



Mr. Willie Lee Whitley, Sr.

July 9, 1945 - May 26, 2018

Willie Lee Whitley, Sr. entered this life July 9, 1945 with his twin William Lee Whitley, Sr., to their parents the late Milbert M. Whitley, Sr. and the late Esther Baker Whitley. He departed this life on May 26, 2018.

He SERVED his country. He SERVED his community and he SERVED his family.

Willie was a graduate of Beaufort County High School in 1963. He entered the U.S. Army and served one term but soon realized that he wanted to blaze his own trail. In November of 1966 he married Lydia Riddick Whitley and eventually made their home in Pantego, NC where they raised six children together.

Willie is preceded in death by, his sister, Diana (Jesse deceased); his brother, Benjamin (Joanne).

Willie leaves to celebrate his home going, wife, Lydia; their six children, Kelvin (Iris), Michael, Aquichia (Larry), Reginald (Laura), Willie, Jr. (Macana), Revonda; one daughter in kind, Teresa Riddick; fifteen grandchildren; six great grandchildren; five siblings, Milbert (Romaine), William (Patricia), Wayland (Kathy), Marjelene, Jimmy; his best friend/brother, Johnny Spencer; his mother-in-law, Doris Gibbs; three aunts, Margie, Annie Ruth, Audrey; six sisters-in-law; six brothers-in-law; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Broad Creek Community Cemetery

7814 Terra Ceia Road
Pantego, NC 27860

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

White Plains Church Ministries
748 Edwards Street
Belhaven, NC 27810

Service

JUN 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Willie Lee Whitley, Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Lee Whitley, Sr.*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - June 18, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ *We called Willie "Uncle Willie" although he was Jesse's brother-in-law. Willie was kind to me from the day I was introduced to him. He could tell you a story that made you laugh 'til your sides hurt. He was willing to help anyone who asked, and I never heard him utter a harsh or disrespectful word. "Uncle Willie was a true gentleman in the purest sense of the word and I am thankful for the honor and privilege to have known him. Soar with the Angels my friend.*
Judy Watts

Judy Watts - June 02, 2018 at 11:56 AM



“ *Lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Lee Whitley, Sr.*



Danielle Palmer - June 02, 2018 at 06:30 AM

EJ

“ Dear Aunt Hattie and Family,

Our prayers and condolences are with you all. Uncle Willie will be greatly missed. He was always kind hearted to me and my family and I appreciate the time we did get to spend together. I am sorry I did not get to see him the last time I was there and get to have his warm big hearted loving hug.

Love E.J. & Family

Elijah Jackson - June 02, 2018 at 03:14 AM

KS

“ *Sending our love and prayers to Lee Lee & Family. May God grant you peace in the days to come.*

Torey Spencer & Family

Kendya R. Spencer - June 01, 2018 at 09:28 PM

VC

“ To Hattie and family:

I share with you all my deepest sympathy and condolence. Willie was a very kind person just like a brother and was always smiling. He was always willing to help out no matter what. I remember all of these great things about him growing up as neighbors.

*God doesn't make mistakes
Even though, it hurts when it's our love he takes.
But remember to hold onto God's unchanging hand,
He knows best and holds the master plan.
Just continue to pray each and everyday,
God will make it easier to cope with and wipe your tears away.
Keep trusting the Master above,
Fore, he will give you strength for your loss and shower each you
with his love.*

*So to Hattie, children and family,
Press on and pray,
God will lead your way each and everyday.
He will heal your aching hearts and make a way.
He will be your comforter,
Fore, he is God, I must say.*

With Love Vida.

Vida Campbell-Oliver - June 01, 2018 at 01:54 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Lee Whitley, Sr..



June 01, 2018 at 12:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Lee Whitley, Sr..*



June 01, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Jaysha Whitley - May 31, 2018 at 09:19 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Lee Whitley, Sr..*



May 31, 2018 at 03:25 PM

VH

“ I know your loss is deep and your sorrow is great, but I want you to know that I share in your sorrow, but more importantly, I recognize that this loss is Heaven’s Gain. When it is all over, I would like you to remember: To look to the hills from which your help comes from. God will never leave you nor will He forsake you during this time.

My prayers to you Revonda and your family.

Virginia Heath

Virginia Heath - May 31, 2018 at 02:08 PM

JW

“ Jesse & Judy Watts purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mr. Willie Lee Whitley, Sr..



Jesse & Judy Watts - May 31, 2018 at 01:24 PM

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MEMPHIS, TN

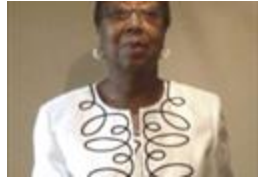
“ 99 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - May 31, 2018 at 10:22 AM

CB

“ *Condolences to the Whitley family and love to all.*



Carolyn Johnson Baker - May 30, 2018 at 06:59 PM

JB

“ *Hamlet*
William Shakespeare

Now a noble heart is breaking.
Goodnight, sweet prince.
May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.



