



Earl Whitmore

March 4, 1934 - August 22, 2017

Earl Whitmore age 83 of Rockdale passed away on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 in the Scott & White Hospital in Temple. Funeral service will be held 10:00 AM Friday August 25, 2017 at the First Baptist Church in Rockdale with Ben Kennedy, Chaplain of the Texas Fire Fighters and Fire Marshal's Association and Pastor Matt Higginbotham of the First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rockdale. Visitation will be held on Thursday August 24, 2017 from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Earl was born on March 4, 1934 in McLennan County, Texas, he was the son of Robert and Alta (Webb) Whitmore. He has lived in Rockdale since 1970 moving here from McGregor. He and Dixie Whisenant were married on May 30, 1958 in McGregor. Earl worked in the Potrooms at Alcoa, Rockdale Operations, he retired on July 1, 1996 after 26 ½ years. He graduated from Midway High School in Waco and attended Baylor University for three years, he served in the U.S. Army from July of 1955 until April of 1957. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rockdale, he was ordained as a Deacon in 1961 at the McGregor Baptist Church and served as Deacon in several Churches until 2011. He was a member of the Rockdale Volunteer Fire Department where he has served as the Fire Chief, a member of the former Rockdale Volunteer E.M.S., a member of the Texas Fire Fighters and Fire Marshal's Association, and had served as the Fire Marshal and Fire

Investigator for the City of Rockdale. He served as Chaplain for the Central Texas Fireman and Fire Marshal's Association from 1993 until 2011, and a member of TRIAD where served as Treasurer. He was a C.P.R. instructor for the American Heart Association for over 30 years and volunteered his time to teach C.P.R. at Rockdale I.S.D. He also drove the wheel chair van for Scott & White Hospital and Central Texas E.M.S. and had worked for Scott & White E.M.S. He also enjoyed collecting Fire Department patches and Fire Association Commemorative belt buckles.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, also two brothers, JE Whitmore in January 2003 and Wayne Whitmore on August 15, 2017.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Dixie Whitmore of Rockdale; two sons, Robert E. Whitmore and wife Cindy of Milano and Roger W. Whitmore and wife Jessie of Rockdale; two sisters, Jane Smith of Oglesby and Wanda Weber and husband Kermit of Bedias; a sister-in-law, Kaye Whitmore of Duncanville; four grandchildren, Jessica LeeAnne Whitmore, Christopher Bryan Tenner, Clair Rose Whitmore and Juliette Elise Whitmore, all of Rockdale. Also, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Pallbearers will be Henry Horelica, Mike Korenek, Elvis McQuinn, Elbert Page, Lee Parsley, Henry Perry, Ward Roddam, Michael Stewart, Herbie Vaughn.

Honorary pallbearers will be First Baptist Church Deacons along with members of the Fire Department.

Cemetery Details

I.O.O.F. Cemetery

850 N. Main St.
Rockdale, TX 76567

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 24. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
phillips_luckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Church Service

AUG 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Rockdale
240 Green Street
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall

GG

“ *Earl was my cousin by marriage, but more like a brother! His warmth, humor, kind heart and downright sense of story-telling and good advice drew many to him. It was always fun to hear his stories. I was privileged to have known this Christian brother for many, many years. He and Dixie were a perfect match and a pleasure to spend time with. I will always miss those good times with him.*

*Sincerely,
Gloria Waller Galindo*

Gloria Galindo - October 01, 2017 at 10:25 PM

JR

“ *Dear Dixie, so sorry for your loss,,,,,but i was happy to be able to have prayer with Mr. Earl several days ago.....Tony and i thank you so much for you dedication to Crimson River Ministries....i know you and Earl enjoyed it so much.....We know that Earl is in Heaven and is able to praise his Lord forever and forever.....our prayers are with you Dixie during this time.....God Bless you.....James and Wanda Rhoads.... Tony and Rhonda Watson and the entire Crimson River Family.....*

jame rhoads - August 25, 2017 at 02:05 PM

DE

“ *Dixie and family, please know my sincere thoughts and condolences are with you. You two are special.*

Dale Evers - August 25, 2017 at 09:58 AM

BA

“ *My deepest condolences to the family.*

My friend and coffee buddy from the table of knowledge. Truly the end of an era.

Happy trails Earl!

Barkley

Barkley Alford - August 24, 2017 at 07:37 PM

MM

“ *We are sorry for your loss. Dixie, you & Earl have always had a special place in our heart as long time friends. We have many fond memories of both of you. We will keep you in our thoughts & prayers. Charlie & Margaret Maddux*

Margaret Maddux - August 24, 2017 at 03:23 PM

CA

“ *Central Texas Fireman's Fire Marshal Association purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Earl Whitmore.*



Central Texas Fireman's Fire Marshal Association - August 24, 2017 at 12:21 PM



“ *Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earl Whitmore.*



August 24, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ *WILLIAM H SKY EAGLE purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Earl Whitmore.*



WILLIAM H SKY EAGLE - August 24, 2017 at 11:14 AM



“ *His smile. His gentle laugh. His strong desire to get along. Earl was a great man to have around. He had a servant's heart. Rockdale has lost a truly wonderful man.*

morris cook - August 24, 2017 at 10:29 AM



What a dedicated public servant. His photo must have appeared in The Rockdale Reporter a hundred times or more over the years in his role as a first responder with the EMS and then with the Rockdale Volunteer Fire Department, answering the call at all hours, in any weather, and so professionally and efficiently. Peace and strength to the family.

bill cooke

bill cooke - August 24, 2017 at 04:18 PM

JF

“ Jack and Mary Schneebeli and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Earl Whitmore.



Jack and Mary Schneebeli and family - August 24, 2017 at 10:29 AM

TM

“ My thoughts and prayers goes out to the Whitmore family. Mr. Whitmore and Mrs. Whitmore were our neighbors. Also, Mr. Whitmore was on the EMS with my dad for many years. He also went to church with us at Meadowbrook Baptist Church. He will be missed. God bless.



Terry Mowdy

Terry Mowdy - August 24, 2017 at 09:26 AM

PT

“ Prism Electric - Austin Service Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Earl Whitmore.



Prism Electric - Austin Service Team - August 24, 2017 at 08:45 AM

LM

“ No one can prepare you for the loss of your father. At this difficult time in your life, we pray that God will grant you the peace you need to get through this. Sincere condolences!

Lisa Moulder - August 24, 2017 at 07:49 AM

MF

“ I can never remember a time when I did not know Earl and the Whitmore family and Dixie and her family. The whitmores were our closest neighbors with children the ages of myself and sister .Earl, Dixie and I all grew up in College Ave. Bapt Church in McGregor together. Earl and Dixie were both such wonderful examples for those of us following behind them. Earl and I always rode the school bus together where he and his brother J.E. were like my big brothers. I will always remember Earl for his great smile and happiness. Whenever I saw him. he always had a hug for me. I'm so glad he was my Christian brother, protector when needed, and great friend. Loved you Earl.

Martha McKey Fulp - August 24, 2017 at 06:14 AM

MZ

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. We loved Earl Whitmore. He was a great man, that will be missed by many. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike and Beckie Zelisko - August 23, 2017 at 09:48 PM

PM

My thoughts and prayers are with all the Whitmore Family. Mr. Whitmore will be missed by many.

Peggy Bell Morton - August 24, 2017 at 10:11 AM



“ Mr. Earl and I served in the Volunteer EMS..I not only have a lot of respect for him but his dear sweet wife Dixie , my friend of 25 years, God hold you dear sweet friends, our deepest condolences..We love you

Norma Dawson - August 23, 2017 at 09:41 PM