



George S. Whittlesey, Jr. Obituary

July 23, 1923 - April 2, 2009

Mr. Whittlesey was born on July 2, 1923 to George S. Whittlesey, Sr. and Theora Rawls Whittlesey. He was born in Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany and attended Albany High School, graduating in 1941. As a member of the 1939 AHS football team, he helped Albany High win its first ever state championship. He entered the Georgia Institute of Technology in September 1941 and joined the Naval ROTC program. While at Tech, he served as the equipment manager for the GT football team in its 1944 Sugar Bowl victory. In February 1944, he was commissioned as an Ensign in the Navy and was assigned to Amphibious Services in Little Creek, VA. He spent 2 years on LSM-167 where he took part in the invasion of Okinawa on April 1, 1945. He was discharged in August of 1947 as a Lieutenant and transferred to the Naval Reserve. He then returned to Georgia Tech, receiving a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1948. Upon returning to Albany, he opened a self-service laundromat which he ran until 1951. He then joined Engineering & Equipment Co. in sales, where he remained until retiring as Sales Manager in 1998. In July of 1957, he married Lynelle Knighton, and began a family. Mr. Whittlesey was an active member of the Episcopal Church for most of his life. In 1964, Bishop Stewart requested that he help in starting a new Albany parish which became Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church. Mr. Whittlesey was also active in several civic organizations. In 1952, he became a charter member of the Dougherty County Kiwanis Club and served as its President and served as Lt. Governor of Georgia Kiwanis. Under his leadership, the

Albany Little League Baseball league was formed by the Kiwanis Club and he actively participated as umpire in the league for many years. He was also a member of the board of the Albany Housing Authority for over 30 years where he served as Chairman and Vice Chairman. Mr. Whittlesey is survived by his sister, Theora Whittlesey Brown, Albany; his three children: George S. Whittlesey, III and his wife Karol Simmons, Orange County, CA, Virginia Rawls Whittlesey, Tyrone, GA, Jane Averitt Whittlesey, Boulder, CO; three grandchildren: George S. Whittlesey, IV, Robert Whittlesey Groves, Alden Woford Groves; 3 nieces: Margaret Puente, Delray Beach, FL, Sally Webster, Macon, GA, Flagg Brown and her husband Frank, Albany; a nephew, Scott Brown and his wife Nancy, Albany.

Tribute Wall



“ *George S. Whittlesey, Jr. Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Dear Lynelle and family,
So sorry to learn of George's passing...our hearts and prayers are with you during this sad, sad time. Y'all were always such wonderful friends to our family during our years in Albany and at St. Pat's!
Love you dearly,
Charles and Irene*

Charles and Irene Stone - April 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *How appropriate that George be buried during holy week as I consider Him such a holy and kind man. He will certainly be missed in Albany and especially at St. Patricks. My condolences to his much loved Children Joyce Bridges-Judkins*

Joyce Bridges-Judkins - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I just wanted to let y'all know how much I enjoyed working with Mr George at E&E. He will be sorely missed.*

Marcia Porter - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thinking of all of you during this difficult time.*

Sam Knighton - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Dearest Jane, Rawls and George. I was so sad to hear of your Dad's sickness and passing. What a loving Dad, husband and person. Throughout my childhood attending St Patricks I can recall special, warm sincere loving feeling from your parents in our church fellowships. Please know I am thinking of you all. Sincerely, Sandy Bridges Parris

Sandra Bridges Parris - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Kelly, Buster & Carter Haddock

Kelly Rooks Haddock - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ George was such a loving person and will be missed deeply by so many..One comfort is that we know that he and his beloved Lynelle are now together again and are lighting up the heavens..They were so devoted to one another..That GIVES US ALL PEACE..Blessings to all of his family..

Molly Swan - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ One of the shining lights in our 9 years in Albany was our friendship with George and Lynelle. They were wonderful, loving, down to earth people without a false bone in their bodies. We loved them both. Their love and devotion to Saint Patrick's will always be remembered. Our love to Jane, Rawls and George.

Charlie

Charlie Hough - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ We prayed for the Whittlesey family today...
Chris & Anne(Greer)Norman

Chris & Anne Norman - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you during this time of sadness. I met George and Lynelle when I came to St. Patrick's. They both made me feel welcome and were so nice. We will miss him greatly. He was the soul and heart of St. Patrick.*

Bert Wagnon

Bert Wagnon - April 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *To Jane, Rawls, "little george", Your dad was a mentor, role model, spiritual advisor, and loving friend to both of us. He was always there even tho we did not see him as often since we attend St. Pauls when we are in Albany. What a wonderful gift God gave you to have him for a Dad and what a wonderful gift to his many friends. Love, Tom and Jackie*

Jackie & Tom Driggers - April 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ *George was everything a man could be. He adored his wife and was adored by his children. He was gracious, fair, giving, and lived his life with conviction. Respected by everyone who met him, nobody ever had anything bad to say about George Whittlesey. He was a patriot, and a man who gave back to his community. We will miss him very much. Rawls, Jane, George III, you were blessed to have him as your father. Our love, sympathy, and prayers are yours.*

Frank & Flagg - April 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ To the family of Lynelle and George Whittlesey, what a wonderful Mom and Dad they must have been. They helped so many people and played such a wide range of organizations to be what they are today in Albany. We had already missed Lynell now we will also miss George.

Lou Johnson - April 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Rawls, Jane and family,
I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. We lost my dad almost 3 years ago and it was very difficult. Please know we are thinking of you.

Helen Sweat MacGregor

Helen Sweat MacGregor - April 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Rawls and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I will continue to pray for you through this difficult time. May you find peace and comfort in the Lord.

Love, Rita

Rita Brown Cline - April 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the family. I had the pleasure of working with Mr. George on a small project last year - he was the nicest man.

Tina Grimes - April 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM