



## Dr. James M Whitaker, Jr.

November 8, 1952 - October 4, 2020

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.

# Cemetery

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## Memorial Park Cemetery

5668 Poplar Avenue  
Memphis, TN, 38119

# Events

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**OCT 19** **Memorial Service** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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

# Comments

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“ 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.

Roni - October 31 at 10:37 PM

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“ 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.

Carly Corzine - October 21 at 11:03 AM

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“ 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

Lind Rush - October 18 at 11:29 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. James M Whitaker, Jr..



October 18 at 06:44 PM