Jennifer J. Bingham - May 30, 2018 at 02:27 PM

JB

“ *In Flanders Fields*
by John McCrae


*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead; short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*



Jennifer J. Bingham - May 30, 2018 at 02:12 PM


Micheline
Watts

“ *Micheline Watts purchased the Pretty Please for
the family of Mr. Willie Lee Whitley, Sr..*



Micheline Watts - May 30, 2018 at 01:15 PM

JB

“ *Holy Sonnets: Death be not proud*
by John Dunne



*Death be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou are not so:
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow
Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me,
From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,
Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow,
And soonest our best men with thee do go,
Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery.
Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings and desperate men,
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell,
And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then?
One short sleep past. we wake eternally
And death shall be no more;
Death thou shalt die.*

Jennifer J. Bingham - May 30, 2018 at 10:28 AM


Vincient
Spears

“ *Vincient A. Spears married to Gwen Chenault, God speed, and you will be miss.*<http://storage.lifetributes.com/Candles/new/candle-5.png>

Vincient Spears - May 30, 2018 at 05:43 AM

JB

“ Jennifer J. Bingham sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Lee Whitley, Sr.



Jennifer J. Bingham - May 30, 2018 at 04:34 AM

MC

“ Minister Dora Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Lee Whitley, Sr.



minister dora cox - May 30, 2018 at 01:10 AM

BW

“ To Margie & Family,
We wish we could reach across the miles and hug you right now.
We are praying that you will find comfort in God's unchanging Word
and His steadfast love.
Love and prayers are sent your way.

*Charles & Bonnie Williams
Las Vegas, NV*

BONNIE WILLIAMS - May 29, 2018 at 07:56 PM

DM

“ I am sadden to learn of Willie's passing . He will truly be missed! I knew Willie as a gentleman who was always kind and generous of his time and talents.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance to you and family.

Blessings always

Dr. Garrie W. Moore

Dr. Garrie W. Moore - May 29, 2018 at 06:16 PM

DS

“ May God comfort you in your hour of grief, may he grant you peace that surpasses all understanding. Love to you all.



Dorothy Satchwell - May 29, 2018 at 04:07 PM

TG

“ Willie was my friend, my mentor, my big brother. Yes brother! He was married to my sister, but he was more than a brother in law. From fishing, hunting, and fixing things, he taught me so much. His sense of humor will be missed. Rest on!



Terry Gibbs - May 29, 2018 at 03:55 PM

JB

“ Dear "Hattie", children and grandchildren,

Our deepest condolences and sympathies for the loss of your Husband, Father and Grandfather. May the Lord bless you and help to heal your hearts during this time.


Love,

Jennifer Jeannette Bingham Whitley

Washington, D.C.



Jennifer J. Bingham - May 29, 2018 at 02:55 PM


Micheline
Watts

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Micheline Watts - May 29, 2018 at 02:10 PM


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Micheline Watts - May 29, 2018 at 02:09 PM



Micheline
Watts

“ *Micheline Watts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Lee Whitley, Sr.*



Micheline Watts - May 29, 2018 at 02:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Lee Whitley, Sr..*



May 29, 2018 at 02:07 PM

JB

“ Dear Cousins,

It is with sorrow that I write these few words. I am honored to have enjoyed Willie and his family for all of these years. I remember visiting them when I was very young. I enjoyed playing with the children. They are young adults now. I remember long conversations with Willie when I was a student at the University. We discussed life in general. I am sorry that Willie has left the physical world. However, I do believe that he has joined our ancestors in the spiritual world. Although we will miss his presence, we know that he has transitioned to a better place. Let us rejoice in the memories that we share about Willie.

Love,

Jennifer Jeannette Bingham Whitley

Washington, D.C.



Jennifer J. Bingham - May 29, 2018 at 01:49 PM



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May 29, 2018 at 01:38 PM

CS

“ My condolences to the Whitley family.

connie sanders-guy - May 29, 2018 at 01:08 PM



“ *Uncle...I will never forget all the WILLIE WISDOM that you have given to me over the years...it was greatly appreciated. Im glad the last time that I saw you I told you that I loved you..not knowing that would be the last time I would ever get to talk with you!! You will always be in my heart and I will take with me all the knowledge...laughs...love..and jokes you shared with me! I will love you for eternity! Your neice...Duchelle Whitlet-Blount*



Duchelle Whitley-Blount - May 29, 2018 at 12:03 PM