



Lonnie Whitaker

May 6, 1926 - January 16, 2011

Mr. Lonnie Whitaker, age 84, entered into eternal rest Sunday morning, January 16, 2011 in the Memorial Regional Hospital, Hanover, VA after a brief illness. Lonnie was the son of the late Rufus and Eugene Draughn Whitaker. He was born May 6, 1926 in Enfield, N.C., into a family of twelve children. He is preceded in death by 10 of his siblings and one son, Ricky L. Whitaker. He joined Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Enfield, N.C. at an early age.

"PaPa", as he was affectionately called by his grandchildren and sometimes by his children, will be remembered for his wry, Fred Sanford kind of humor. He could look at people; anyone, and size them up with a nickname that he thought fit their personality as he saw it. He would crack a joke and everyone around him would be laughing, but he'd have a straight face. More than anything he accomplished in his life, was the success he felt in being a good husband to his wife, Alease and being a good father to his children. After his retirement, he took pleasure by enjoying the fruits of his labor. He relished holding court so that his children and grandchildren would come to visit and share with him the benefits of their own successes. He loved having birthday celebrations, because it was then that he knew that his children would shower him with the gifts that he enjoyed more than shirts or socks, or ties. He enjoyed monetary gifts and it was the highlight of his holidays and birthdays to be showered with "money" Papa will be missed.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted wife of fifty-six years, Alease Robinson Whitaker; two sons, Jeffrey and Ronnie Whitaker (L'Tanya) three daughters, Gail R. Silver (Asberry), Glenda W. Thomas (David) and Vicky L. Whitaker; seven grandchildren; Ashley Silver, Nicole Palmer, Kristin Thomas, Jabar Palmer, Derek Thomas, Bianca Tyler and Brianna Tyler, one great-granddaughter, Yazmine Palmer; one brother, Alfonza Whitaker; four sisters-in-law, Carrie Whitaker, Viola Gholson, Jean Whitaker and Lottie Whitaker; two brothers-in-law, Eli L. Whitaker, Sr. and James Robinson, Jr. and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN **19**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

JAN **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Lonnie Whitaker*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Please accept my sincere sympathy for your loss. During this difficult time, you can be comforted by the wonderful hope of the resurrection. Jesus promises at John 5: 28, 29: "Do not marvel at this but the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear my voice and come out." Yes all of those now sleeping in the graves will obey Jesus' voice and live again. What a wonderful gift not just for them but for all of the family waiting to embrace them again.*

A Robinson - January 22, 2011 at 06:07 AM



“ *Glenda, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I wish you nothing but good time and memories.*



Shannon Brooks - January 20, 2011 at 08:53 AM



“ *In Memory of Lonnie Whitaker. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. May the memory of your loved one, bring peace to your heart.*



Kimberli Wells - January 20, 2011 at 08:46 AM

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“ *BETTY PITTMAN lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Whitaker*



BETTY PITTMAN - January 20, 2011 at 07:15 AM

PF

“ *Uncle Lonnie always greeted me with a "hey baby" and my sister with a "baby face"...his legacy lives forever through his wife, children, and grand-children, symbols of a life well-lived.*

Praying for your peace of mind and healing of heart.

*Love,
The Eddie Family*

Pamela & Family - January 19, 2011 at 09:19 PM

PF

“ *Pamela & Family lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Whitaker*



Pamela & Family - January 19, 2011 at 09:09 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 - January 18, 2011 at 02:13 PM