



Jay Van Whitlock

May 31, 1926 - June 30, 2016

In the Bible the writer of the book of James reveals “My dear friends! Everyone must be quick to listen, but slow to speak and slow to become angry”. If one were to describe the life of Van Whitlock, it would be most applicable to the manner in which he lived his life. Van was born May 31, 1926 in the farming community of Shake Rag in Fayette County, Georgia. He was one of ten children born to the late Marcus Fletcher and Lillie Ora Chandler Whitlock, a well-known family who made their living off the land and their skills as farmers. Large families were the norm because of the many hands needed to keep a large farm going. Van was the last of the surviving children. As he completed his education, the country was deep into the midst of World War II and like so many of his day he answered the call and was inducted into the Army. He served until the end of the war. In 1952 he married JoAnn Newby and for the next 64 years they shared a wonderful life together. Their family became an integral part of the life of White Oak Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. For 30 years, he was a loyal employee of The Ford Motor Company assembly plant in Hapeville. Surviving Van is his wife Jo Ann Newby Whitlock and his daughters Jill Whitlock Wilson, Jerri Whitlock and Chris Ritts. He was an exemplary grandfather to Joshua Hunter and Donna Wilson, Christopher Jay Wilson, Cody Alexander Whitlock and Michael Sergey Whitlock. His great grandchildren are Noah Wilson-Sizemore, J. D. Wilson, Kynsli Wilson and Kyptin Wilson. Family and friends are invited to attend a worship service in celebration of Van’s life at White Oak ARP Church

on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 11:00 AM. His family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 AM in the church sanctuary. Interment will be in the church cemetery with appropriate military honors by The United States Army. While flowers are a thoughtful remembrance, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made in Van's honor to his beloved White Oak Presbyterian Church 2796 Gordon Road Senoia, GA 30276. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

White Oak Assoc. Reformed Presbyterian Cemetery

2796 Gordon Road
Senoia, GA 30276

Tribute Wall

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“ *This was and still in my heart is my great grandfather. He was so amazing and joyful to everyone he met. I love you Pops! You will forever be in our memory- Your great granddaughter Kynsli Wilson*

Kynsli - January 27, 2020 at 05:32 PM

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“ *My Uncle Van and Aunt Joann always had smiles and hugs for everyone. Their love for each other and the Lord was always present.
Momma, Doris Whitlock Holcomb, and Uncle Van & Aunt JoAnn shared many good laughs together and we're in touch daily by phone for years! Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you!
Take care, hugs! Randy & Kathy (Holcomb) Bryan*

Kathy - July 04, 2016 at 08:23 PM

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Joann, Jill, Jerri & families - I am sorry I wasn't able to be with you yesterday for the service. Each of you are in our thoughts & prayers. I shall always remember Van's warm & welcoming smile. With sincere condolences - Our love - Denise (Whitlock) & Ron Grove

Denise Whitlock Grove - July 06, 2016 at 04:16 PM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll during this difficult time.
Susan and Ronnie Whatley*

Susan and Ronnie Whatley - July 03, 2016 at 09:28 PM

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“ *Whitlock family,*

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Mike and Deborah Ivie

Mike and Deborah Ivie - July 03, 2016 at 12:26 PM