



## Ramon Edward Whitley

August 1, 1933 - January 20, 2025

WHITLEY-Ramon Edward Whitley, age 91 of Auburn, Georgia, passed away on Monday, January 20, 2025. The funeral service will at 3:00 PM on Saturday, February 1, 2025, in the Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home in Lawrenceville. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the service. In honor of his lifelong fascination with all colors brights and beautiful, please wear bright colors to the service, particularly red. Ramon was a 1950 graduate of Dacula High School. Shortly after graduation, he married his high school sweetheart, Frances Brady, also of Dacula. They were married almost 60 years until her death in 2010. Frances and Ramon had four children, Pat Whitley Collins (Husband, Dr. James Collins) of Rome, GA, Buster Whitley (Wife, Marianne) of Chapel Hill, TN, Ed Whitley of John's Creek, and the late Freddie Whitley of Auburn. Freddie's two former wives, Charlene and Emily, will always be members of the family. In 2012, Ramon married Cathy Bailey Whitley, who died in 2024. Cathy took excellent care of Ramon, as long as she lived. Ramon always had an interest in cars and a need for speed. He was a talented auto mechanic and used his skills to fine tune cars. As a young man, he excelled on the drag racetracks winning dozens of trophies. He later discovered a love for dirt-track racing and spent years at the local tracks in Winder and Athens, where he won even more trophies and was named "Driver of the Year" on more than one occasion. One of his quieter pursuits was rocking on the front porch and watching birds. He had a particular fascination with hummingbirds. Ramon worked on cars in his own businesses,

Over the years, he owned several service stations in Lawrenceville area. Later in life, he changed career paths and became a landlord. He owned and managed many properties in the Gwinnett and Barrow areas. Ramon had seven grandchildren, Nicole Collins Rehberg (Husband Shane) and Jim Collins of Rome, GA, Jason Whitley (Wife Pauli) of Arcata, CA, Greg Whitley of Chapel Hill, TN, and Brian (Wife Casey) Whitley, also of Chapel Hill. Jessica Whitley-Waldroup (Husband David) Live in Eatonton, GA, and Katie Whitley Williams resides in Flowery Branch, He had several great grandchildren; Harper and Luke Rehberg, Nadalie and Nathan Shifflet, Annmarie and Eleanor Williams, Allie and Bryce Whitley, and Harper and Tucker Whitley. Finally, Ramon was recently blessed with a great, great grandson, Beau Shifflet. Ramon was of the Baptist faith. He attended Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rock Springs Baptist Church and Bold Springs Baptist Church. He had many brothers and sisters in faith at all three churches. Ramon's late parents were Verlon & Cecil (Sparks) Whitley. Two surviving sisters are Sue Walls (Husband Gary) and Syliva Masters (Husband Thoïs ) His surviving brother is Loy Whitley(Wife Bernice) Three surviving sisters-in-law, Janice Whitley, Juanita Whitley and Alice Whitley. Three brothers have passed away: Hugh Whitley, Tommy Whitley and Gordon Whitley. He has many fond nieces and nephews too numerous to name, The Whitley family is a very large family, and of this large family, Ramon is the longest living member of the Whitley clan. Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road SW, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046. 770-962-3100. Please sign the online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com) <<http://www.stewartfh.com>>.

# Cemetery Details

## East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens

87 Scenic Highway  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville  
300 Simonton Road SW  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

## Funeral Service

FEB 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville  
300 Simonton Road, S.W.  
Lawrenceville, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ramon Edward Whitley*



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**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - January 29, 2025 at 04:30 PM

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*Prayers to family,  
Love, Grady n Mable Page*

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**Grady page** - February 03, 2025 at 02:53 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ramon Edward Whitley.*



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January 31, 2025 at 02:11 PM



