



Benjamin Franklin Whittaker

October 7, 1928 - January 31, 2022

Homegoing Service for Deacon Benjamin Franklin Whittaker

God, in His infinite wisdom, called Benjamin Franklin Whittaker from labor to reward on Monday January 31, 2022, at the age of 93 years old in Stamford, CT.

Ben, as he was so affectionately called, was born October 7, 1928, in Liberty Hill, South Carolina to the late Hollis and Fannie Jones Whittaker. He was one of 19 siblings. Ben graduated from Jackson High School in Camden, SC.

He was united in marriage to the late Betty Jean Fisher on April 5, 1951, and from that union they had one daughter, Jeannie Evonna Weathers.

In 1953, Ben relocated to Stamford, CT where upon arrival he joined the Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church and was ordained as a Deacon under the leadership of the late Rev. William L. Baxter. Ben remained a dedicated Deacon until he gained his wings. Ben was a spiritual man who loved his church.

Ben was employed by Raytheon until the company relocated. He then worked for the City of Stamford until he started his own business, Evie's Laundromat & Variety Store. After the closing of Evie's Laundromat & Variety Store, Ben

took on the role of Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church caretaker until his retirement.

Ben was a member of the Prince Hall Grand Chapter PHA State of Connecticut, Inc. and held various positions such as Worshipful Master St. John's Lodge 14 (1968-1970); Worthy Patron of Dorcas Chapter of Eastern Star (1970-1971) and Most Worshipful Grand Master State of Connecticut (1983-1985).

Ben enjoyed family gatherings, playing horseshoes, and hanging out in the screenhouse in the backyard of his Orchard Street home. When you did not find him there, he was around the corner at his laundromat. He also enjoyed traveling down south to visit his family as often as he could. Later in life, one of the things Ben enjoyed the most was sitting outside in the sun. There was not a sunny day that went by where he did not spend hours letting the sun shine upon him. Ben was known as the "President" of St Camillus Nursing home, and was loved, and respected by all. He loved to have a good time with his friends and family. Family members will cherish the memories of him frying fish at our many family gatherings.

Ben leaves to cherish his memory, one son, Johnel (Carol) Bracey Sr. of Alexandria, VA, one brother, Deacon Joseph H. Whitaker Sr., two sisters; Winnie B. Teal and Ruth Morgan, all of Stamford, CT, Six grandchildren: Evonna Summers, Marcella Summers, Adam Weathers, Johnel (Kwisa) Bracey, Tanisha Bracey, Johnel R (Jacquelin) Bracey, and three great grandchildren: Tehya Summers Wallace, Sheriece Bracey, Alyana Bracey. He also leaves behind his brother in-law Herman Fisher of Stamford, CT, and sisters in law Charlotte Fisher Houston of Salem, VA and Mary Curtis of Tampa, FL as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Besides his wife and parents, Ben was preceded in death by his daughter

Jeannie E. Weathers, ten brothers; Andrew, Jeremiah (Jerry), Burl, David, Isaiah, Rueben, Albert, Robert, Hollis Jr. and Johnny Whittaker, and five sisters: Alice Perry, Maybell Shropshire, Silla Whittaker, Ella Whittaker, and Emma Whittaker.

Visitation will be held on Monday February 7, 2022 from 9:00AM- 10:30AM followed by a service of celebration at 11:00AM at Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 29 Grove St., Stamford, CT. followed by Interment at Fairfield Memorial Park, Stamford, CT.

Cemetery Details

Fairfield Memorial Park

230 Oaklawn Ave.
Stamford, CT

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
29 Grove St
Stamford, CT

Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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29 Grove St
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Tribute Wall

BH

“ *My condolences to the Whittaker family
Bridget Wilson Hall*

Bridget Hall - February 20, 2022 at 03:42 AM

BF

“ *Rest In Peace Ben. Your laundromat on the
Waterside was heaven for so many families.
Barbara Freeman*



Barbara Freeman - February 20, 2022 at 03:40 AM

RF

“ *To The Whittaker Family,

Take comfort in knowing that now you have a
special guardian angel to watch over you!*



