



## Samuel Delbert Whitley

August 5, 1934 - May 15, 2020

Samuel Delbert Whitley, Jr.  
1934-2020

Mr. Samuel Delbert Whitley, Jr., age 85, of Moreland, GA passed away Friday, May 15, 2020 at Emory Hospital in Atlanta. Mr. Whitley was born on August 5, 1934 to the late Samuel D. Whitley, Sr. and the late Rebecca Whitley. He is preceded in death by his wife, Bernice M. Whitley; and son, Tony Whitley.

He is survived by his daughter, Cathy West; his son, Tim Whitley; grandchildren, Brian (Trish) Whitley, Beth (John) Walker, Christy (Michael) Bowie, Jeromy Hayes, Tiffany (Tyler) Bullock, and Ashlie Whitley and her fiancé Jarid; 11 great grandchildren; and his sister, Rachel Whitley.

A service to celebrate the life of Mr. Whitley will be held at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at Southview Cemetery in Moreland with Rev. Glenn Whitley officiating.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory | 770-253-4580



# Cemetery Details

## Southview Cemetery

Harris Street (PO Box 201)  
Moreland, GA 30259

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Graveside Southview Cemetery  
Harris Street  
Moreland, GA 30259

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Mr.Sam was a good man and a friend , I hate to hear of Sam passing he will dearly be missed by everyone that knew him. Our prayers go out to the family .*

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**russell stitcher** - May 19, 2020 at 08:36 AM

LP

“ *Mr. Sam was such a wonderful man, it was an honor to know him and the family. This world is a better place because of the gentle and kind Christian spirit he exemplified every day. I know he is heaven right now with my daddy no doubt recalling all the ballgames and players they both loved so much. Linda Pike*



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**Linda F Pike** - May 19, 2020 at 12:23 AM

RC

“ To the Whitley Family... Your father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother was one of the most friendliest individuals that I have ever met and I have met a lot people in my lifetime. As you know, I loved this man just like he was a brother. There were many times I wonder how it would have been to have him as an older brother since I never had a brother. As far as I can remember, I've know him since I was a young teenager growing up in Moreland. I remember him and his wife attending just about every softball at the Moreland field when I was playing ball there. It had been years since I had seen him and Ms. Bernice due to the fact I left Moreland in 1971 to pursue an Air Force career. One night in early 2001, I had stopped at the old Williams Travel Plaza (now the Pilot) to get fuel, get something to eat, and to take a shower. As I was walking into the restaurant, we spotted each other. He looked at me and asked "Is that you, Ray Craven". I said "yes". He then said "you look like a trucker driver". I said "yes, I am". He then said "I knew you had retired from the Air Force, but I had no idea you were driving an 18-wheeler". We talked a few minutes, then I had to leave and head toward my destination. From that night forward, we kept in touch with each other on a frequent basis. I couldn't start to tell how many times we ran into each other, or we made plans to met each other at the Pilot and/or at the Huddle House for a meal and/or just to spend a few minutes together. Many times, I would leave my truck at either place and we would go to the KFC on Hwy 34 and eat chicken together. If I called him up and told him I was coming through, he was there to met me. Once, I remember parking my truck and trailer on U.S. Hwy 29 at the end of Carroll Street and walking down to his house just to see him for a few minutes and gladly accept some of those delicious and beautify tomatoes that he gave me. I was family to him and he was family to me. I'll never forget the way he treated me. I've been retired from over-the-road trailer-trucking now for over 7 years. Since then and up to about 2 years ago, I called him just about weekly and we talked for hours too numerous times to count. The last time that I saw him was on June 11, 2016. I had attended the Couch reunion in Newnan and I stopped by to see him on my way back to Ft. Walton Beach, FL where I live. He always was

*happy when I stopped by. And, it was always a pleasure to visit with him. The last time that I talked to him was on his birthday 3 years ago (2017). I could tell he was beginning to forget things. I asked him if he knew who I was. He replied "I know your voice, but I can't remember your name". Because of that, it hit me hard. It had been almost 2 years since I had been able to get any of the family on the phone. I called numerous times, left messages, but no response. I will always cherish his love, his kindness, and his honesty. This man will be missed by me and all who knew him. I just wish from the bottom of my heart that I could attend his funeral. However, there are other factors that keep me from being there. I thank God so very much that Sam and I were very good friends for so many years. Just remember--he loved his family, his wife, and his dogs, Blue and Toby. May God be with all the family, his friends, and all who knew him.*

*Ray Craven  
Ft. Walton Beach, FL*

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**Ray Craven** - May 18, 2020 at 09:26 PM

BW

*Mr. Ray,  
I am Beth and Sam was my grandfather (my Papa). I am Brian's sister. I know you reached out to him on facebook late last week. Brian sent me what you sent him and asked me to read it to Papa. I was on my way to the hospital on Friday to do that. But, Papa passed away as I was walking in. This message about him doesn't surprise me in the least but it is so heartwarming to read. We loved Papa with everything in us and we appreciate you reaching out and sharing this. Thank you!*

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**Beth Walker** - May 20, 2020 at 07:50 PM

TB

“ We were sorry to hear of Mr. Whitley's passing. Being both from Moreland we use to see one another at various local eating places for a long time at Red Rooster in Luthersville. His son Tony and I played ball together Little League and Babe Ruth on the same teams in Moreland/Grantville as well attending Moreland school back in our boyhood. I remember most that Mr. and Mrs. Whitley were always there to cheer us on and to support his son. We pray that God's blessings be on his family at this time.

*Sincerely,*

*Tom and Cindy Barnett  
Harold Barnett Family*

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**Tom Barnett** - May 17, 2020 at 04:44 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel Delbert Whitley.*



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May 17, 2020 at 01:58 PM

MB

“ *Enjoyed our holiday and family get togethers with Mr. Whitley and my dad. They were a lot alike. He was a good man, and will be missed but his memories will always live on in our hearts! You are all in my thoughts and prayers!*



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**Melba Bowie** - May 16, 2020 at 09:32 PM

EM

*Cathy, Eddie and I are so sorry to hear about Mr Sam. He was a good friend and neighbor to Rose. We will be keeping all of you in our prayers.*

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**Eddie and Rita McMichael** - May 17, 2020 at 02:01 PM

JU

*I'll miss you Papa! AKA MOD!!!*

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**Judy** - May 18, 2020 at 01:18 PM