

Celebrating the Life of

A portrait of Donald Whitaker, a man with a beard and sunglasses, wearing a white t-shirt. The background is a sunset over a body of water, with the sun low on the horizon.

Donald Whitaker

Sunrise
May 31, 1932

Sunset
May 14, 2020

Sunday, June 7, 2020 - 3pm

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Obituary

Donald Whitaker was born on May 31, 1932 in Einfield, North Carolina.

He enlisted in the Army and fought in the Korean War. He was later released with an honorable discharge. He became an apprentice, and he typed 108 words per minute!

Donald met and married Pauline Johnson, who became Pauline Whitaker. They had two children, Merna and Ronald Whitaker; and they stayed married for over 50 years.

Donald was a very loving father and husband. He loved all sports, but his favorite was football! He educated me all about the game. For a man of his age his mind was extremely sharp! He was able to name all the football players' positions and their names.

I can truly say he was an amazing father, but unfortunately due to kidney failure he passed away. He will be laid to rest amongst his peers at Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton, New York.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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