



William E. Whitney

January 12, 1933 - December 17, 2018

William Emerson "Bill" Whitney, 85, of The Villages passed away on Dec. 17, 2018 after his long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Bill was born on January 12, 1933, the only child of Paul and Evelyn Whitney. He moved to Gainesville, FL when he was fourteen and always considered himself a Florida boy. He began his long career in law enforcement with the Alachua County Sheriff's Department and ended after many years as a Special Agent with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Bill was a percussionist and played with the U.S. Air Force band and a group known as the Velvetones. He enjoyed theater and enjoyed his work both onstage and back stage with The Villages Theater Company. He was a member of the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (Virginia).

Bill leaves his wife of 36 years, Sylvia, daughter Ronda Davis, son Dwight Whitney and numerous friends and family.

A Celebration of Bill's Life will be held on Friday, Dec. 21 at 11:00 at Beyers Funeral Home 134 North Highway 27/441 Lady Lake, FL. A visitation for family and friends will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 at the funeral home. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's memory may be sent to: Cornerstone

Hospice 601 Casa Bella The Villages, FL 32162. Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL. Online condolences may be left at www.BeyersFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall

KC

“ Grandpa, I wish I could have been there to celebrate your life. Your legacy will live on. I wish it were fully honored in this obituary. 6 children, 16 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren have your blood in us, and we will honor you in our own way. Rest in peace grandpa. Much love, your grand daughter, Kara.

Kara Chambers - December 27, 2018 at 09:21 PM

TM

“ Grandpa, I am so sorry to hear of your passing. Our family will not be able to get the closure we need in this life but I am so grateful you are mine forever, and we will have eternity to catch up and have a real relationship that we were kept from having in this life. I miss you and I know you are happy to be free. My mom (Wanda) would tell me stories of how she would sing "pennies from heaven" with you when she was a little girl. I listened to it on repeat last night after I learned of your passing. Thank you for your legacy.

Tessa Meyers - December 23, 2018 at 01:17 PM

WB

“ Sorry and sad for all the family and friends. Wish I could've made it to funeral if I had been notified. R.I.P. Your grandson Whit

Whit Bowden - December 22, 2018 at 05:52 PM

CB

“ Sure would have been nice if I heard about this before a week after the funeral was done!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Carl Bowden - December 22, 2018 at 05:39 PM

CB

“ Hi Dad. Remember when I'd get up super early in the morning to help you in the garden? You called me Farmer Brown. You were the only one in our (large) family that propped me up and made me feel better about myself. So sorry I missed your funeral. I would have gone if I had been notified of your death. Give Jessica a big hug for me. Your daughter-Cherie

Cherie Whitney Bowden - December 22, 2018 at 05:32 PM

WW

“ I'm so sorry that I just now found out about your passing. You are a good dad and I will always be your Birthday Girl. I am a good person because you are my dad. Thank you for raising me and my 5 brothers and sisters (not including Dwight and Rhonda)the right way. My condolences to the whole family.

Wanda Whitney - December 22, 2018 at 05:08 PM

GD

“ I am so sorry to just now find out about my fathers passing. I guess Alzheimer's is contagious since Sylvia seemed to have forgotten to mention all Six of his other children. I am sorry we missed the service. My father would have wanted us to know. I hope he had as good of life as he gave me. I am thankful he was able to walk me down the isle when I got married in 2000. I am glad I have a scrapbook full of memories of him that my mother Juanita (Bills wife of 25 years) made for me. My dad nicked named me girlfriend when I was about 5 years old. I will miss you daddy.

Gretchen Whitney davis - December 22, 2018 at 05:05 PM

JM

“ I worked with Bill at FDLE in Tampa from 1979 to 1986 upon my transfer to Ft Myers. I have nothing but fond memories of Bill during our years together and some valuable advice he gave me that I remember like yesterday. He was very fine man, and yes I remember you to Sylvia and condolences go out to you and all of Bills family. RIP Bill

Jim Myers - December 20, 2018 at 04:49 PM

TC

“ Sylvia,
So sorry to learn of Bill's passing. He was a fun and dedicated co-worker. We shared many laughs while working together. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Tom

Tom Colbert - December 19, 2018 at 02:48 PM