Ronnie & Brenda (Wilson) Fields - February 11, 2022 at 12:44 PM

JH

“ *My sincere condolences to the Whittaker
Family. Rest in eternal peace Dea. Ben your
smile and laughter will never be forgotten.*



James O. Homer - February 07, 2022 at 10:59 AM

JF

“ *TO THE FAMILY: We start this memory with a prayer for all of you and for us.*



Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Uncle Ben will be missed down here with us. As with all of us, we will leave here at some point. However, we believe he received his wings and is walking around heaven with so many of his ancestors. He lived a good life on earth and at 93 God called him from labor to reward. We are grateful to all of you for sharing this awesome man with so many of us. We know you will miss him, but his memories will live on and be shared for many generations to come. Remember Hebrews 11:1 & Hebrews 13:1.

Jerrold, Gloria and Family - February 07, 2022 at 09:23 AM

MR

“ *To my dear cousins and your families on behalf of the Perry Family (sister Alice Perry), I want to express my deepest sympathy on the loss of your father.*

Uncle Ben was a man strong in faith, love of family and true to friends. As a family we cherished our times on Orchard Street. The gatherings with wonderful food and even better fellowship.

Uncle Ben was a mighty man, brother and uncle. May he climb the highway to heaven knowing he was a true soldier in the Army of the Lord. May the Good Lord bless you with many fond memories to cherish always.

Mary Perry Ragsdale

Mary Perry Ragsdale - February 07, 2022 at 12:17 AM

DE

To the Whitaker family condolence to all. Mr. Benjamin F. Whitaker legacy of happiness and kindness shared will always be remembered. His contagious smile had the power to change others from stress to feeling good. Agape Love! DeBorah Evans-Atkins

DeBorah Evans-Atkins - February 07, 2022 at 07:13 AM

AH

“ *To the family our deepest sympathy.*

*Frank & Ann Hutchinson
Greensboro NC*

Ann Hutchinson - February 06, 2022 at 11:19 PM

GP

“ *To the family, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



Gloria Pettiford - February 06, 2022 at 08:55 PM

NS

“ *Nancy Shropshire purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Benjamin Franklin Whittaker.*



Nancy Shropshire - February 05, 2022 at 01:57 PM

DA

“ To the Whitaker family..My deepest sympathy for your loss...this is a celebration of a life well lived..he will be missed ,loved and adored forever..he will be in heaven still bringing joy. Keeping you all lifted in prayer and love.

Donna L. Aekins - February 05, 2022 at 11:07 AM

GP

To the Whitaker family, I am so sorry for your loss. He will be missed.

Gloria Pettiford - February 05, 2022 at 05:19 PM

JO

“ To the Whittaker and Summers family,
You have my deepest condolences on the passing of Mr Whittaker,
my thoughts and prayers are with you.
I have some great memories of the family get togethers in that back
yard screen house.
To my nieces Evonna, Marcella and Tehya, you are always in my
heart and know that you are loved. I am here for you guys always.

Love you
Aunt Judy Owens
Stratford Ct

Judy Owens - February 05, 2022 at 10:12 AM

EB

“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Deacon Ben Whittaker.
The last time i saw him he was at Church and got up and testify and
thanked God for his age and how glad he was to be there. He was
so grateful. I leave you with my deepest sympathy.

Rose Brewington

Eddie and Rose Brewington - February 05, 2022 at 10:06 AM

YS

“ So sorry to hear the loss of you love one. You all are in my prayers



Yvette Tinnin Slade - February 04, 2022 at 11:57 PM

SH

“ To the Whittaker Family my deepest condolences.I know that Deacon Ben was well love and respected and will be greatly miss.



Sarah Herring Norwalk Ct

Sarah Herring - February 04, 2022 at 11:50 PM

AH

“ Rest in peace Deacon Whittaker, I will forever cherish your memories.
To the Whittaker Family, Deacon Ben is now resting with GOD.
From labor to rewards.
Angela Housey
Trumbull, CT

Angela Housey - February 04, 2022 at 06:47 PM

JP

“ To the Whitaker family my condolences God Bless Joy Poteau

Joy Poteau - February 04, 2022 at 11:03 AM