



## Dwane Hamilton Whitaker

March 10, 1933 - September 22, 2021

Dwane Hamilton Whitaker was one of three babies born March 10, 1933 at home in Nemaha, Nebraska to Dow Oswald and Bertha (McCullough) Whitaker. He moved to Salem, Missouri at the age of ten and made Salem his home. Dwane entered the United States Army April 7, 1953 and served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge March 18, 1955.

Dwane was united in marriage to Donna C. Willis July 19, 1957 in Salem, Missouri and shared sixty-four years of marriage. Dwane and Donna were blessed with one son, Douglas. Dwane worked hard to provide for his family, he was employed with Craig Distributing and retired from Kraft Foods after forty-one years of dedication.

Dwane liked spending time outdoors taking care of his yard. He enjoyed gardening, working his flower beds, and took great pride in his iris'. Dwane was a great Christian man and longtime member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church where he served as deacon for many years. His faith and family were most important to him, he was a devoted husband, had a close relationship with his son and treasured his granddaughters and great-granddaughter.

Dwane departed this life September 22, 2021 in Salem, Missouri at the age of eighty-eight years. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving wife Donna Whitaker of the home; son: Douglas Whitaker and wife Kelly of

Manchester, MO; granddaughters: Lauren Whitaker-Donahue and husband Mark of Cypress, TX and Kristen Whitaker of Manchester, MO; great-granddaughter: Hazel Whitaker-Donahue; sisters: Verna Garvey of Oak Grove, MO and Virginia Burton of Douglas City, CA; extended family and dear friends.

Preceding him in death, his parents: Dow and Bertha Whitaker; and several siblings.

Dwane always had a smile and a kind word to share, his gentle spirit and good heart will never be forgotten.

Private Graveside Services for Dwane Hamilton Whitaker were held Monday, September 27, 2021 in the Cedar Grove Cemetery with Pastor Mark Johnson officiating. Special Music was provided by Jeremiah and Rachel Privett. Honorary Pallbearers were Mike Walther, Jacob Walther, Matthew Walther, Ryan Whitaker, Marvin Sutter, Eldon Flett, Clark Gibbs, Jim Edwards, Jim Wood, Jacob Shafer, and Brady Schafer. Military Honors were provided by the American Legion Post 99 and the Missouri Honors Team. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Dwane Whitaker to Pleasant Valley Baptist Church or the American Heart Association and left at Wilson Mortuary.

Online Condolences may be entered at [www.wilsonmortuary.com](http://www.wilsonmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Cedar Grove Cemetery**

Salem, MO

# Tribute Wall

PJ

“ *Patti And John lit a candle in memory of Dwane Hamilton Whitaker*



**Patti and John** - September 30, 2021 at 05:48 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Graveside Service*



**Wilson Mortuary** - September 27, 2021 at 05:45 PM

NW

“ *So sorry. Praying God will comfort you & your loved ones in this time of grief.*



**Nancy Wickam** - September 27, 2021 at 09:55 AM

DW

“ *Donna, my heart is grieving for you. Dwane was such an awesome guy and I so enjoyed his smile and little giggle when attending church with you all. May God bless you and comfort you during this time.*

**Donna R. Wells-Stephens** - September 23, 2021 at 08:45 AM

JP

“ Keeping the entire Whitaker family in our thoughts and prayers. You folks hold a very special place in our hearts. Remembering how beautifully Doug played the piano there at Pleasant Valley Church. Just some very pleasant memories of a special family. Blessings to each of you and a time of comfort in the days ahead. Jim Pitts and family Nixa, Mo

Jim Pitts - September 22, 2021 at 06:01 PM

DO

Thanks for the kind words, Jim...

Doug - September 22, 2021 at 06:35 PM

DI

“ Dennis Inman lit a candle in memory of Dwane Hamilton Whitaker



Dennis Inman - September 22, 2021 at 05:43 PM

DI

“ Thoughts and prayers going out to all the family. May God be with you all in this time of need and comfort you in the days to come.

Dennis Inman - September 22, 2021 at 05:42 PM

DW

Thanks Dennis...

Doug Whitaker - September 22, 2021 at 06:37 PM

JH

“ *Jerry Higgins lit a candle in memory of Dwane Hamilton Whitaker*



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**jerry higgins** - September 22, 2021 at 05:00 PM