



James Ferrell Whitaker

February 4, 1941 - June 21, 2020

James Ferrell Whitaker, 79, of Salisbury, NC passed away Sunday, June 21, 2020 at his residence.

He was born February 4, 1941 in Landis, NC to the late Dorothy Cooke Whitaker Nichols and James Andrew Whitaker and attended Woodleaf High School. He served in the U.S. Army from 1959-1968 with a tour in Vietnam. Mr. Whitaker worked for Piedmont Correctional Center as a Corrections Officer until his retirement in 2003. He loved his church, his family, and enjoyed fishing, traveling and camping.

Mr. Whitaker was a member of Neel Road Baptist Church.

Surviving is his wife Carolyn Bell Whitaker whom he married on April 16, 1960; daughters, Sonja Whitaker Furr and husband Scott of Locust, NC; Cindy Whitaker Thompson and husband Alan of Salisbury, NC and Gina Whitaker Dinse and husband Jeff of Salisbury, NC; brother, Gerald Whitaker and wife Becky of Salisbury, NC; grandchildren: Thorin Thompson, Alana Thompson, Sara Furr McKinney (Morgan), Adam Furr, and Blake Searce and great-grandchildren: Lenora Searce and Ada McKinney.

The Funeral Service will be conducted at 11 AM Friday, June 26, 2020 at Neel Road Baptist Church conducted by Rev. Brian Hancock. Mr. Whitaker will lie in state from 10 - 11 AM. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Westlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Neel Road Baptist Church, 135 Neel Road, Salisbury, NC 28147.

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

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

1350 S Main Street
China Grove, NC 28023

Previous Events

Service

JUN 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

Neel Road Baptist Church
135 Neel Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28147

Tribute Wall



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of James Ferrell Whitaker.*



June 25, 2020 at 01:36 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Ferrell Whitaker.*



June 25, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Ferrell Whitaker.*



June 24, 2020 at 09:04 PM



“ *Love, Donna and Addison Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Ferrell Whitaker.*



Love, Donna and Addison Smith - June 24, 2020 at 08:42 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Ferrell Whitaker.*



June 24, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ *I remember him well. Worked with him for many years at PCI. Wonderful soul. Sorry for your loss.*

David Zalinsky - June 23, 2020 at 06:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Ferrell Whitaker.*



June 23, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ *I worked with James at PCC/PCI. Funny Guy and always smiling. James Bigsby*

James Bigsby - June 23, 2020 at 10:44 AM

BL

“ We are so very sorry for your loss! Our prayers are with the family during this sad time! James was such a good man and friend and will surely be missed. Bonnie and Paul Lowrance



Bonnie Lowrance - June 23, 2020 at 09:22 AM

BF

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. May God continue to bless the Whitaker Family From this day forth!
Your neighbors Ingrid and Bill Fortune
114 Pinewood Drive.



Bill Fortune - June 22, 2020 at 09:55 PM

PO

“ So sorry for your loss.
Pam and Gerald Orbison

Pam Orbison - June 22, 2020 at 08:08 PM

WM

“ James was such a friendly person with great character who loved his wife dearly , they were a perfect match , and were awesome to be around. God bless you Carolyn and your family as you celebrate his life. Nancy and I send our prayers and love. Sincerely Bill Moore

william moore - June 22, 2020 at 08:01 PM

AG

“ *Amity Medical Group purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of James Ferrell Whitaker.*



Amity Medical Group - June 22, 2020 at 03:49 PM

BC

“ *Carolyn, Cindy, Sonja, and Gina, I am so sorry to hear about James. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I pray that God will be with you in the coming days.*

Barbara Collins - June 22, 2020 at 03:32 PM

TW

“ *So sorry for your loss, I will miss seeing his smiling face on Sundays. He and his wife are one of the reasons I joined the church*

Terry Waller - June 22, 2020 at 03:29 PM

RK

“ *Carolyn, I am so sorry about James. My thoughts and prayers for you and the family. I know you have a lot of memories and we have shared a lot of them with you. God be with you at this sad time.*
Love
Bob & Ronnie Kerr

ronnie kerr - June 22, 2020 at 02:52 PM

VT

My heart hurts for all the family. James was a precious man and will be so missed.

Vergie Thompson - June 26, 2020 at 08:32 PM