



Robert Ronald Whitlock

March 23, 1934 - May 6, 2014

The funeral service for Mr. Robert Ronald Whitlock, 80, of Camp Hill, will be Saturday, May 10, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at the Chapel of Langley Funeral Home. Rev. Wayne Barrett and Dr. Judson Jones will lead the service. Burial will follow in the County Line Baptist Church Cemetery in Camp Hill. The family will receive friends on Friday, May 9, 2014, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Langley Funeral Home.

Mr. Whitlock passed away on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at his residence after a period of declining health. Born on March 23, 1934, in Lanett, Alabama to Robert Luther Whitlock and Mary Thelma Slaughter Whitlock, he soon distinguished himself as a leader. Captain of the football team and class president at Lanett High School, Mr. Whitlock, recruited by Shug Jordan, went on to win a football scholarship to Auburn University, where he majored in music and participated in Army ROTC.

He honed his leadership and musical skills by leading youth groups and serving as music director at various churches while he attended Auburn and then Clemson University, completing his Masters' Degree in English Education. Upon graduation, he led young people in the classroom and on the field, serving as an English and music teacher as well as a football coach, youth leader and music director in Crestview, Florida, and Mobile, Alabama.

After entering the army in 1967, Mr. Whitlock rose to the rank of Major and served with distinction overseas in Korea and then in Vietnam, being awarded 2 Overseas Bars, the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, a Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Army Commendation Medal.

Following an honorable discharge in 1972, Mr. Whitlock continued to lead as an outstanding educator, serving as headmaster for Augusta Christian School before returning for further education at Oral Roberts University, where he earned a Master's Degree in Ministry. Following graduation, Mr. Whitlock, an ordained Baptist minister, acted as a representative for Oral Roberts University, offering help and spiritual guidance to partners of the ministry throughout the Southeast. After leaving the service of the university, Mr. Whitlock returned to teaching in the East Alabama area.

Continuing to work well into retirement years, Mr. Whitlock's spiritual leadership was a perpetual hallmark of his life. Not only was he an author and bible teacher on the radio

and TV, but he also volunteered at Harvest Evangelism in Opelika and was active at his church, County Line Baptist in Dudleyville.

A devoted and loving son, husband, father, brother and friend, Mr. Whitlock's life represents the very essence of servant leadership, bringing to fruition the words of President John Quincy Adams: "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

Robert Ronald Whitlock is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Jeanenne Dabbs Whitlock of Camp Hill; daughter, Mary Katherine Winkler (John) of Fletcher, NC; sons, Dr. Jonathan Mark Whitlock (Dr. Bettina) of Nagold, Germany and Robert Gordon Whitlock of Camp Hill; son-in-law, Donald Dalenberg of Augusta, GA; grandchildren, Hannah Jane Winkler of Fletcher, NC, Timothy Mattias Whitlock, Tabea Ann Whitlock and Ruben Christopher Whitlock, all of Nagold, Germany; and brother, Donald E. Whitlock (Linda) of LaGrange, GA.

He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Ronda Jean Dalenberg.

Flowers will be accepted or memorial contributions may be given to County Line Baptist Church, 1504 County Road 107, LaFayette, AL 36862; Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675; Hospice Advantage, 110 Calhoun Street, Suite 200, Alexander City, AL 35010 or the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Memorial messages may be sent to the family at <http://www.langleyfuneralhome.com>. Langley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Comments



“ Jeanenne and Don, I am so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you and your memories bring you peace. Shirlene Thompson Huff

June 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to Katie and family. I know the loss of a father. I will be holding you in my heart. Sally Cook Hendersonville, NC

Sally Cook - May 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ My precious family, I wish I could be there with you today to honor Ron and his exemplary example of a husband, father, friend and community leader. His impact has reached far and wide, including impacting me and my family personally. I love you all so very much and am praying for comfort and peace that passes all understanding. Blessings and favor to you all... Lori, SHAYE, Austin, and Savannah

Lori Smith - May 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Our love and prayers are with you. We are thankful we got to see Ron at Bethany House and pray with him. Thank God he is home and free of pain with 2 legs. God bless you.

Don - May 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Beloved Katie, John, Hannah; also dear Whitlock Family:What a lovely man, Robert R. Whitlock ... we celebrate this wonderful life devoted to achieving superb accomplishments & honouring GOD. Katie... we wish to offer whatever you need - be it love, understanding, a great listening ear, prayers whispered to God, a song to guide your Dad on his way into The Heavenly Kingdom... you & your family are so very dear to us. May GOD's Peace permeate your heart & soul to give you comfort now & into the days ahead.In friendship, love, & light ~ Melodee Edington-Leyshon, Michael Leyshon & Noah Edington

Melodee Edington - May 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Katie and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of deep sorrow. Bless you each and every one.

Martha Howell - May 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jeannette, I am so sorry about Ron's death. I have never known a finer man. I always remember and cherish the time he and I went to Chicago to attend the Key Club Convention. Illness and other pressing problems prevent Sherry and I from coming to Lanett. Please know We Love You and your family. Russell and Sherry Benefield

May 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I met the family while I was teaching at ORU. I was impressed by his intelligence and charm. He was a gentleman and Christian scholar. His children are a living testimony of his greatness.

Siegfried Heit - May 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Uncle Ron was a very special man. His devotion to God never wavered. He will be greatly missed.

Neal - May 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Katie and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I know Mr. Whitlock had a big influence on my older brothers' lives and he had an influence on mine as well since his daughter became such a good friend to me, and she could not have become who she is without him. Thinking of you all.

Elizabeth Jennings - May 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Katie, I know you'll miss your Dad. Please know I'll be keeping you and your family in my prayers during this difficult time and the days ahead. - - Pride C.

Pride Carson - May 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Jeanenne and Don, Ron and both of you were always friends to me and an inspiration in my life. Geralene Howell Walker

May 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your bereavement. Stanlye Whitman Carmichael

May 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jeanenne and family, I am sad to hear of Brother Ron's passing, but happy for him to be in the presence of our Lord. I am praying for you and know that Jesus will comfort your hearts. I will never forget that "The Wonderful Word Works Wonders!"

Cassie Keyes - May 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jeanenne and family. we love you and are praying for you. Ronnie was the best and I'm sure God has a special place for him by his side. Mitchell and Rose.. he was my HERO

May 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM