



George A. Whitehurst Jr.

January 17, 1926 - October 12, 2020

"All of my good days outweigh my bad days. I won't complain."

George Andrew Whitehurst, Jr. was born in Greenville, North Carolina, in Pitt County, on January 17, 1926 to the late George and Blanche Artis Whitehurst. He was the fourth child of their twelve children.

George received his education in the Pitt County School System and, from a young age helped his father on their family farm. At the age of 16, George ran away, Ge said "he had enough of country life." He hopped on the back of a pickle truck and made his way to the big city of Baltimore, Maryland where he worked a variety of jobs. Then in 1944, George was drafted into the United States Army. He served overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific and European theaters of World War II. His unit helped to liberate one of Hitler's death camps in Austria. George noted he would never forget the Jewish people who poured out of the prisons, weeping with relief. "They were emaciated and covered with soot, some with bruises and sores." He recounted that none spoke English, but hugged him and other soldiers changing "Americanos, AMERICANOS!" George was responsible for the munitions and developed nerves of steel from performing his duty. Having been honorably discharged in 1946, George received five medal awards and commendations: The Good Conduct Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and the World War II

Victory Medal.

George returned home and married the beautiful Lucille Carter, who preceded him in death.

In the 1950s, George worked at the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. He fell in love with Lorraine McIntyre, and they were married. They had one child, Stephanie, yet helped to raise many more young people. George and Lorraine kept an open door of love, support and shelter for anyone in need. The couple remained together until Lorraine's death in 2013.

George joined First Apostolic Faith Church in 1967. He was baptized in Jesus' name and received the gift of the Holy Ghost under the ministry of Mother Evelyn Summers. George was an active and faithful member. He drove the church van, picking up children and seniors for Sunday School. His favorite run was picking up 100-year-old Mother Brown and her 80-year-old daughter, Mother Watts. Then, there was 90-year-old Mother Minnie Goode who would only ride home from evening service with "Brother George." He worked in the kitchen, bought the food and supplies for the church, and assisted in maintaining the grounds. George worked alongside Mother Lorraine when she was the auxiliary leader for the New Members Fellowship, the Helping Hand, and business manager for the Cooperative Usher Board. George assisted his daughter Stephanie 100% as she led the Youth and Young Adult Usher Board. His support and hard work helped them raise thousands of dollars for the ministry.

Consecrated as a Deacon under Chairman Deacon William Barnhill, George worked tirelessly at whatever assignment he was given. George had true brotherhood and friendship with Deacons Archibald, Lawson, Hedgepeth, George Whitehead, Luther Curtis, David Shaw, Henry Bert, Antonio Chew, James Bethea and Herbert Turner. He also supported the Men's Department.

Deacon George believed in II Timothy 2:15 and “studied to show himself approved unto God.” He joined Elder Carroll Johnson’s Sr. Sunday School class in 1968 and remained a faithful member of this ministry until the end. George had just finished listening to Deacon Thomas Green teach Sunday School Class on October 4th when he took ill.

George was a true family man, a devoted husband, great father, provider, and protector. According to his sisters, he was a fantastic and reliable big brother who was always responsive to their requests. Be it clogged pipes, car trouble, household trouble, financial assistance or words of comfort, George was a bastion in times of distress and need.

In 2013, George came to reside with his daughter Stephanie. He became engaged with the neighborhood and was a member of the Winston Govans Neighborhood Improvement Association. George attended the Adult Medical Day Program at The League and the staff often had to call Stephanie because he wouldn’t get out of the pool. He made friends at the center and enjoyed biweekly day trips with the other participants. George was a member of his church’s Super Senior Saints Ministry and attended their Wednesday service and luncheon fellowship.

George sat on the porch most mornings reading his Bible, listening to his Bible tape machine, and reading the newspaper. His afternoons were spent talking to the children. He encouraged the “fellas” to get into a better life, get a job and develop a relationship with Christ. He handed out Daily Bread publications to his "street corner prophets" and told them he loved them. He often told them, "My daughter can get you a job." The youth began calling him Grand Pop and watched over him with loving care and concern.

George was his daughter's biggest cheerleader and supporter in many endeavors. They traveled together and were together like "Frick and Frack." With his assistance, the Lorraine D. Whitehurst Memorial Fund provided over 40 educational scholarships to college, technical school, and ministry students.

To say George loved his family is an understatement. He never disappointed them and always came to their aid. He did the same for everyone in his life.

George began to grow tired earlier this year but would tell his daughter, "I'm going to hang in here with you until I'm 102." In recent weeks, he began giving indications that he was ready to go home with his Lord.

On Monday, October 12, 2020, George peacefully slipped out of time and into eternity.

George leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted daughter, Stephanie Whitehurst; his girls, Jocelyn Cooper and Ann McNair; three grandsons, Tyrell, Anthony and Antoine; three sisters, Fronnie W. Sodipo, Varnell W. Britt and Elaine W. Clinton; three sisters-in-law, Dorothy Weeks, Olivia Nichols and Elder Gloria Cooper; one brother-in-law, Ronald Clinton, Sr.; one uncle, E.C. Artis (Edith); 30 nieces and nephews; 61 great-nieces and great-nephews; a devoted godson, Deacon Richard Gale; and a host of other relatives and friends. George will be missed deeply by his special buddies, Elder Lawrence Greene and Elder Raymond Newman.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

viewing

OCT **21**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East
1101 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

Wake

OCT **22**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for George A. Whitehurst Jr., Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - October 22, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ *George A. Whitehurst Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Stephanie praying the strength of God will continue to be your strength with the loss of your Daddy/ friend. Unfortunately I can't be there to celebrate his life with you. God bless you and your family. Sister Barbara McCullough*

Barbara McCullough - October 20, 2020 at 04:02 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I'm going to missed all of the good times you shared with us with your Dad. He will always be remembered. My God continue to bless and keep you in his care. Be Blessed. Margaret Johnson*

Margaret Johnson - October 19, 2020 at 09:47 PM

HB

“ Stephanie, I'm so sorry for your loss, but we know where he is and who he is with. I'm praying for you especially and the rest of the family. Love you much.

Hannetta Byrd-Johnson - October 18, 2020 at 06:07 PM

ML

“ Stephanie sending prayers and condolences to you and your family, You have been a faithful daughter. Mamie (Davis) Lee and Family



Mamie Lee - October 15, 2020 at 05:47 AM

MW

The Whitehead Family is sending you comfort and peace during this time of loss but, his gain. Our prayers are with you. He was more than a Friend to us!

Miriam Whitehead - October 15, 2020 at 05:22 PM

SM

To my sista and the Whitehurst family, we send our deepest condolences and continued prayers for you at this time . Your hearts maybe heavy, but God is good. We will pray for your strength and comfort.
Love always Sylvia,Michael and Shannon.

Sylvia Moore - October 15, 2020 at 06:52 PM

CA

Stephanie, sending prayers and sincere condolences. You've been a faithful daughter ❤️

Cynthia Allen - October 16, 2020 at 05:57 PM



God bless you and fill your heart with an abundance of loving memories. thanks for sharing so many facebook meals and days with Daddy. your heart and love is always bountiful.

Sarah Knowles - October 21, 2020 at 07:34 PM

LA

“ *Stephanie sending prayers and condolences to you and your family.*
Lisa Allen

Lisa Allen - October 14, 2020 at 04:23 PM

RT

“ *Rochelle Turner sent a virtual gift in memory of*
George A. Whitehurst Jr.



Rochelle Turner - October 14, 2020 at 03:36 PM

JL

“ *Stephanie you have my deepest*
condolences. God bless and keep you and
your family always. Love
Jacqueline Lang



JACQUELINE LANG - October 14, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - October 13, 2020 at 01:55 PM