



Mr. John P. Whitson

May 28, 1933 - December 30, 2016

Command Sergeant Major (Retired) John P. Whitson, age 83, of Shelbyville, passed away Friday, December 30, 2016.

Funeral services will be 10 AM Monday, January 2, 2017, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Brother Lloyd Warren and Pastor Jimmy Tedder will officiate. Burial, with full military honors, will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive visitors 2-6 Sunday, January 1, 2017, at the funeral home.

He was born May 28, 1933, in Sumner County, to the late Ed and Lillian Atwood Whitson. He was a retired Command Sergeant Major from the United States Army, with 42 years of service. He was a faithful member of Victory Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Leroy Whitson, Jimmy Whitson, and Ed Whitson, and a sister Elsie Carter.

Survivors include his wife, Libbie Tenpenny Gordon Whitson, of Shelbyville; a son, Eddie (Becky) Whitson, of Gulf Shores, Alabama; three daughters, Cindy (Jerry) Law, of Mt. Juliet, Cheryl Whitson, of Shelbyville, and Connie

Sherman, of Antioch; step-son, Marty Ray (Lorri) Gordon, of Shelbyville; a brother, Robert L. (Ann) Whitson, of Nashville; a sister, Ivy (Lloyd) Barnes, of White House; grandchildren, Brennan, Brittney, Brooke, Austin, Bradey, Samantha, Kevin, Brandon, Gerald, Bryan, Justin, and Jody; numerous great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Bible and Literature Foundation, 2101 HWY 231 South, Shelbyville, TN 37160 (931-684-0304).

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 1. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel
2022 North Main St.
Shelbyville, TN 37160
(931) 684-8356
feldhausgowensmith@gmail.com
<http://feldhausgowensmith.com/>

Service

JAN 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I had the great honor of working with SGM Whitson when he was assigned to a project in Germany at VII Corps HQ in Stuttgart.

An incredibly capable man, he ended up filling a position that was designed to be held for a Field Grade Commissioned Officer. That is very unusual for a National Guard NCO to be filling any position at a forward Army Corps HQ, especially one intended for a senior officer. That speaks volumes about him and the respect he commanded among his peers.

I served 8 years in the US Army and met many incredible people, and CSM Whitson was one of the greatest. He was a great man, a great NCO and a leader of the first order.

David Gregory - March 09, 2020 at 02:02 PM



“ From one Sergeant Major to another. I took care of Whit when he and the others from the TMA days would meet at the school house. I thank you for your extended service to our country, I thank you for your loyalty to the military, NCOs and Officers alike, and I sure do thank you all of the stories you told me about the past. My thoughts and prayers our sent to the family, he will be missed.

*God Bless,
SGM Billy Mark Lannom (Ret.)*

SGM Billy Mark Lannom (Ret.) - January 03, 2017 at 11:07 AM

PS

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers. Thinking of you in this time of sorrow.

Tommy, Paula and Charlie Singleton

paula singleton - January 02, 2017 at 08:41 AM

PL

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of CSM Whitson. Got to know him several years ago in Smyrna.

*Paul Lamb, MAJ(R) USA
Smyrna, TN*

Paul Lamb - January 01, 2017 at 04:07 PM

LB

“ Our thoughts and prayers going up for Marty Ray and his mother, Libbie. We will not be able to honor him with our presence tomorrow but will honor him with the memories we have of him. We will support his son and grandsons with our love. We thank him for the faithful military service to our country. Myron and Lisa Blackburn of Louisville, KY

Lisa Blackburn - January 01, 2017 at 04:01 PM

SA

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. May our Lord be with the family. Lillian & Shirley Mason

shirley arnold - January 01, 2017 at 03:58 PM

BC

“ A full Command Salute to a true Hero that spent a lifetime in support and defending a Country he loved. I shared his love for the Stars & Stripes but his service showed with more time than mine with his uniform having more stripes than my Staff Sargent's May his Stripes shine and look down on us from his place in Heaven.

Ben Caillouette

Ben Caillouette - January 01, 2017 at 11:56 AM

GB

“ worked with csm(r) whitson at TMA smyrna base we had many discussions about life in general he was one of a kind csm(R) george c. bolding

george c. bolding - January 01, 2017 at 11:48 AM

KN

“ Karen Nance lit a candle in memory of Mr. John P. Whitson



karen nance - January 01, 2017 at 10:19 AM

KN

“ Our deepest condolences to Libby and the family. John stayed in touch with my dad Retired SGM William Horton for many years after they were instructors at TMA. John welcomed me to the reunions held on base as my father had lost his vision and would have otherwise been unable to attend. He was a true stand up gentleman and will be greatly missed. Karen Nance

karen nance - January 01, 2017 at 10:17 AM

ES

“ a very good GODLY man it was an honor to have known him
EVERETTE STOKES
SHELBYVILLE LUMER COMPANY

EVERETTE STOKES - January 01, 2017 at 07:42 AM