



Norman Whitehorn

November 19, 1926 - February 22, 2012

Services for Norman Cecil Whitehorn, 85, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2012, at 2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Mike Thomley and Hal Lister officiating. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Dr. Whitehorn passed away Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at M. D.

Anderson in Houston. Dr. Whitehorn was born November 19, 1926 in Mrytle, Mississippi where he graduated from high school and entered military service in 1945. After his discharge from the Army, he attended Freed-Hardeman College in Tennessee for two years and then two years at Abilene Christian College where he received his bachelor's degree in 1950. He received his Master's (1966) and PhD (1978) degrees from Texas A&M University. He was a veteran of WWII and his career included 14 years with Shell Pipeline Corporation in Kilgore and Houston and 27 years with the Texas A&M University System in College Station and Overton. Dr. Whitehorn retired in 1991 and was awarded Associate Professor and Extension Specialist in Emeritus status. While working as an Extension Specialist he received numerous awards, including the award for superior service, and citations from local, state and federal governmental agencies. He has published numerous research articles and reports for small cities and towns all over Texas. He was baptized into Christ when he was 12 years old and has been a faithful member of the Church of Christ for more than 70 years. He has developed many bible school workbooks for both high school and adult classes for use

by members in the congregations where he was a member. In addition, he served as an elder in Twin city Church of Christ in College Station for 4 years and in the Rice Road Church of Christ in Tyler for over 26 years. He also preached for over 50 years in Churches of Christ throughout East Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee. Dr. Whitehorn has lived in Tyler for 30 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Sophie Whitehorn of Myrtle, Mississippi; brother, Walter Whitehorn of Fort Collins, Colorado and Nathan Whitehorn of Ripley, Tennessee; sisters, Gladys Jones of Nashville, Tennessee and Nettie Ward of Fairfield Bay, Arkansas and a brother and sister, Alton and Laverne of Myrtle, who died as infants in 1940. He is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years and eight months, Darlene Emberlin Whitehorn; sons, Stan Whitehorn and wife Kay of Tyler and Gary Whitehorn and wife Janet of Longview; six grandchildren, Zachary Whitehorn and wife Lydia of Euless, Ashley and husband Layne Mathews of Tyler, Hunter Whitehorn of Tyler, Garrett Whitehorn, Alina and husband Shane Millard and Deanna Whitehorn of Longview; two great-grandchildren, Romynn and Makai Mathews; brothers, Wallace Whitehorn of Pound, Virginia and George Whitehorn of Franklin, Tennessee; three sisters, Lois Dodson of Cordova, Tennessee, Dorothy Trimm of Olive Branch, Mississippi and Lovie Johnson of Elberta, Alabama. Pallbearers will be Zack Whitehorn, Hunter Whitehorn, Garrett Whitehorn (grandsons) and Layne Mathews, Shane Millard, Kenny Bryant and Shane Tate. Honorary pallbearers will be Hal Lister, Jerry Carson, Alfred Pylant, Joe Harding, Tim Harding, J.B. Goolsby, Lawrence Tate and Tim Beirnacki. Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday, February 25, 2012 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

Tribute Wall

LG

“ Dear Sister Whitehorn & family,

We express to you our sincere sympathy in your loss of Brother Whitehorn. It has been a pleasure knowing him for a number of years. He will be missed by us and by many who loved and respected him.

Leon & Alma Goff

Leon & Alma Goff - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. What comfort to know the kind of man Uncle Norman was and that he is in a better place now. We love you all.*

Mike and Melba Justice - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ Norman was of tremendous importance to the cause of Christ in the early years of the Twin City Church of Christ, first in Bryan and then in College Station. I recall as a 1967 freshman at A&M the Whitehorn family would insure the young men who attended A&M in those years would have transport from the campus to Temple Freda in Bryan which the Twin City Church rented for Sunday and Wednesday services. The congregation was small, numbering under 30, but exhorted in the most marvelous way by Norman and Darlene. Those exhortations took root as many young Christian men went forward in life to be Elders and leaders of Churches throughout Texas. From the small root of those early years a large tree of hundreds of Christians in the Bryan-College Station area has now grown great and strong. Norman had an enourmous influence for good and many, many souls have been saved through his efforts. Elizabeth and I mourn his passing but know that Heaven is his home. Our love is extended to Daelene and the entire Whitehorn family. God bless and keep you.

Steve and Elizabeth Voss - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Heaven is receiving another good Christian man. JD will be glad to see him again. our thoughts and prayers are with you.

kenneth plunk - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ What a fine shepherd to "our flock" he has been. He will be missed so much, but I am so thankful to have known him.

May our Lord comfort his family and give them "peace".

Chris Glover - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Bo and I are so sorry. We are thinking about you. You and your family are in our prayers.*

Mary Meadows Harrel - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *To a devout Christian with a lifetime of commitment to his Lord, death is not the end but the beginng of a new existence that our Lord has promised. So it is with Norman. As mortals we cannot totally comprehend an eternal home in the Lord's presence, but one's faith makes the grief and saddness of those left behind enduring as they look forward to the ultimate heavenly reunion.*

Remembering Norman Whitehorn, while inundated by grief now, will become over time, a wonderful event because remembering him will be to acknowledge all the wonderful characteristics that made him a compelling teacher and mentor, deliverer of Christ's message, compassionate practioner of the Golden Rule, a wise father whose wisdom has increased with the aging of his children, and the loving and honored lifemate to Darlene.

God be with you Darlene, Stan, Gary and your families.

Steve&Laura Blair - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ We are saddened and yet rejoice that our brother Norman can go on to receive the reward for which he has worked so hard and long.

I wish I could be there to give you a big hug like our brother did so often for others. You are in our prayers --

Love,

Tim & Diane

Timothy Glover - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ We were saddened to learn of Norman's passing and were sorry that we are not able to attend tomorrow's memorial service. But we have many fond memories of Norman and the family during our time together in College Station and Twin City.

May God grant you the comfort and peace that only He can impart.

Chester and Betty

Chester and Betty St. Clair - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ So sorry to hear of Norman's passing. Our blessings to the family

Sybil Wilson & family - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ I OF THE ONE NICEST MEN. ARE A TRUE CHRISTIAN.

ROBERT GOODMAN - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Norman Whitehorn*

Don & Jeanetta Teague - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *What a wonderful service for a fine Christian man. YOU will be missed by all of us very much. Thank you for your Christain example to us all.*

Jewel

Jewel James - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *I will truly miss seeing Uncle Norman at the reunions. He was a great man an so well respected by his siblings. My mother always talked so highly of Him and Darlene. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Daniel R. Babb - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM