



Mr. Guy Whitaker

December 22, 1928 - April 19, 2018

Funeral services for Mr. Guy Whitaker, 89, of Henderson will be at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Crawford - A. Crim Funeral Home with Dr. David Higgs officiating. Interment will follow at Lyles-Sanders Cemetery under the direction of Crawford - A. Crim Funeral Home of Henderson.

Family will receive friends from 10:00-11:00 a.m., one hour before the service.

Guy Whitaker, 89, of Henderson, Texas was granted his angel wings on April 19, 2018, at his home with his family by his side. Mr. Whitaker was born Dec. 22, 1928 in Lilbert, Tx to the late N.L. and Mae (Self) Whitaker. He attended Cushing High School in Cushing, Texas where he met his high school sweetheart and wife of 67 years, Elizabeth. Following high school he attended college at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas where he played basketball. His teammates called him "Cush" his Freshman year before being promoted to the nickname "Whittaker Chambers" the following year.

After graduating college he served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

He spent 36 years as a coach, principal, and then superintendent at Eldorado, Texas public school district and devoted a total of 39 years in public

education influencing hundreds of students, teachers, and parents along the way, and was a member of the Retired Teachers Association. Guy was a member at First Baptist Church of Henderson where he was a deacon. He was also a member of the Kiwanas Club, and the Lion's Club for 35 years. He loved spending time with his family, friends and hunting and fishing on the Pecos River.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his three brothers, Chester, Leroy, and David Whitaker.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Elizabeth Whitaker of Henderson; son, Lynn Whitaker and wife Stacie of Gladewater; daughter, Lori Tabb and husband Vance of Dawson; sister, Vera Nichols of Nacogdoches; five grandchildren, Coleton Whitaker Autumn Softley and spouse Chris Softley, Peyton Tabb, Preston Tabb, Erin Fitch and spouse Ryan Fitch and two great-grandchildren, Tatum Softley and Tyler Belle Softley.

Pallbearers are Coleton Whitaker, Autumn Softley, Peyton Tabb, Preston Tabb, Erin Fitch, Ryan Fitch, and Chris Softley.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church Children's Building Fund, 207 W. Main St., Henderson, Tx, 75654.

Condolences may be made online at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Lyles-Sanders

Mt. Enterprise, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

APR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Guy Whitaker*



Donna Aaron - April 23, 2018 at 02:21 AM



“ *To the Whitaker family:
May the Holy Spirit moderate your grief on the loss of a fine Christian man. May the memories you share with one another replace tears of loss with tears of joy for the legacy Mr. Whitaker leaves not only with you, but with all the lives he touched through his career as an educator.
With great respect and with empathy, I send my condolences and promise to lift you in prayer.
Carl Igo*

Carl Igo - April 22, 2018 at 09:29 PM



“ *Guy was a special gentleman. He served several times on the finance committee with me when I worked at First Baptist Church. Always a joy to work with. God bless you Mrs. Beth! Love to you at this time.*

Pat Blevins

Pat Blevins - April 22, 2018 at 04:37 PM

DT

“ *Doris Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Guy Whitaker*



Doris Thomas - April 21, 2018 at 01:22 PM

NG

“ *Nancy And Mark Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Guy Whitaker*



Nancy and Mark Gibson - April 21, 2018 at 07:45 AM

RM

“ *Dear Mrs. Whitaker, Lynn, and Lori, what a legacy Mr. Whitaker left! His life of integrity and faith touched so many, I had the utmost respect for him. The world lost a great man. Praying for comfort for you all.*

Renetta Robinson Moore - April 20, 2018 at 09:12 PM

GS

“ *He was my High School Principal in Eldorado, Texas. I had no idea that he lived in Henderson! I've lived here for 15 years. I would have loved to see him again. He was an amazing man!*
Gail Dannheim Stanley

Gail Dannheim Stanley - April 20, 2018 at 04:15 PM

BH

“ *RIP, Mr Whitaker. I will always remember our times in high school at Eldorado. You were a good man.*

Brian Holsey - April 20, 2018 at 03:36 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Guy Whitaker*



Bob & Sue Henderson - April 20, 2018 at 12:43 PM

JA

“ *My most favorite teacher, our next door neighbor in Eldorado and one of the most honorable men I ever knew. I could go on & on but I will just say my life was blessed & better because of Coach Whitaker & Beth. God less you all.*

Jane McVicker Allen - April 20, 2018 at 12:31 AM

JW

“ *Jane Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Guy Whitaker*



jane williams - April 19, 2018 at 08:09 PM

JW

Beth, thinking of you.

jane williams - April 19, 2018 at 09:11 PM

RM

Guy was a guiding light in my early years. From working for him in the "Snow Cone Shack at the American Legion baseball field in Eldorado to having him as my coach for Jr. High football to him being our principal at EHS, he was unwavering in his commitment to excellence, integrity and fairness. I have the deepest respect for him and offer my sincerest condolences to Beth and the family. Peace, Rusty Meador

Rusty Meador - April 30, 2018 at 07:29 PM

DS

I remember him as "coach" Whitaker when I was a youngster at Eldorado in the mid 1950 He was a soft spoken gentleman who was admired by all of the students. He was my basketball and football coach when I was in Junior High and I looked up to him for being a stellar Christian example. I was pleased to know that he became an administrator in EHS after I went away to college. The students who attended were most fortunate to be lead by a person of integrity and of such a great, caring heart. My heart ached when I learned of his death through the Eldorado Success, and the many memories of Coach Whitaker came flooding back to me. I was fortunate to have known him for a while. My condolences go to his family and friends who will surely miss him as do I, even after all these years. Dr. Joe Stanford

Dr. Joe Stanford - May 03, 2018 at 03:22 PM