



Eldon Ray Whitmire

May 25, 1937 - April 8, 2018

Eldon Ray Whitmire 80, of Walnut Ridge passed away on April 8, 2018 in the Flo & Phil Jones Hospice House in Jonesboro.

Born May 25, 1937 in Ashflat, AR; to the late Ray and Alta Fay Moore Whitmire. He was united in marriage on September 19, 1957 to the love of his life, Helen Marie Kellett. He was a retired Machinist from John Deere factory in Moline, IL, and he did lawn maintenance for Landmark Landscape in Aledo, IL; and the Gethsemane Baptist Church in Walnut Ridge, AR. He was an active member, Deacon and song leader in the Community Baptist Church in Andalusia, IL and the Gethsemane Baptist Church in Walnut Ridge.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Whitmire of the home; a daughter, Joan (Whitmire) Ewing and husband William of Taylor Ridge, IL; two sons, Lehman Ray Whitmire and wife Sharon of DeKalb, TX, and William Michael Whitmire and Aimee Stokes of Muscatine, IA; seven grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; three brothers, Kenneth, Harold, and Jerry Whitmire; seven sisters, Faye Squires, Juanita King, Nancy Earl, Marie Robins, Loretta Croom, Barbara Eagan, and Pam Smith; three brothers-in-law and spouses; three sisters-in-law and spouses; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and chosen family. He was loved by everyone he met and will be missed deeply.

Funeral Service will be Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Gethsemane Baptist Church in Walnut Ridge with Bro. Derrick Collins officiating. Pallbearers will be Lehman, Justin, Michael, and Zachary Whitmire, William and Shane Ewing. Honorary Pallbearers will be Buford Eagan and Kenneth Whitmire. Interment will follow in the Ward Cemetery in Strawberry.

Visitation will be from 11:30 AM till the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family.

Cemetery Details

Ward Cemetery

W. River Dr.
Strawberry, AR 72469

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **12.** 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Gethsemane Baptist Church
200 S. E. 6th
Walnut Ridge, AR

Funeral Service

APR **12.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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Bryan Funeral Home - April 11, 2018 at 10:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eldon Ray Whitmire.



April 11, 2018 at 06:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eldon Ray Whitmire.



April 11, 2018 at 05:37 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eldon Ray Whitmire.*



April 11, 2018 at 01:49 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eldon Ray Whitmire.*



April 10, 2018 at 09:32 PM



“ *My first boyfriend and i always thought of him that way. Glad i got to see him again he was just as handsome as ever. Love you helen. My second momma*

Judy king - April 10, 2018 at 03:36 PM



“ *I had only known Eldon around a yr, but it didn't take me long to learn to love him and know what a good dedicated man he was. We have sure lost a good Christian man and he will be missed.*

sharon smith - April 10, 2018 at 10:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God grant you comfort and peace during this difficult time.*

Tonya Terry Sacrison - April 10, 2018 at 09:20 AM

KI

“ *Kim lit a candle in memory of Eldon Ray Whitmire*



Kim - April 10, 2018 at 08:50 AM

SH

“ *So sorry for your loss*

Sheila - April 10, 2018 at 08:07 AM

JT

“ *My dad, George Beeding, and I are so very sorry for your loss. We love you..... 💖*

Julie Terry - April 09, 2018 at 10:23 PM

 John Campbell

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John Campbell - April 09, 2018 at 08:09 PM