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Dr. James M. Whitaker, Jr., 67 of Memphis passed away on October 4, 2020. He was a retired Memphis City Schools science teacher and spent the last 6 years teaching chemistry at Center Hill High School in DeSoto County, MS. Dr Whitaker was preceded in death by his parents, Mr and Mrs. James Whitaker, Sr., and his brother, Brian D. Whitaker. He leaves a son, James M. Whitaker, III, daughter, Nancyanne Whitaker Hickman, sister, Barbara Whitaker, brother Brad Whitaker. A memorial service will be held from 10 until 11 on Monday, October 19, 2020 at Highland Heights Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Highland Heights Presbyterian Church, 2855 Morning Sun, Cordova, TN, 38016.



Events

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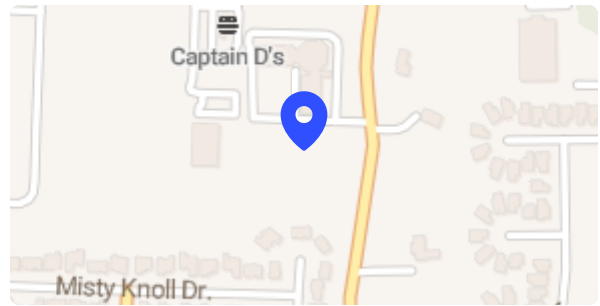
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Memorial Service

 **Monday**, October 19, 2020


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

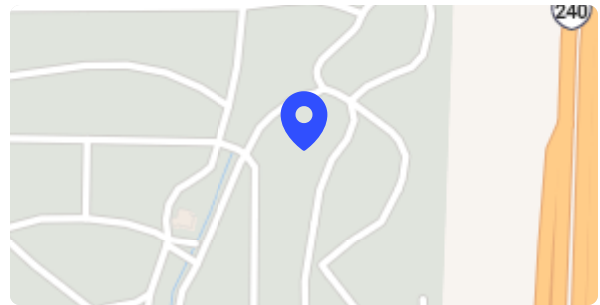
 **Highland Heights Presbyterian Church**
2855 Morning Sun Rd., Cordova TN 38016



Cemetery Details

 **Memorial Park Cemetery**
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis TN 38119

 **(901) 445-8475**





Tribute Wall

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CL

Carl Long posted:

Dr. Whitaker was a very kind-hearted, hard-working, student loving teacher who would always do his best to teach the kids and help them where he could. I just found out which is why this is late. I worked with Dr. Whitaker and he was my mentor in the science department at Hamilton High. I worked with him for 11 years. He taught me the chemistry labs that I use today in my current teaching assignment, which is near where he last worked. I had started to write an email to him at the beginning of this school year but never finished it, as I wanted to work with him on some AP Chemistry labs. I always thought that he would be there and I wish I had finished that correspondence. I knew his mannerisms and his meticulousness. He worked long hours and went out of his way to help the school in a variety of activities, whether for graduation, the science club, or anything that he wanted to help with. He would even do make-up labs after school for absent students which I have rarely heard of. He taught me a lot and I will never forget his devotion to students and to his belief in God. I am sure Dr. Whitaker is teaching some hands-on science somewhere in Heaven now. Carl Long

May 19 at 1:50 PM

TH

Tammany Harrison posted:

Thank you for caring and sharing your knowledge of the sciences to all of us. You always carried positive thoughts. I can hear your words so clearly when the class or a student would do something out of character, you would say, "You know what...you shouldn't do that," and with the most sincerest and concerned look we knew you meant business. You were a great teacher and an awesome colleague to my father who taught Math/Trig right above your floor. May you rest well and your family know that you made a huge difference in so many students lives. Thank you for sharing his time and wisdom with us. Blessings to you all. May you rest in perfect peace.

January 31 at 3:46 PM

JE

John Eidsmoe posted:

Jimmy, I will always remember you for your dedication to Biblical and constitutional principles and your determination to stand by them and live by them. I see that your students and their parents loved you, and you did much for them that went beyond the call of duty but helped them get scholarships and find success in life. Until the trumpet sounds and our Lord Jesus Christ returns, rest well. Godspeed, John Eidsmoe

December 19 at 8:30 AM



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RO

Roni posted:

This truly hurts. Dr. Whitaker was an amazing human with a zest for knowledge and a passion for imparting knowledge upon others. I was a freshman in his honors biology class in which he was initially chastised for his daily uniform of blue button downs and khakis (add navy sweaters during winter months); and very soon after adored for his commitment to us —the students customarily deemed unworthy. That first few months in his classroom after we'd become quite acquainted with Dr. Whitaker's classroom and personal standards, a fellow student asked if he distributed candy for Halloween knowing the answer was no. He replied that he'd had a party for his children and they bobbed for apples out of concern for the health of the children and that he did not pass out cavity encouraging candy. That memory brings to me a smile this Halloween. He wrote several earnest letters of recommendation for me which contributed to several academic scholarships. I was grateful to him then as I am now and so cherish sharing space and time with such a wonderful human. You left the world better than you found it Dr. Whitaker. Thank you.

October 31 at 5:37 PM

CC

Carly Corzine posted:

I loved having you as my teacher. You made sure to always have a smile on your face. Thank you for inspiring me to become better.

October 21 at 6:03 AM

LR

Lind Rush posted:

Jimmy, You poured your love of children and science into our young granddaughter, Sara. You will never see the end result, but we will and we thank you. Thank you for being a kind and thoughtful friend...and a good card playing opponent. We miss you and we pray for Barb and Brad every day.
Don and Linda Rush, Gail Riley

October 18 at 6:29 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Whitaker, family.



October 18 at 1:44 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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