



Bobby Ray Whitaker

August 6, 1934 - June 27, 2016

Bobby Ray Whitaker, 81, of Anderson, passed away June 27, 2016 at St. Vincent Anderson Regional Hospital. He was born on August 6, 1934 in Monterey, Tennessee.

Bobby graduated from Monterey High School in Monterey, TN.

He was a U.S. Army veteran who served from 1957 to 1959.

He retired from Container Corporation in Anderson where he worked in production.

He was a member of Wesley Free Methodist Church in Anderson.

He served as an active member of the Wesley Free Methodist Church as well as multiple volunteer service organizations in the Anderson community. Bob and his family were previously recognized as Anderson's "Family of the Year".

Bobby is survived by his devoted wife Vanella "Nell" (Padgett) Whitaker of Anderson; son, Steven (Connie) Whitaker of Lake Orion, MI; daughter, Jill (Tim) Murfin of Indianapolis; brother, Jim (Linda) Whitaker of Monterey, TN; 5 Grandchildren, Megan (Jonathon) Whitaker-Fruchte, Justin Whitaker, Matthew Wood, Leah (Charles) Wood-Baines, and Hannah Wood; 3 Step-

Grandchildren, Kreston (Kristy)Murfin, Keegan Murfin, and Kaleb Murfin; 2 Great-Grandchildren, Gabe Fruchte and Josie Fruchte; Several Nieces and Nephews.

He was preceded in death by father, Cecil Whitaker; mother, Gladys Whitaker.

Visitation will be held Thursday, June 30, 2016, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, Anderson, IN, and 1 hour prior to the service on Friday at the church.

Services will be Friday, July 1, 2016, 1:00 pm at Wesley Free Methodist Church in Anderson with Pastor Marc Adams officiating.

Cremation will take place and burial at a later date in Anderson Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wesley Free Methodist Church or the Christian Center.

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Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

6805 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.
Anderson, IN 46013

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory
200 W 53rd St
Anderson, IN 46013
(765) 649-5255
info@loosecares.com

Visitation

JUL 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wesley Free Methodist Church
Anderson, IN 46011

Service

JUL 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bobby Ray Whitaker*



Loose Funeral Home - June 29, 2016 at 03:41 PM

DA

“ *Denise Acquista sent a virtual gift in memory of Bobby Ray Whitaker*



Denise Acquista - July 05, 2016 at 10:59 PM

DA

There are few words that can describe his kindness and how good he made Ray and I feel being around him.

Denise Acquista - July 05, 2016 at 11:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bobby Ray Whitaker.*



June 30, 2016 at 09:09 AM

TG

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Bob and Nell while visiting friends across the street. They are the kind of neighbors that make you wish you lived in their neighborhood, and I sure wish I could be there to offer personal condolences to Nell. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers, and I sure hope your neighbors return the wonderful favors in this your time of need. God bless you!

Tara Gillim - June 29, 2016 at 11:26 PM

BP

“ to the family, we are so sad to hear and read of Bro. bobby's passing.
we will con't to pray for you all. I do so reminded of bobby and Neil vesting us we our parnetss went home. no Bobby has received his just rewards. looking forward to seeing Bobby again at home.
Mat God bless and Keep you

Rev. Billy & Sue Parsonj

billy parson - June 29, 2016 at 09:43 PM

JR

“ Our hearts go out to Nell and the family. Charles has stories about a younger Bobby and the antics they tried. I have memories of Nell and Bobby being a constant force when my family was gravely ill. When I needed extra support at a hospital or funeral home, Nell and Bobby were there with kind and generous words. They never failed to offer to help in any way they could. We are sorry that we can't be in Indiana during this time, but we will always remember our visit in May.

Janet and Charles Ramsey

Janet and Charles Ramsey - June 29, 2016 at 07:25 PM



“ 14 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Loose Funeral Home - June 29, 2016 at 03:34 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Bobby Ray Whitaker.



June 29, 2016 at 11:18 AM



“ *Rob and Stephanie Green* purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Bobby Ray Whitaker.



Rob and Stephanie Green - June 29, 2016 at 09:53 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bobby Ray Whitaker.*



June 28, 2016 at 08:17 PM



“ *Nell, I am so very sorry for your loss. I know it feels like a piece of you is missing, and my heart aches for you in your time of pain, take solace in knowing you will be together again, someday. All my love, Tammy M. Gann*

Tammy Gann - June 28, 2016 at 08:03 PM



“ *I could go on forever about Uncle Bob and Aunt Nell. My memory of either of them, always includes the other. What a bond! There are so many memories.....they started about 60 years ago for me and I can't image growing up without them. They visited Debbie and me in Golden, Colorado where we hiked the foothills or Coal Creek Canyon and in Pensacola where we fished in Pensacola Pass. By the way, we caught a bunch of sheephead. Aunt Nell, we love you so much. Debbie and I are with all of you in spirit during this time of celebration, and this time of mourning. Tracy & Debbie*

Tracy & Debbie Day - June 28, 2016 at 07:03 PM

MP

“ I have so many fond memories of being neighbors of Bob, Nell, Jill & Steve on Layton Rd. My children loved them & we adored Jill as our babysitter. Our hearts are broken for your loss. He was a great Christian man & our loss is heavens gain. We are praying for you.
Maxine

Maxine Pollard - June 28, 2016 at 04:56 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Bobby Ray Whitaker.



June 28, 2016 at 03:41 PM