



Joe E. Whetsell M.D.

February 8, 1931 - July 29, 2021

Joe E. Whetsell, M.D. went to be with his Lord and Savior on July 29, 2021. Born February 8, 1931 in Dillard, Oklahoma to Lyndall James and Angela Louise Whetsell. He went to public school in Tulsa, OK and Houston, TX. Graduated from San Jacinto High School in Houston in 1949. He was selected the All City Basketball Player in 1949. He attended Rice University premed, University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, TX and graduated in 1956. He then joined the US Navy and was on active duty for 11 years and the reserves for 17 years.

While in the Navy, he obtained his gastroenterology subspecialty in San Francisco. He was sent to Philadelphia General Hospital to help set up the GI program there.

In 1968 he moved to Tyler and joined Medical & Surgical Clinic as Internist/Gastroenterologist (being the first gastroenterologist in Tyler.) He practiced medicine in Tyler from 1968-2001.

In 1974 he married Linda Kay Connally. Together they loved traveling the world especially Alaska and Hawaii.

Joe was a member of Pollard United Methodist Church, American Medical Society, American College of Physicians and TMA. He loved gardening and was a member of Tyler Men's Garden Club, Smith County Master Gardener, Tyler Rose Society and Tyler Camellia Society.

He was very interested in French wines and collected wines for many years. He gave many lectures on wines.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lyndell James Whetsell; mother, Angela Louise Whetsell; sister, Yvonne Marie Whetsell; mother-in-law Janice Connally Corley; brother-in-law, William I. Connally; and father-in-law, Walter E. Connally.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Linda Kay Whetsell; children, James Albert Whetsell of Everett, WA; Michael Ernest Whetsell (Lynne) of Glenpool, OK; daughter, Catherine Anne Humphries (Dewey) of Bullard; daughter, Aimee Marie Beasley (Mike Johnson) of Mounds, OK; son, Joseph Kenneth Whetsell (Marion) of Whitewright, TX; sister, Aimee Kinard of Phoenix, AZ; and sister-in-law, Sharon Connally of Yukon, OK; 9 grandchildren; 2 great-granddaughters; Manu, the parrot; and Angie, the white standard poodle.

Pallbearers will be 5 grandsons, Jordan Whetsell, James Whetsell, Ryan Beasley, Shayne Humphries, Ricky Jones and Dr. David Beard.

Honorary pallbearers will be Mike Floyd, Dr. Duane Andrews, Monroe Martin and Woody Woodson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Joe's memory to Bethesda Health Clinic (www.bethesdaclinic.org) 409 W. Ferguson, Tyler, TX 75702; Pets Fur People (www.petsfurpeople.org) P.O. Box 6151, Tyler, TX 75711; or The Hospice of East Texas (www.hospiceofeasttexas.org) 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701.

Visitation with the Whetsell family will be held Monday, August 2, 2021 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, TX 75701. Funeral services will be Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery, 7825 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

AUG 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joe E. Whetsell M.D.



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 02, 2021 at 01:24 PM

GG

Such a wonderful life & family!! We shared love of Camellias 🌸

Greta Gustafson - August 03, 2021 at 05:41 PM

GW

“ Linda Kay, I'm so sorry to hear about Joe. Such a lovely, fun man! I really enjoyed the visit to Houston a while back and getting to know both of you better after all these years. My mom and Dad loved him so much. Mom has always talked to me over the years about Joe and always had some wonderful stories. He will be missed. Hugs to you from Phoenix. Take care, Gina Walters

Gina Walters - August 15, 2021 at 09:39 PM

RT

“ Linda Kay...So sorry I did not hear until last night that Joe left us.. Too late to have made Joe's service today, but I want you to know that I have been thinking about Joe all day and have not been able to get anything done. I have lots of memories of joe from 9th grade and since. We were closer friends back then double dating and sleep overs, parties, basketball, Church and High School activities. It was a grand time. Didn't see him after we graduated, but kept up and then while we were on our Honeymoon visited with him in Galveston when he was in Med. School. From then it was just High School reunions and get to gathers with friends in Houston. I grieve with you and hope you take a little comfort knowing that he is greatly missed by Jamey and I. Richard C. and Jamey S. Tanner.

Richard C. Tanner - August 03, 2021 at 05:38 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joe E. Whetsell M.D..



August 03, 2021 at 11:37 AM

GP

“ MRS WHETSELL I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT DR.JOE HE WAS A GOOD MAN AND A VERY GOOD DOCTOR GOD BLESS GLENDA PRUITT

glenda pruit - August 03, 2021 at 11:11 AM

TF

“ *The Sykes Family purchased the A Full Life for the family of Joe E. Whetsell M.D..*



The Sykes Family - August 02, 2021 at 08:45 PM

NC

“ *Joe Ed was such a treasure and full of life. He enjoyed his "Red Dragon" & nicknamed my Malibu Maxx "The Gray Ghost". The world was better with him in it and he will surely be missed. Rest in Peace now Joe Ed. ♡ Until we meet again.*



Nikki Cole - August 02, 2021 at 03:37 PM



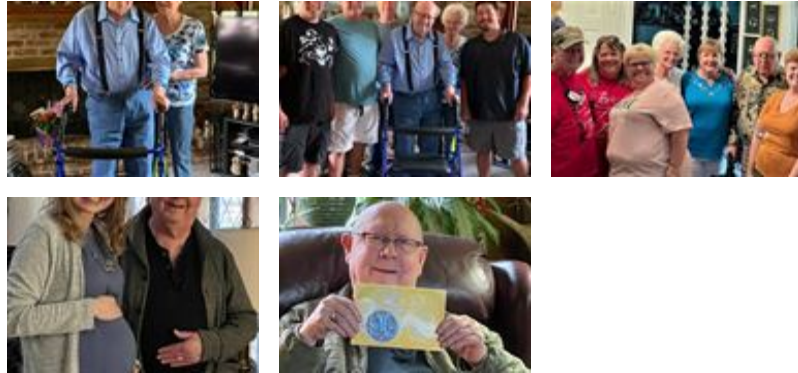
“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Joe E. Whetsell M.D..*



August 02, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ 88 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 02, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Joe E. Whetsell M.D..



August 01, 2021 at 12:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joe E. Whetsell M.D..



August 01, 2021 at 11:46 AM

VL

“ *Val Link lit a candle in memory of Joe E. Whetsell M.D.*



Val Link - August 01, 2021 at 09:35 AM

LT

“ *Lynda Tippit lit a candle in memory of Joe E. Whetsell M.D.*



Lynda Tippit - August 01, 2021 at 08:50 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Joe E. Whetsell M.D..*



July 31, 2021 at 04:32 PM

KD

“ *Dr. Whetsell was a great physician and I treasure him as a true friend! Praying for Linda and all of the family 🙏🙏🙏*



Karen Damon - July 31, 2021 at 02:13 PM