



James Herbert Whatley

June 23, 1931 - September 20, 2020

James Herbert Whatley, 89, went home to be with our Lord on September 20, 2020 at Flower's Hospital.

Herbert was a recent resident of Marianna, Florida. He retired as a minister with the Alabama West-Florida Methodist Conference, having served numerous churches in South Alabama. He had a wonderful gift of making people feel special and sharing about his God.

Herbert was preceded in death by his parents, Thelmer and Melba Whatley; brothers, William and Harry Whatley; one sister, Enid Benton; and one great grand-child, Colton Weeks.

Herbert is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ruth Whatley; his daughters, Gwen Whatley, Juanita Arnold and husband, Zack, Donna Dennis and husband, Dwight; son, James (Jimmy) Whatley; grandson, Aaron Arnold and wife, Stacey; granddaughter, Jessa Weeks; six great-grandchildren, Dustin Arnold, Emily Arnold, Julianna Arnold, Gianna Arnold, Leland Arnold, and Adalynn Ruth Kaye Arnold, all of Marianna, Florida.

Graveside funeral service will be 10am Saturday, September 26, 2020 in Ward Wilson Memory Hill Cemetery (2390 Hartford Hwy, Dothan, AL) with James and Sikes Funeral Home of Marianna directing.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to YUGO Ministries (reaching Mexico with the Gospel, P.O. Box 1355 Chula Vista, CA 91912) with a designation to honor the life and ministry of Herbert Whatley.

Expressions of sympathy may be made online at

Events

SEP **Service** 10:00AM
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Ward Wilson Memory Hill Cemetery
2390 Hartford Hwy, Dothan, AL, US, 36305

Comments



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Herbert Whatley.



September 24 at 05:31 PM



“ Alfred and Irma Townsend purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Herbert Whatley.



Alfred and Irma Townsend - September 23 at 10:29 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of James Herbert Whatley.



September 23 at 06:03 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Herbert Whatley.



September 23 at 12:52 PM



“ I said to one of Mr. Whatley's daughters recently, that time truly has no bearing on love when an impression is made on the heart! This was the case for me in the 1970's! My father was a pastor to a church in Alabama and the Whatley Family were members! They were much more than members to our family, we were family. On many occasions we would fellowship together and always over a delicious home cooked meal! I will always remember us arriving a little earlier to visit and Mr. Herbert in the kitchen preparing one of his secret pots of soup. I intently watched him prepare this with so much joy and love and excitement to be able to share with our family! He was one of the funniest, kindest and God loving men I've met in my life. He truly made an impression on my heart! (P.S. his secret soup ingredient was a heaping tablespoon of peanut butter, and to this day I add it to my chili and vegetable soup!)

Kathy Nelson - September 23 at 10:50 AM



“ Herbert was always special to Terry and I and to everyone he met. He was a light to all and a servant of Jesus. I know that Jesus said to Herbert Welcome my Faithful Servant job well done.
He was always smiling, making us laugh, helping others and showing Jesus.
His wife Ruth was a treasure to him too and he loved his family.
We will miss you Herbert and we love you.
Terry and Patricia Leach

Patricia Leach - September 23 at 10:44 AM