



John Will Whitaker

August 2, 1927 - September 9, 2021

John Will (Jay) Whitaker 94, passed away peacefully September 9, 2021. Jay was born August 2, 1927. He married his sweetheart, Thelma Ockerman Whitaker, February 25, 1951. He was a decorated sharpshooter, Air Force Veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, brother and friend. He was a man of many talents, including roller skating, square dancing, guitar playing and wood working. He was an avid bass fisherman, water skier and billiard player. His career was in the automotive field. He loved Jesus, his church and Sunday School Class. He was a proud member of the First Baptist Church of Astor, Florida.

Jay was preceded in death by his parents, Ezra Shirley Whitaker and Mildred (Minnie) Frances Thurman Whitaker. Brothers, Everet Whitaker and Ira Whitaker. Sisters, Arilia, Mary and Shirley.

Survivors include: Beloved wife of 70 years, Thelma Faye Ockerman Whitaker, Daughter Toni Lynn Whitaker (Michael) Prater, Son John Timothy (Nancy) Whitaker. Grandchildren, John, Jenny, Anthony and Daniel. Nine great grandchildren. Many nieces and nephews who will miss their Uncle Jay. He was a friend to everyone who knew him and will be missed by all.

A celebration of JW's Life will be held at a later date. Beyers Funeral Home of

Astor, FL is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences can be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com

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“ *My dearest condolences to his family. Tony I am so sorry to hear this sweetheart. You are and will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers*

 *Ms Vicki*

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