



James Franklin Whitaker Jr.

March 29, 1938 - August 21, 2019

James Franklin "Frank" Whitaker Jr., 81, a life-long resident of Grand Prairie, passed away at his home on Wednesday afternoon, August 21, 2019.

Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, August 26 2019 at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, 500 E Main Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, 75050. Burial services with military honors will follow at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday at DFW National Cemetery. Memorial Service: 12:30 Tuesday, August 27, 2019 in the Chapel of First United Methodist Church of Grand Prairie, Rev. Kathryn Strempe officiating, where Frank was a member for more than fifty-nine years.

Frank was born in Woodson, TX. in Throckmorton County, on March 29, 1938, the oldest of 3 children born to the late James Franklin Whitaker Sr. and the late Angie Nodea Steadham. The family would move to Grand Prairie where he would attend schools before graduating from Grand Prairie High.

After graduation, he spent a short time working in Grand Prairie before enrolling at the University of North Texas in Denton. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business, and returned to Grand Prairie where he would live the rest of his life. He would marry Mary Ann Little, and they would have 1 son, James.

His specialty of purchasing for the defense industry allowed him to work for

various contractors, including Vought, LTV and Northrup Gruman. Although busy, he also found time to serve as a Cub Scout leader and as a coach for the YMCA.

Frank learned to relax after his retirement. Mornings reading the newspaper, watching television or watching sports were a part of his daily routine. Taking vacations to the beach or cruising the Caribbean became something he and Mary Ann would enjoy together. More than anything, spending time with the "dynamic due", (granddaughters) was the highlight of any day.

Those who will miss him most include his faithful wife of fifty-nine years, Mary Ann Little Whitaker; son, James Russell Whitaker and his spouse Soraya; granddaughters, Kayla Whitaker, Jenna Whitaker; great-grandson, Cason Clark; brother, Joel Fredrick Whitaker and a sister, Angela Ruth Whitaker Hawkes.

The family request donations be given in honor of Frank to Children's Cancer Research Fund, 7301 Ohms Lane, Suite 355, Minneapolis, MN 55439
<http://www.ChildrensCancer.org> or to Children's Medical Center of Dallas at <https://www.childrens.com/get-involved/donate>.

Cemetery Details

DFW National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home
500 E. Main Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050
(972) 263-5570

Graveside Service

AUG 27. 9:15 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

DFW National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Memorial Service

AUG 27. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
122 N. Church Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050
(972) 264-6148
<http://www.fumcgp.org/>

Tribute Wall

RA

“ Raul, Liza and Anne purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James Franklin Whitaker Jr..



Raul, Liza and Anne - August 27, 2019 at 11:21 AM

DH

“ Appreciation for the US Naval Service of CPO James Whitaker Jr, and prayers to out for the family and many friends for comfort in their loss. May he rest in God's heavenly home now.
d Huffman, Army vet,

Don Huffman - August 26, 2019 at 05:25 PM

LF

“ Enjoyed working with Frank at LTV.

Lois Fee - August 24, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Franklin Whitaker Jr..



August 23, 2019 at 05:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Franklin Whitaker Jr..* ”



August 23, 2019 at 05:27 PM