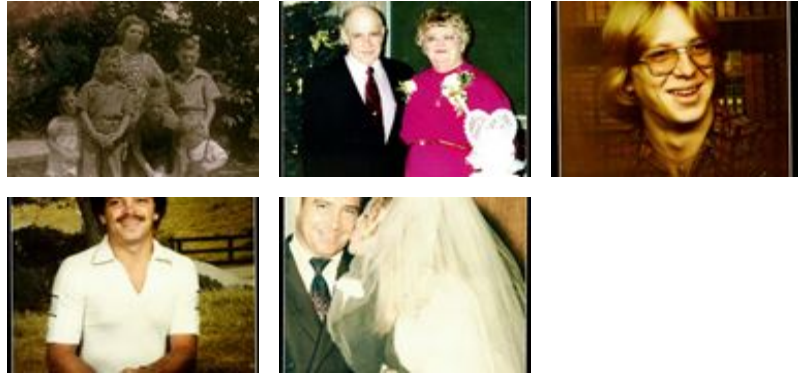
“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ramon Edward Whitley.*

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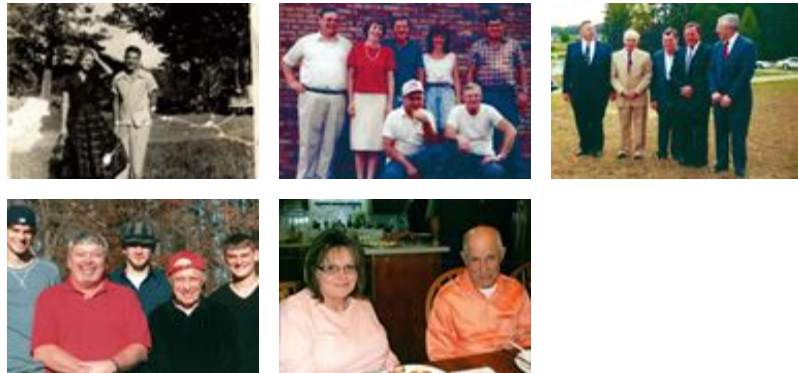
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Tim Stewart Funeral Home - January 30, 2025 at 01:24 PM



“ 73 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - January 29, 2025 at 04:28 PM



“ *Bold Springs Baptist Church purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ramon Edward Whitley.*



Bold Springs Baptist Church - January 29, 2025 at 09:21 AM

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“ *Such a wonderful man he's always there when we needed him rest in peace Raymond love you*

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**JudyWright** - January 26, 2025 at 10:43 AM

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“ *A great friend. Man of faith and many talents. He will be missed. President Trump was not the first to use "Common Sense". Raymond was blessed with an over abundance of it. He will be missed.*  
*Rastus Franklin*

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**Franklin** - January 25, 2025 at 07:58 PM

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“ *Love, Rich & Erika Abercrombie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ramon Edward Whitley.*



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**Love, Rich & Erika Abercrombie** - January 25, 2025 at 03:22 PM

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“ I looked up to Ramon and former wife Frances as step parents. I'd go visit them on Saturdays and Frances cooked French fries for us for dinner. I'd even go to Ramon's on Sundays at times and watch races with him. We'd pick 2 guys and the winner or strongest finisher would win \$1.00. We bet on all 36 races in a season like this before his mind went bad. We had a side bet one year about driver Clint Bowyer. He swapped over to Stewart Racing one year and I said, "Bowyer's a goofball, always finished last and don't know why they hired him. If he wins a race for them, I'll give you a dollar and kiss your bald head!" A cold day in Martinsville, Bowyer wormed his way to the front and won for them. I knew what I had to do the next Saturday I came over. I brought a tube of chapstick, put it on my lips and kissed his bald head. I said, "I knew you didn't want chapped lips kissing your bald head." He laughed and said, "Darren, you better be glad you didn't say you'd kiss the other end." He was definitely a character and if I felt I needed advice, I'd talk to him. I'd known him and Frances since 1993. I always got a laugh at him and Cathy ribbing each other. Who'd think he married Cathy in the future! They were a great couple too. I'll miss both of them dearly. I imagine them both in heaven sitting on a porch and not hurting any more.



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**Darren Wilson** - January 24, 2025 at 08:07 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ramon Edward Whitley.



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January 24, 2025 at 06:44 PM



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