



# **Barbara Jean Beaton Whitaker**

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**B**arbara Jean Beaton Whitaker, 91, passed away on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 in Memphis, Tennessee, after a recurrence of cancer. She was a homemaker. She was also a member of Highland Heights Presbyterian Church for over fifty years. Mrs. Whitaker graduated from Mississippi State College for Women (MSCW) and worked as a freelance artist for both Goldsmith's Department Stores and for Cook and Love Shoes. She was a Member of the Memphis Calligraphy Guild. Mrs. Whitaker was preceded in death by her parents, Malcolm D. and Flossie Beaton, her brothers, Malcolm Beaton, James Beaton and Joseph Beaton, sister Nelle E. Hayles and a daughter-in-law, Alyson Worley Whitaker. She is survived by her loving husband of sixty-eight years, James M. Whitaker, Sr., her sons, James "Jimmy" M. Whitaker, Jr. (Nancy, former daughter-in-law), Brian D. Whitaker and Bradford "Brad" Beaton Whitaker, daughter, Barbara L. Whitaker, six grandchildren, Nancyanne Page Whitaker Hickman, James "Jimmy" M. Whitaker, III., Alyson Elizabeth Whitaker Namanny (Joel), Bradford "Whit" B. Whitaker, Jr. (Rachael), Hannah Grace Whitaker Miller (Matthew) and Benjamin Worley Whitaker (Carmen, soon to be granddaughter-in-law) and several nieces and nephews. The family will receive relatives and friends on Friday, March 8 from 6pm until 8pm at Highland Heights Presbyterian Church, 2855 Morning Sun Road in Cordova. The funeral will be held on Saturday, March 9 at 11am also at the church. The interment service will be at 2:30pm at Memorial Park Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Avenue in Memphis. Memorial contributions can be made in Mrs. Whitakers name to Highland Heights Presbyterian Church.



## Tribute Wall

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KA

**Kay** posted:

I am truly sorry for your loss. May you find comfort and strength from knowing that during such difficult times God is close to you (Psalm 34:18).

March 10 at 12:35 PM

CH

**Charma Colton Harrison** posted:

I will never forget as a child and living across the street from the Whitakers. One of my best memories of Mrs. Whitaker was when I was sick, she brought over to my house a bowl of jello with a cute little drawing on a toothpick sticking out of the jello. I must have been about 6 at the time, but that loving thought has gone a long way. Jimmy and I would play in our yards and climb trees. Wonderful memories and a wonderful childhood with friends who knew the meaning of being a good neighbor. -Charma Colton Harrison

March 9 at 9:05 AM

LR

**Louie Riddick** posted:

Praying for peace and comfort for all the Whitaker family. Jean was such a sweetheart...always one of my favorites to visit with at family reunions. Love to you all!

March 6 at 3:57 PM



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