



George Whitlock

July 6, 1932 - August 10, 2021

George M. Whitlock, 89, of Snellville, Georgia, passed away peacefully Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at home.

He is survived by Ruth P. Whitlock, his loving bride of 47 years; one son, Jay (Jan) Whitlock of Madison, Mississippi whom he shared with former spouse Sandra Vanover; three grandchildren, Lea M. Whitlock of Little Rock, Arkansas, Devon M. Carter of Decatur, Georgia and Robert D. Whitlock of Atlanta, Georgia; a brother Larry (Diana) Whitlock of Denton, Texas; two sisters, Lynda Garland of Champaign, Illinois, and Judy Elliott of Aurora, Colorado; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents, one stepdaughter, Sharon D. Sunder, sisters Lula Ruth Whitlock, Helen Howe, Jane Jansen, Sue Gillingham, brother William Whitlock, brothers-in-law Herb Elliott, Tinks Howe and Ron Garland.

George was born July 6, 1932, in Vincennes, Indiana, to Robert B. and Bess Courtaway Whitlock. Growing up, he worked alongside his brothers and sisters at the Whitlock Cafe, a Vincennes eatery operated by his parents. He was a 1950 graduate of Vincennes Lincoln High School, always looking forward to the annual Lincoln Homecoming festivities with his brother, sisters and many friends.

Upon graduation from high school, George joined the Navy and served as a Radar Operator on the aircraft carriers USS Leyte (CV-32) and USS Gilbert Islands (CVE-107). After four years, he left the Navy to attain a college degree from Indiana University and went on to pursue a successful career in

business, industrial sales and marketing, and environmental remediation. Throughout his life, George held leadership positions in the United Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, affectionately known at John Wesley UMC as the “Minister of Ice Cream” and the “Backdoor Hugger.” He was active in civic organizations, serving as president of the Monroe, GA, Rotary Club, an organizer of the North Georgia Rotary Conference, and a coordinator of an exchange program between doctors from the US and Russia soon after Perestroika. He and “Ruthie,” as he would affectionately call her, enjoyed hosting numerous international Rotary students in their home and have stayed in close touch with some of these students through the years. He also served as Co-Chairman for Gwinnett County in George Busbee’s successful campaign for Governor of Georgia.

After retirement from the business and government regulation world, George took great delight in substitute teaching in the Gwinnett County Public School System, primarily at Brookwood and Grayson High Schools.

George's interests included travel, the Atlanta Braves, Indiana University men's basketball, and spending as much time with family as possible. Once while traveling to Arkansas for his grandson’s baseball tournament, he suffered a “minor” (according to him) heart attack. The doctors in Tupelo, Mississippi nearly had to restrain him to make him return to his doctors in Atlanta. He was determined to go to that tournament and sit in 100 degree Arkansas heat to see his grandson play. His answer...“I’ll sit in the shade.” That’s just who George was, always there for his son’s and grandkids’ events. If there was a family gathering for any reason, and there were many, he was there. Vacations were often trips to visit his sisters or brother and to reunions of both his and his wife’s families.

It can truly be said of George that his was a life well-lived. He treasured every moment with his family, immediate and extended, and with his friends, some going back even to childhood, never missing an opportunity to bring laughter, joy and boundless enthusiasm to all he did.

A Celebration of George’s life will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 14,

at the Lois Lane Allen Pavilion at Alexander Park between Snellville and Lawrenceville in Gwinnett County. It is suggested that attendees dress for warm weather as the service will be in an open air pavilion and it may be hot. For the safety of all, attendance will be limited to those fully vaccinated and masked.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the IU Student Little 500® Financial Emergency Fund. In furtherance of its mission, the IU Student Foundation and the Little 500 Financial Emergency Fund supports students who face the fear of not being able to continue their education at Indiana University due to financial hardship.

Donations can be made here after selecting "IU Student Foundation Little 500 Support Fund" from the drop down menu.

George Whitlock was a storyteller. To honor his life, we're inviting his family and friends - near and far - to submit their favorite stories and sayings that remind them of George. Please share those here, www.storiesaboutgeorge.com.

Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road SW, Lawrenceville, GA 30046. 770-962-3100. Please sign the online guest book at www.stewartfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ George Whitlock

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ I remember sitting next to George at an AEE function. He told me how he believed in miracles when he was young and his family had no way to pay for the rent; the money showed up in the front of the entry way to the building. Yes, there are miracles and god provides to those that are special. May you Rest In Peace.

My condolences to Ruth and the rest of the family.

Adriana - August 19, 2021 at 11:47 AM