



## Hal H. Whitaker Jr.

June 2, 1935 - October 18, 2017

Hal H. "Dee Dee" Whitaker Jr., 82, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, October 18, 2017. He was born one of seven children to Hal H. Sr. and Nancy Elizabeth Whitaker on June 2, 1935. He grew up in Clarke County and moved to Laurel around 1953. He worked as a saw filer for many years and retired from Hood Industries in Waynesboro. He met the love of his life in 1955 and married Ruby L. Aaron on March 22, 1957. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Calhoun where he served as a deacon and member of the choir. He was a quiet, gentle man who spoke volumes by the way he lived his life and his love for the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hal H. Whitaker Sr. and Nancy E. Whitaker; brothers, Gary and Jimmy Whitaker; brothers-in-law, Eugene West and Charlie Dixon; and son-n-law, Roy M. Ishee.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ruby L. and two daughters, Robin E. Ishee and Connie E. Cantrell; sisters, Marie West and Eva Dixon of Quitman; brothers, John R. (Linda) Whitaker of Amarillo, TX and J. D. (Barbara) Whitaker of Lucedale; and sister-in-law, Peggy Whitaker of Quitman.

He is also survived by grandchildren, April Cantrell, Michael (Leslie) Ishee and Lesa (Lester) Parish; great grandchildren, Keller and Kasey Ishee, Nicole (Darrell) Patrick and Denton (Paige) Parish, and great-great grandchildren,

Tristan and Logan Patrick, Elizabeth Elaine Patrick and Presley Laine Parish; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to the staff of Comfort Care Nursing Home, Dr. James Beasley, Dr. Kimberly Dobbs, Dr. Mark Norton, and staff at Jefferson Medical Associates, and to Dr. David Harrison and staff at South Central Regional Medical Center.

Visitation will be from 5 until 8 p.m. Friday, October 20, 2017 at Memory Chapel. Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Memory Chapel. Bro. Leon Carmical and Bro. Don Brown will officiate. Interment will be at Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Donald P. West, Mike Ishee, Denton Parish, Robert West, Charles Long, and David Davis.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Gardens Cemetery

2151 US-184  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
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memorychapel@comcast.net  
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## Service

OCT **21**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JH

“ So sorry to learn Jr. has died. He was very special to me and our family. God blessed both he and Ruby when He brought them together. I am the granddaughter to Chester and Senie Whitaker. Estelle was my mother. Love and prayers, Jane Upton Henderson

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**Jane Upton Henderson** - October 19, 2017 at 07:31 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for God's comfort and peace during these days.

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**Amy Busby** - October 19, 2017 at 08:13 AM