

Remember Me

*Speak of me as you have always done.
Remember the good times, laughter, and fun.*

*Share the happy memories we've made.
Do not let them wither or fade.*

*I'll be with you in the summer's sun
And when the winter's chill has come.*

*I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze.
I'm peaceful now, put your mind at ease.*

*I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep,
But memories we've shared are yours to keep.*

*Sometimes our final days may be a test,
But remember me when I was at my best.*

*Although things may not be the same,
Don't be afraid to use my name.*

*Let your sorrow last for just a while.
Comfort each other and try to smile.*

*I've lived a life filled with joy and fun.
Live on now, make me proud of what you'll become.*

Pallbearers

Nephews

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgement

We, the family of SFC (Ret) Melvin Eugene Whittemore, wish to express our sincere appreciation for the love and sympathy expressed to us, during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you with His grace and mercy. Special thanks to: Dr. Albert Humphrey, the VA HBPC Staff; caregivers, Ms. Betty Brown and Mrs. April Capers.



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Celebration of Life of

SFC (RET) MELVIN EUGENE WHITTEMORE



THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022
12:00 NOON

LEEY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
1831 TAYLOR STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

EVANGELIST DR. SHEILA KOGER
-OFFICIATING-

Obituary

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7 (KJV)

SFC (Ret) Melvin Eugene Whittemore was born on July 18, 1940, in Boaz, Kentucky, to Rastus and Ollie B. Hobbs Whittemore. He departed this life surrounded by family, on Friday, March 11, 2022, at Prisma Health Baptist Hospital.

Melvin joined the Hickory Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Hickory, Kentucky at an early age. He was a graduate of Dunbar High School, in Mayfield, Kentucky. He worked various jobs before answering his country's call to serve in the United States Army.

His military career included numerous assignments stateside and abroad to include: Germany, Vietnam, and Korea. During his second tour in Germany, he attended the NCO Academy. Melvin received numerous medals and awards throughout his career. After 23 years of honorable service to his country, Sergeant First Class Whittemore retired at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where he made Columbia his home. After retirement from the US Army, he was employed by the South Carolina Department of Corrections, and later retired from state government.

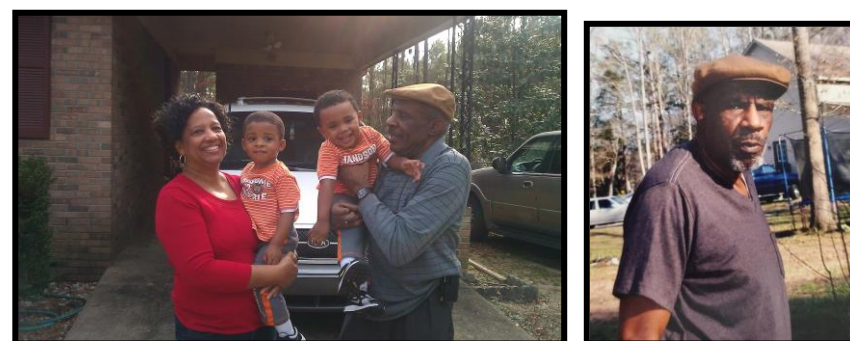
While at Fort Jackson, he met the love of his life, Jannette Burrell. They were joined in holy matrimony on December 4, 1971. This union was blessed with twin sons, Reginald and Ronald. They recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.

Melvin was affectionately known as **Gene** and **Whit** by his family and friends. **Gene** enjoyed fishing, and had special talents working with computers, assembling products, fixing things, and inventing items to make his tasks easier.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rastus and Ollie B. Whittemore; four brothers, Claybon, Rastus, Jr., Charles and Freddie Whittemore; one sister, Nobie Yarber; father-in-law, Lawrence Burrell, Sr.; and mother-in-law, Julia Ashford Burrell.

Precious memories will forever remain in the hearts and minds of his devoted and dedicated wife, Janette Burrell Whittemore; sons, Reginald (Anna) Whittemore and Ronald Whittemore, of Charlotte, North Carolina; four brothers, Jasper Whittemore and James Whittemore, both of Boaz, Kentucky, Robert (Patti) Whittemore, of Falls of Rough, Kentucky, and Kenny Whittemore, of Mayfield, Kentucky; three sisters, Mary Whittemore and Sandra Yarber, of Boaz, Kentucky, and Wanda Stubblefield, of Mayfield, Kentucky; three brothers-in-law, Lawrence (Lillie) Burrell, Jr., Frederick (Cheryl) Burrell, and Stanley (Sonya) Burrell, all of Columbia, South Carolina; six sisters-in-law, Frances Whittemore, of Paducah, Kentucky, Mildred Burrell, Verna Rose Green, Barbara Burrell, Youtha (Donald) Worthy, and Ethel Burrell-Barnes, all of Columbia, South Carolina; four grandchildren, Dedric Whittemore, Devon Whittemore, Daniel Whittemore, and Kyron Whittemore; two great-grandchildren, Dedric, Jr., and Olivia Whittemore; goddaughters, Kendra Miles and DaNae James; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and caring friends.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing..... Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn..... "Amazing Grace"
- Old Testament..... Reverend Dr. Bobby Seepersaud
Psalm 23
- New Testament..... Reverend Robert Entzminger
John 14:1-8
- Prayer of Comfort..... Minister Jonathan Glenn
Solo..... Ms. Kathleen Knox-Whitney
- Reflections..... SGM (Ret) Harmon Evans, *friend*
Mrs. Kendra Worthy Miles, *goddaughter*
Mr. Robert Whittemore, *brother*
Mr. Reginald Whittemore, *son*
- Solo..... Ms. Kathleen Knox-Whitney
- Words of Comfort..... Evangelist Dr. Sheila Koger
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina