



## William Whiteman

August 10, 2009

### Obituary of William Whiteman

WILLIAM EDWARD WHITEMAN, 81, of The Villages, Florida, passed away Monday, August 10 at The Villages, Florida. He was born in Steubenville, Ohio and moved to The Villages in 2006 from Miami, Florida. Mr. Whiteman was a Building Inspector for the Community of Sunny Isle Beach, Florida. Mr. Whiteman attended Tri County Baptist Church, Lady Lake, FL

He is survived by:

Wife Amalia R. Whiteman of The Villages, FL

2 Daughters Rita Delores Rodriguez of Hialeah, Florida

Laura Ann Whiteman of Stuart, FL

Son Robert Whiteman of Miami-Dade County, FL

3 Grandchildren, 3 GreatGrandchildren

# Tribute Wall

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“ *What a privilege is was to care for your husband & Father. He is gone from us now but is rejoicing in His Saviour and without pain at this time. My prayers are for the family.*

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**Gale Smith (Hospice Nurse)** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The Bible Has the Answers By Amanda Bradley In times of stress and sorrow, In times of joy as well, The Bible lifts and strengthens me Much more than I can tell, Each time I read the scriptures, I never fail to find New light and understanding In those pages so divine. As I read of Jesus, It makes my heart rejoice, And at times it almost seems That I can hear His loving voice. But the story that inspires me most And is so dear to me, Is of the gift He gave us When He died on Calvary. Each time I read those sacred words They strengthen my belief- My heart finds peace and happiness, My burdens find relief.*

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**Ralph & Rita Rodriguez** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

“*Tribute to Our Dad, William Edward Whiteman* By Rita Whiteman Rodriguez Since this poem was written 20 years ago, Molly and Bill have been married 60 years. His brother Jack passed from lung cancer. His grandson David went home to be with the Lord when he passed from lymphoblastic Lymphoma at the age of 26. Krysten and Jud gave him 2 great grandchildren, Taylor, and Judson David. Derek and Elizabeth gave him Isabella. Mark Gonzalez knelt by Bill's bedside and asked for permission and blessing to marry his daughter Laura. He was working as Chief Building Inspector at Sunny Isles, Florida Building Department when he went to Broward General Hospital. He also served our country in the United States Navy. Happy Birthday Papa You've reached the big "6-0" If that were only your golf score, It would be a spectacular show. It seems that only yesterday, You and the speed limit were 55. But time and speed are moving faster, Than most of us can survive. William Edward Whiteman was Your given name at birth. August 30, 1927 was the day When you were born on this great earth. Steubenville Ohio was the town Where you were born, And at your high school class reunion You looked young, while others looked aged and worn. When you were just a young boy, You almost became an Eagle Scout. The time you spent in learning life, Has it made things easier to figure out? And later on you graduated from the "U of M" The knowledge you acquired there Is worth much more Than a precious gem. Your hair has turned to curly grey, But it use to be black as coal; And when you were a baby you had long blonde curls, Bless your little soul. Just like your precious wife Molly when you were young, You too were very thin. So now you jog and diet, And fattening foods are treated like sin. You have given us a priceless gift Few children can say they share You stayed married to mom for 38 years And we think you're an excellent pair. Daddy I'm so proud of you, Just because of who you are. You have put up with so much from Laura, Bobby, and me, That most men would have moved away----far. Thelma was your faithful mother. And she reached the big "8-0" So if you keep up with her, You'll have at least 20 years to go. Derek, David, Daniel, and Krysten Love you so very much As a their grandpa You have that special touch. Grandpa Tom

*and Opal tried to make up For the parental affection you lacked.  
That is why we all need to forgive and forget, And like Jesus never  
look back. You only had one brother. He is my Uncle Jack. He lives  
in North Carolina. And that is a distant fact. Many of your friends  
would say, That Bill is a pretty nice guy. I've never seen you drunk  
or in a fight And that's two of the reasons why. Daddy I would call  
you one of those Self made men. You have succeeded in running  
your own business And so very few people can. Our family has  
been together For so many special days And one day Jesus will call  
us Home And we will be with Him in heaven always. So Happy  
Birthday Papa You've done for us what no one else can And that is  
why we think you are Such a special man!*

