



Billy Whitaker

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In Loving Memory of Billy G. Whitaker

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Billy G. Whitaker, 85, passed away peacefully on December 12, 2024, in Grayson, Georgia, with

his loving daughter and son-in-law by his side. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and

faithful servant of God, Billy led a life centered on faith, family, and service to others. Born to Grace and Elmer Whitaker in Dobson, North Carolina, Billy graduated from Dobson High School before earning his MBA from Wake Forest University. He married the love of his life, Bonnie Whitaker, and together they shared 60 wonderful years of marriage until her passing in 2020.

Billy dedicated his career to serving others through his work at Goodwill Industries of Northwest North Carolina, where he served as president from 1986 to 2006. Under his leadership, Goodwill grew into one of the top-performing Goodwills' in the country, expanding vocational services to help those in need. His lasting legacy is embodied in the Whitaker Regional Operations Center, opened in 2009, which continues to provide vital services to the community. A man of deep faith, Billy was an active member of Pfafftown Baptist Church and Ardmore

Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he held various finance positions over

the years. Most recently, he attended The Church on Main in Snellville,

Georgia, where he remained steadfast in his faith and service. Billy's greatest joy was his family. He is survived by his daughter Tammy Schaffernoth, his son Keith Whitaker, and his cherished grandchildren: Cory & Katelyn Schaffernoth, Kelsey Gantz, as well as Kathleen, Gracie, and Paul Whitaker. A small celebration of life service will be held at a later date to honor his memory and celebrate the incredible impact he had on so many lives. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to Goodwill Industries of Northwest North Carolina or a church organization of your choice, continuing Billy's legacy of faith and service. Well done, good and faithful servant.; –
Matthew 25:21

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear family,
Billy meant the world to us. We loved being with him and Bonnie.
He was a wonderful Christian man and a wonderful friend.
RIP, Billy and we will see you again someday.
Love,
Doug and Bren Sprinkle
Clemmons NC

brenda sprinkle - January 05, 2025 at 02:28 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to learn of Billy's passing. I just found out today. You have my deepest sympathy. Billy was a very honorable and caring man. He loved Bonnie dearly and was lost after she died. I was blessed to know him and have him for a boss for several years.

Linda Whicker - January 03, 2025 at 10:39 PM