##imported-end##

December 7 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Betty Jean, so sorry to hear of Don's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Alice Ann and Jim Hoffstatter.##imported-begin##Jim Hoffstatter##imported-end##

December 7 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Betty, Donna, Rick and Ken -Was so saddened to hear of Don's passing. He was such a dear, kind and gentle man, always with a smile and goodness compared to none. My thoughts and prayers are with you.Love,Jo-Anne Weaver##imported-begin##Jo-Anne Weaver##imported-end##

December 7 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Betty, sorry to hear about Don,you and the family are in our prayers.We remember him as a kind, gentle funloving man. We pray that the good Lord will continue to bless you and your family, and may he hold you inthe palm of his hand.##imported-begin##Joe, Joann & Brenda Crockett##imported-end##

December 6 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Joyce and Carol Howell##imported-end##

December 5 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Love and prayers for you and your family.##imported-begin##Jerry and Lee Bartos##imported-end##

December 5 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Betty, my thoughts and prayers are with you and yours tonight. Don was a good friend to a lot of people and he will be missed. Just remember the good things and God will take care of the rest. I love you, Diane Reese##imported-begin##Diane Reese##imported-end##

December 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To each of you, my Heartfelt and sincere sympathy, truly has been heart-breaking to see Don and for me to be so helpless. The faithfulness and courage you-his beloved Family has shown will be MY BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES I will carry with me until they take me to Gum Springs. Along with that, Don's ever present acknowledgments and HIS COURAGE, though sad, will be remembered forever. I loved Don. He was a dear Friend. I will forever cherish Memories of him, Betty, Donna, his Gay, all his loving & caring Family. May you feel the warmth of Jesus love and comfort and your sweet Memories of Don give you the needed strength to carry on. I am praying for each one of YOU, Millie##imported-begin##Millie##imported-end##

December 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We would like for the family to know that even though we are not there with them, we are with them in our thoughts and our prayers. We loved Uncle Don very much and he will be greatly missed. We send our love to all of you.##imported-begin##Lloyd, Lora, and Alex Yonce##imported-end##

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