



Miss Grace Whitfield

May 8, 1936 - March 14, 2015

Funeral will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at Gadsden Cumberland Presbyterian Church for Grace Whitfield, of Gadsden, who passed away March 14, 2015. Reverend Daniel Barkley and Dr. Jerry Headrick will officiate. Interment will follow at Pineville Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery of Calico Rock, Arkansas. Village Chapel Funeral Home and Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

Miss. Whitfield was a member of Gadsden Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where she served as Stated Session Clerk, on the Executive Committee of General Assembly for the Cumberland Presbyterian Denomination, and various boards and committees for Grace Presbyterian. She retired as a teacher from the Madison County School District with 30 years service. Grace had an everlasting impact on her students, with many of them still in contact after all these years. After retirement she took up the hobby of buying antiques and operated different antique shops throughout Etowah County. Miss. Whitfield was preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Ruth Whitfield.

She is survived by her dearest friend, Marionette Bishop; special friends, Ken, Amy, and Mia Fowler, cousins in Gadsden, and a host of cousins and extended family in Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home, 909 Greenlee Street Denton, TX 76201.

Pallbearers will be Ken Fowler, Richard Dean, Mike Ray, Marston Cash, and

Charles Hill.

Cemetery Details

Pineville Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Gadsden Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Service

MAR 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

Gadsden Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Tribute Wall

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“ Grace was a wonderful cousin and friend. She loved her family and was kind to everyone. She will be missed by many people. Now she is in her heavenly home, surrounded by her parents and many generations of Christian family. My husband, Jimmie Whitfield, is her first cousin, and his health prevents him from traveling. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Jimmie and Donnie Whitfield

Jimmie Whitfield - March 17, 2015 at 04:04 PM

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“ Pastoral Concerns and Continuing Education is where she was serving in Grace Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, The culmination of such dedicated service where ever needed, a fitting tribute to one who cared for pastors across the denomination, especially those closer to home. Greatly missed by we who remain behind, greatly welcomed by those who have gone on, living or dying Grace was gifted and being a friend to making friends, a servant by example, a servant's heart. He works to follow her.

Sam Foreman - March 17, 2015 at 03:40 PM

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“ Grace never gave birth to a child. Instead she was mother, aunt, cousin, and friend to hundreds of students and family. She had a unique ability to make every she met feel loved, important and special. I remember a conversation where she spoke of her great gratitude and appreciation of the congregations, and pastors where she held membership. Serving in the numerous denominational positions brought her a deep sense of personal satisfaction and considered the service a great honor and privilege.

Grace was one of eighteen first cousins. Each one of us had children who often called her Aunt Grace. She gave each cousin and each of our children unconditional love and compassion. She was never too busy to refuse the request for time and attention.

Education was extremely important to her. She demonstrated this in her concern for young pastors and her desire for pastors to be and give their very best to Christ and his Church.

I remember attending a funeral for a family member. Grace and I left the service with tears in our eyes with Grace saying, "There is great rejoicing in heaven today." Then she said, "What a homecoming as she joins our grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, and a great host of other family members." Our tears became gratitude.

Max Whitfield

D. Max Whitfield - March 16, 2015 at 09:37 PM