



Mr. James E. "Buckshot" Whitfield

March 6, 1932 - May 8, 2014

Mr. James E. "Buckshot" Whitfield, 82, of Sylvester died May 8, 2014 at Southern Care Assisted Living in Tifton.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday May 11, 2014 at First Baptist Church with interment following at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mr. Whitfield was born on March 6, 1932 in Sylvester to the late Edmund Jacob and Nena Rhoda Coleman Whitfield. He had lived in Sylvester all of his life. Mr. Whitfield worked in the Worth County School system in several positions during his career. He served as a Coach, Teacher, Principal and School Superintendent before retiring. After retiring, Mr. Whitfield continued to educate by working with Moultrie Tech to help teach young teens in preparation for GED testing. He helped organize the Worth Players. Mr. Whitfield was also involved in numerous civic organizations. He was very active in the Sylvester Lions Club and the American Cancer Society. Mr. Whitfield was instrumental in helping to establish the Margaret Jones Library. He was a member of First Baptist Church where he taught Sunday school for 38 years to young men. Mr. Whitfield and his wife would have celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on November 8, 2014.

Survivors include his wife, Clarie Myers Whitfield; son, James E. "Jimmy" Whitfield (Kandy) of Moultrie; daughters, Lauren Newman (Mark) of Senoia, GA, Catherine Orr (David) of Albany, and Suzanne Smith (Alan) of Tifton; grandchildren, Trevor and Sarah Bachman, William, Samuel, Andrew and Caroline Orr, Abby, Nick and Noah Smith, Thomas James Whitfield and Austin

Stewart.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at Banks Funeral Home.

For those desiring donations may be made to your favorite charity.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of the arrangements.

229-776-2055.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James E. "Buckshot" Whitfield*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *I have so many wonderful memories of Jim, but most of all I will remember his apparent love and dedication to Clarie who was special to me in growing up, ,his love of family, his big smile, warm heart, and respectful manner toward everyone. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. I am thankful that God allowed us to have him in our lives. Linda*

Linda Sims - May 14, 2018 at 03:49 PM



“ *I only met "Buckshot" and Mrs. Clarie once at my best friend, Lauren and her hubby, Mark's wedding in Tifton. The family had a wonderful group picture with him and he looked happy with his children. My prayers are with the family.*

Christine Kendall - May 14, 2018 at 03:49 PM



“ *To the Whitfield family, this is such sad news to hear. This was a truly terrific man and I know his loss will be so detrimental to you all! Praying for peace in your hearts as you lay this wonderful man into his final resting spot... He will then once again be kept in line cause I am quite sure Ms Whitfield will keep him in line! I never personally had her as a teacher but my mama said she didn't cut you any slack what so ever:). God Bless you All... And especially my dear high school classmate Lauren!*

Donna Odom Pope - May 14, 2018 at 03:49 PM

AW

“ Dear Claire, Children and Grandchildren, I wanted to express my sincere sympathy in your great loss. Buck and I have been friends since 'day one'. I have many fond memories of hiim. Due to health issures, I will not be able to attend the service. I am so sorry. Love to all of you, Ann

Ann Camp Wilkerson - May 14, 2018 at 03:49 PM

AH

“ I am thinking of all of you. Mr. Whitfield was an important part of my professional life. He was my principal and supt. and he was always good to me. I fondly remember teaching most of his children.

Anne Maddox Hobby - May 14, 2018 at 03:49 PM

RS

“ Rocky and I both adored Mr. Whitfield.He was a great man and always so kind to me. When I think of my school years in Sylvester...Mr. Whitfield always comes to mind. I am so sorry for your loss...but just know he was a loved and admired man.

Rocky & Sharon (Giddens) Singletary - May 14, 2018 at 03:49 PM

HS

“ Buck and I were members of the old Sylvester High School Class of 1949, and were good friends. HE was in my opinion the embodiment of Robert E. Lee's definition of a gentleman (which see). He was in high school the ultimate popular athlete, and I no athlete at all. But I always received respect and fairness from him! During college years I visited him at UGA and Mercer, and he came up for a weekend to visit me at Columbia Seminary, Decatur, GA.
A very fine man.
Henry Lewis Smith, Opelika, AL

Henry Lewis smith - May 14, 2018 at 03:49 PM

DR

“ We were saddened to learn of the death of "Buckshot". We have many memories of him, including his coaching David in little league. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

David & Dianne Register - May 14, 2018 at 03:49 PM

BD

“ We send our sympathy to your family. Buckshot was a true southern gentleman. It was a privilege to know him.
Bub and Elayne Denham

Bub and Elayne Denham - May 14, 2018 at 03:49 PM

JM

“ Buckshot was one of my first coaches in the Sylvester Little League Football program! I was later privileged to have him as a friend! I was part of the Worth Players that he and Clarie organized. I know he will be missed by many!

John Maddox - May 14, 2018 at 03:49 PM