



## Mrs. Margaret Melvenia Whitaker

October 2, 1948 - June 3, 2026

On June 3rd, 2026, Margaret (Teacake) Melvenia Whitaker departed this life. She was born on October 2nd, 1948, to the late Levoy Rippy Sr. and Callie (Cooper) Rippy. Margaret was raised in Wartrace, TN and graduated from Wartrace High School. She worked at Eaton Corporation and Later Summit. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend. She loved her family. She enjoyed game shows, Westerns, puzzle books, and the simple pleasures of life. She is preceded in death by her Father Levoy Rippy Sr; Mother Callie (Cooper) Rippy; brothers Levoy Rippy Jr and Charles (Rita Ann) Rippy

Margaret leaves behind her Husband of 57 years Henry Whitaker; Daughter Sylvia Hiles; Grandson Antonio (Erica) Hiles Jr; Granddaughters, Keauna Hiles and Nia Hiles; Great Grandsons, Antonio Hiles III and Theodore Hiles; Sister Mamie (Sol) Johnson; Brothers, David Rippy and James Rippy And a host of loving cousins, nieces, great nieces, nephews, great nephews, and friends. There will be no memorial services per the family's request. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society or a charity of your choice. Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is honored to be serving the family of Mrs. Margaret Melvenia Whitaker.

# Cemetery Details

## **Willow Mount Cemetery**

321 Dover Street  
Shelbyville, TN 37160

# Tribute Wall

TH

“ To a wonderful mother in law and grandmother it is with my honor to share with the family and loved ones what a great positive influence you had over our lives and our children's lives over the years we share wonderful memories and great stories and laughter over dinners and special occasions and when we all traveled together over the years and you always reminded us that time is of an essence always love forgive eat drink and be merry and even tho change can sometimes be uncomfortable but necessary for growth I appreciate the wisdom the tremendous support and love you always gave to me Sylvia and the kids and great grandkids So to the family Tea “ left a good foundation so continue to build upon it and make it greater Forever in my thoughts and prayers Tony Hiles Sr ( Dad) 🙏



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**Tony Hiles** - June 13 at 03:00 PM

TM

“ I will always love you ☐



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**Teresa Cole Miles** - June 12 at 02:08 AM

BG

“ *Buffy Gross lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Melvenia Whitaker*



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**Buffy Gross** - June 11 at 01:23 PM

ET

“ *Elsie Trice lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Melvenia Whitaker*



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**Elsie Trice** - June 10 at 10:16 AM

BW

“ *Brenda Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Melvenia Whitaker*



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**Brenda Wilson** - June 10 at 09:35 AM

VC

“ *Virginia Christmon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Melvenia Whitaker*



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**Virginia Christmon** - June 10 at 08:36 AM

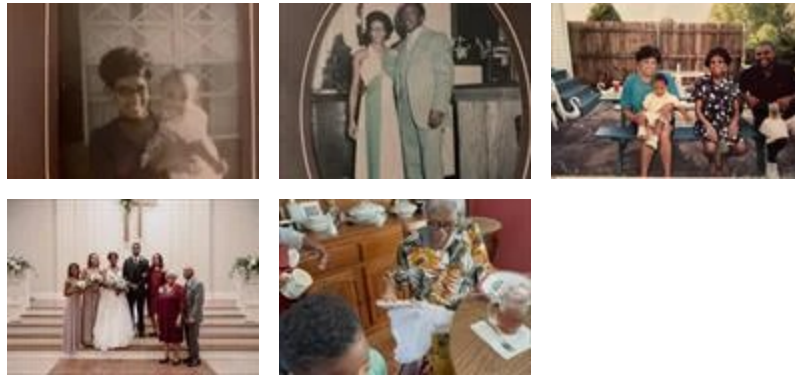
JR

“ I refuse to say goodbye. I just cannot do it. You are a large part of my heart. You helped raise me. You have advised me, taught me, whipped me when I needed it, and helped rescue when it seemed I had lost it all. I remember when I was little you gave me bathes, combed my curls, got me my first bicycle, and taught me how to dance. So, naw, there are zero, no goodbyes, from James Floyd, because I am always with you Tea! REST IN PEACE! PEACE BE STILL!

James Rippy - June 09 at 05:55 PM

AH

“ There are so many good memories that photos could not do it justice. We will miss you Grandma Teacake.



Antonio Hiles - June 09 at 05:14 PM

AA

“ Angie Albert sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Margaret Melvenia Whitaker



angie albert - June 09 at 04:18 PM

FG

“ 9 files added to the album Margaret Whitaker



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**FGSC** - June 09 at 03:01 PM

RR

“ Rita Rippy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Margaret Melvenia Whitaker



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**Rita Rippy** - June 09 at 02:40 PM

CJ

“ Uncle Henry and Sylvia, I'm so sorry about your loss. Just know that your loss is my loss. It hurts me deeply to see more and more of my friends and loved ones leave this realm of life. I also know and believe that whatever they suffered, they suffer no more. I do love you all very much. Diane Johnson. (Henry Whitaker -Lynchburg)

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**Carla Diane Johnson** - June 09 at 10:49 AM

BB

“ *Betty Buckingham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Melvenia Whitaker*



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**Betty Buckingham** - June 09 at 10:48 AM