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**Ria Rodriguez his daughter** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *In Loving Memory of William "Bill" Edward Whiteman Born August 30, 1927 - ascended August 10, 2009 The family of Bill Whiteman would like to thank everyone for the hospital visits, cards, emails, and prayers for our family during his treatment for cancer and home going. He is survived by his precious wife Molly, three children Rita Rodriguez, Robert Whiteman, and Laura Whiteman. Mark Gonzalez knelt by Bill's bedside and asked for permission and blessing to marry Laura. His grandchildren are Derek, Daniel, and Krysten. David Stephen Rodriguez preceded him to heaven. He has 3 great-grandchildren Taylor, Isabella, and Judson David. Special thanks goes to his friends at the Sunny Isles building department where he worked as an inspector until he had to take a medical leave of absence. We are grateful to the 24 hour care from the Cornerstone Hospice Foundation. Their mission's statement says: they are, "the philanthropic link in providing and assuring the stewardship for the resources to support Hospice care for all seriously ill persons facing the end of life and their families." Bill received home care and treatment by 3 different Christian nurses and caretakers each day after he moved from Palm Springs Lakes, Florida to the Villages in Central Florida the week before his passing. The senior pastor from the Tri County Baptist Church came to the house to pray with the family and an assistant pastor prayed with them the day he passed. Our family spent Bill's last hours together telling him how much we each loved him. His faithful wife Amalia "Molly" led in singing praises to the Lord and reading scriptures from the Holy Bible to Bill. They were married 60 years. Rita read the attached poem she wrote to honor Bill for his 60th birthday 21 years ago and the attached poem on the card from the Houlihan family. We played special Christian music. Pastor Ralph Rodriguez led the family in the closing prayer. Bill enjoyed playing golf so much that we dressed him in his red Don McNeal Golf Tournament shirt, "W" baseball cap and the red "pray revival" bracelet before the men came to take him to be cremated in Leesburg, Florida. They have a special web page for messages to the family for 60 days at [WWW.BeyersFuneralHome.com](http://WWW.BeyersFuneralHome.com). Click on the Villages/Lady Lake location. Bill served the United States of America in the Navy. His ashes will*

*be placed in the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida in military memorial service for the family in a few weeks. We smile that Hurricane Bill was named after him this year because he graduated from the University of Miami. When he was alive, he showed us his childhood Bible of the date when he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Personal Savior. "Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness." Love in Christ, Pastor Ralph & Rita Rodriguez Care Pastor/Community Relations New Testament Baptist Church 6601 N. W. 167th Street Miami, Florida 33015 305-773-2031 cell 305-827-8779 fax www.thegatherin gplacefl.org*

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**Daughter Rita Rodriguez** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ So glad I could be with the family when Bill went home to be with his family and the Lord. What a wonderful life Bill had. My prayers and sympathy are with Molly, Rita and Ralph, Laura and Mark.

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**Jan Whiteman** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rita, Thanks for sharing your dad with me. I loved it so much when we got together. He always made me laugh. We know he has gone home but will miss him. Love Linda

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**Linda Rodriguez** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *If a man is to be judged by his children, then Mr. Whiteman was an outstanding man. Rita and Ralph Rodriguez are wonderful examples of compassion and caring for others. As we have watched them minister to and over Mr. Whiteman in the last few months, many have been challenged to show the same kind of love and care for their loved ones. God bless this good family during their time of loss. Pastor Dan Burrell New Testament Baptist Church Miami/Broward County, FL*

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**Pastor Dan Burrell** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ *Dear Molly, Rita and Laura: We are sad to hear of Bill's homegoing but I am sure he is rejoicing today with my Dad - perhaps telling each other stories of the WWII. I know this is a bitter sweet time but we pray for God's strength and peace through it all.*

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**Jim and Linda Virtue** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *William Whiteman*

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