

Mr. Roger Warren Whitehead

June 25, 1922 - January 2, 2022

Roger Warren Whitehead was born June 25, 1922, a few miles east of Minden, Texas, to Arthur Bertrand Whitehead and Florence Rousseau Whitehead. Roger graduated from Minden High School in 1940, having been recognized as an FFA 'Lone Star Farmer.' This honor helped him obtain a scholarship to the College of Marshall (now East Texas Baptist University) – that, plus the fact that he knew how to plow the college's vegetable garden with a mule and take care of the school's dairy cows. In 1942 Roger enlisted in the Marine Corps and saw action in several of the battles of the island-hopping campaign in the Pacific against the Imperial Japanese army. After the war Roger returned to East Texas Baptist College (the former College of Marshall) where he met the love of his life, Maude Ellen Stone. They were married in 1948. After their marriage, Roger continued his education at Stephen F. Austin University, obtaining a B.A. degree in business.

Roger would go on to work for hospitals, an oil and gas company, manage the Blackstone Hotel, Tyler's last old-fashioned traditional hotel (complete with bell boys, elevator operators, switchboard operator, two restaurants, a laundry – even a full service garage). His last job was working for the Texas Highway Department as a permit manager. After his retirement he enjoyed gardening, tending his farm and having a good time with his grandkids!

He was a faithful member of Turnertown Baptist Church for over 65 years,

where he was a deacon, Sunday School teacher, and served in many other capacities throughout his life with a true servant's heart. Roger loved singing and was a long-time member of the church choir and loved Sacred Harp singing since his childhood.

Roger was a member of the Henderson Kiwanis club and a member of Gideons International. He and his son Joe often participated in passing out Bibles for the Gideons.

Roger was predeceased by his parents, his wife of 70 years, Maude Ellen, his son Joe Mack Whitehead, and brothers Alfred (Edell) Whitehead and Gay Whitehead. Roger is survived by sisters Marilyn Smith of Pine Hill, Texas, Nelwyn Hughes and husband Harry of Kervin, Texas, and brother Worth Whitehead of Henderson, Texas; son John Whitehead and wife Debbie of Kilgore, Texas; daughter-in-law Nora Whitehead of Henderson, Texas; grandsons William Travis Whitehead and wife Janelle, currently living in Dubai; John Luke Whitehead and wife Jessie, of Dallas; and granddaughter Julie Cummins and husband Brad, of Denver, Colorado; two great-grandchildren, Kennedy and Eli Whitehead (children of Travis and Janelle), and many nieces, nephews, cousins, distant relations.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. Funeral services for Mr. Whitehead will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 5, at the funeral home with Rev. James Palmer officiating. Interment will follow at Zion Hill Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Luke Whitehead, Travis Whitehead, Calvin Smith, Judson Knight, Dwain Knight, Worth Whitehead, and Brad Cummins.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to Gideons International at P.O.

Box 1741, Henderson, TX 75653, and/or Turnertown Baptist Church at P.O.
Box 369, Selman City, TX 75689.

Words of comfort may be share with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Zion Hill Cemetery

CR 368
Minden, TX 75680

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 S. Main St
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

JAN 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Roger Warren Whitehead*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - January 04, 2022 at 10:52 AM

KH

“ *Kurt Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roger Warren Whitehead*



Kurt Hunt - January 06, 2022 at 11:41 AM

CC

“ *Chris Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roger Warren Whitehead*



Chris Cavaliere - January 05, 2022 at 10:33 AM

JC

“ *Judy Cates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roger Warren Whitehead*



Judy Cates - January 04, 2022 at 07:27 PM

JC

“ *Sending love and prayers to the family. Roger was a wonderful man and we will miss him dearly. So thankful that we had the time we shared going to church together for several years. We loved you, Rand and Judy Cates*



Judy Cates - January 04, 2022 at 07:26 PM

MC

“ *Melissa Clayton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roger Warren Whitehead*



Melissa Clayton - January 04, 2022 at 02:30 PM

SH

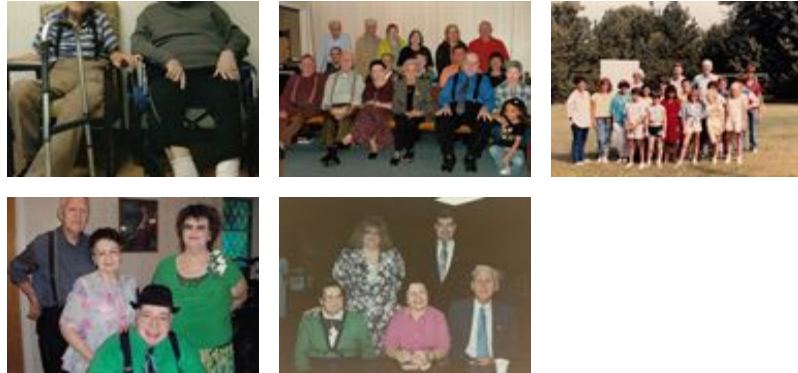
“ *Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roger Warren Whitehead*



Sue Henderson - January 04, 2022 at 01:45 PM



“ 12 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - January 04, 2022 at 12:13 PM

TE

“ Tamara Elliott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roger Warren Whitehead



Tamara Elliott - January 04, 2022 at 11:54 AM

PP

“ Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roger Warren Whitehead



pud patterson - January 04, 2022 at 11:41 AM



“ 70 files added to the album LifeTributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - January 04, 2022 at 10:48 AM

DS

“ Dianne Seilhan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roger Warren Whitehead



Dianne Seilhan - January 04, 2022 at 10:25 AM

DS

“ My condolences to the family.

Dianne Seilhan - January 04, 2022 at 10:24 AM

JB

“ Jon Best lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roger Warren Whitehead



Jon Best - January 04, 2022 at 09:22 AM

KL

“ *Karl Randy Lambeth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roger Warren Whitehead*



Karl Randy Lambeth - January 04, 2022 at 09:16 AM

VI

“ *Virginia Irwin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roger Warren Whitehead*



Virginia Irwin - January 04, 2022 at 09:05 AM



“ *Silvia Arnold lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roger Warren Whitehead*



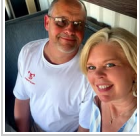
Silvia Arnold - January 04, 2022 at 09:04 AM

TC

“ *Tony And Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roger Warren Whitehead*



Tony and Anita Cavaliere - January 04, 2022 at 08:25 AM



“ *What an amazing guy I was privileged to meet and get to know several years ago! I always loved our visits and enjoyed connecting the dots with him and his sweet wife of people we knew and things we had in common! I know he was ready to “go home” and I’m so happy for him!*

Christy Staneart - January 04, 2022 at 07:35 AM

JC

“ *My deepest sympathy.*

Jimmy Culp - January 03, 2022 at 10:12 PM

RD

“ *Roy & Pat Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roger Warren Whitehead*



Roy & Pat Davis - January 03, 2022 at 04:13 PM

ML

“ *Misty Copeland With Autumn Leaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roger Warren Whitehead*



Misty Copeland with Autumn Leaves - January 03, 2022 at 12:54 PM