



Bobby Randolph Whitesides

July 5, 1936 - November 2, 2021

Bobby Randolph Whitesides, Sr., 85, of Salisbury, NC passed away Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at The NC State Veterans Home.

Mr. Whitesides was born July 5, 1936 in Rock Hill, SC to the late Leroy Whitesides and Violet Wheeler Whitesides.

He attended public school in Rock Hill, SC and received his GED while serving in the Navy. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy from 1953-1961 where he served on the USS Mahopac Hancock. He picked up the first astronaut, Alan Shepherd and participated in the Blockade of Cuba.

Mr. Whitesides worked in textiles in Rock Hill, SC, at Fiber Industries in Salisbury, NC, in the mobile home industry and at the VA Medical Center before retiring.

He enjoyed bowling and golf before his disability and was a WWII buff enjoying movies and reading about the subject.

Mr. Whitesides was a member of Unity Presbyterian Church in Woodleaf, NC since 1985 where he was a choir member, member of the Men's Group, President of the Session House Sunday School Class and prior Elder and Deacon. Before joining there, he was a member of Arbor United Methodist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Bobby R. Whitesides, Jr. in 2010; and siblings Virginia Feagin, Christine Ashworth and Henry Whitesides.

Surviving is his wife, Donnie Gullett Moore Whitesides whom he married on

September 20, 1986; children, Janice Whitesides Rafalko (Allen); William Leroy Whitesides (Jessie); grandchildren, Danny Whitesides (Wendy), Jessalee Raine Whitesides and numerous other grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister, Eleanor Whitesides Hutto.

The family will receive friends from 10-11 AM Saturday (Nov. 6) at Unity Presbyterian Church followed by the funeral service at 11 AM with the Pastor Dean Reynolds, nephew of Mr. Whitesides, and Mrs. Sue Moore, officiating. Interment will follow at the church cemetery. Military Graveside Rites will be conducted by the US Navy and the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Unity Presbyterian Church, PO Box 28, Woodleaf, NC 27054.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Whitesides family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Unity Presbyterian Church

885 Woodleaf Barber Rd.
Woodleaf, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Unity Presbyterian Church
885 Woodleaf Barber Rd.
Woodleaf, NC

Funeral Service

NOV 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Donnie, as you know Bobby and his friends, of which I was one, drove thousands of miles over the last fifty years and visited hundreds of golf courses to play. Those were some of the most enjoyable times I ever had and it was sad when Bobby was no longer able to play. We will sorely miss him and pray that God will give you comfort. Venay and I are praying for you. Tommy Seamon.*

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