



## Ray D. Whitson

September 15, 1935 - November 7, 2017

Rayburn D. Whitson, 82, of Alma, Arkansas died Tuesday, November 7, 2017 in Van Buren. He was a retired Service and Parts Director for Ford Motor Dealership, was of the Baptist faith, and a veteran of the United States Army serving in Korea. He was born September 15, 1935 in Ozark, Arkansas to Arnold J. and Myrtle M. Kizer Whitson. He was preceded in death by his parents; three sons, Troy Dee Whitson, Michael Vigil, and Tony Vigil; three brothers, Coleman D. Whitson, Edgar Bailey Whitson, and infant John Robert Whitson.

Rayburn is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Whitson of Alma; a daughter, Nancy Freeman and husband Barry of Pueblo, Colorado; two sisters, Frances Koop of Iowa and Barbara Walker Garbiso and husband Ernie of Ozark; and a brother, Cletis Whitson and wife Ruby of Ozark; four grandchildren, Erika and Dereck Martinez of San Jose, California, and Sergio and Sherry Vigil of Pueblo, Colorado; five great grandchildren, Olivia Martinez of San Jose, Hailey, Kadynce, Braelyn, and Lilyan Williams all from Ozark; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family would like to give special thanks to Peachtree Hospice for the great care they provided, along with Van Buren Health and Rehab and Alma Health and Rehab.

Viewing from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Thursday, November 9th at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

There will be a family held memorial service 11:00 AM Friday, November 10,

2017 at the Freewill Baptist Church in Ozark with Pastor Kendell Ross officiating.

Cremation arrangements were made under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home of Ozark.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home  
2315 West Commercial Street  
PO Box 680  
Ozark, AR 72949  
(479) 667-4147  
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Family Hosted Memorial

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ozark Freewill Baptist Church  
8414 Puddin Ridge Rd.  
Ozark, AR 72949

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shaffer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ray D. Whitson*



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**Shaffer Funeral Home** - November 09, 2017 at 09:42 AM



“ *Ray D. Whitson*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *Phillip And Sue Wisdom Duncan lit a candle in memory of Ray D. Whitson*



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**Phillip and Sue Wisdom Duncan** - November 10, 2017 at 11:07 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ray D. Whitson.*



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November 08, 2017 at 11:41 PM