



## Mr. William Pinckney Whelchel, Jr.

August 25, 1925 - November 3, 2016

William Pinckney Whelchel, Jr. Obituary  
August 25, 1925 – November 3, 2016

William Pinckney Whelchel, Jr., 91, a WWII veteran and long-time resident of Albany, Georgia, passed away Wednesday, November 3, 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia. The family will receive friends on Friday, November 11, from 6-8 PM at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Home. Dr. William “Biff” Coker will conduct funeral services on Saturday, November 12 at 2 PM at Covenant Presbyterian Church, followed by a private graveside service at Crown Hill Cemetery. A noon lunch in the Fellowship Hall will precede the services.

Mr. Whelchel, affectionately known as “Pink”, was born August 25, 1925 in Gainesville, Georgia, to Mary Brown Whelchel and William Pinckney Whelchel, Sr. After graduating from Gainesville High School in 1942, Pink attended Riverside Military Academy. He then served two years in the U.S. Army during World War II. After returning from the war, Pink attended and graduated from Emory University in 1950. He moved to Albany, Georgia in 1951 and began his 49-year career as a stockbroker, earning multiple awards and recognitions for productivity and leadership. In 2000, Pink retired as Managing Officer to pursue full-time his love of fly-fishing and hunting.

Pink loved many things in his life, but his greatest love was his wife of 55

years, Dorothy “Dot” Johnston Whelchel, who preceded him in death in 2011. A close second was Pink’s love of being outdoors, usually on a river fly-fishing with his son Bill or friends, many of whom he taught to cast a line. He also was an excellent shot, taking equal pleasure in hunting dove or quail and watching the dogs work the field.

Pink was a man of strong faith, and he embraced his church community whole-heartedly. He was a Charter Member of Covenant Presbyterian Church for over 60 years and taught Sunday School for 46 of these years. During his life, he served as a Deacon, a Ruling Elder and a Trustee for the church.

Never a man for a loss of words, Pink could and would talk to anyone. He had a special gift for making others feel welcome and valued. Friends and acquaintances could count on Pink for sharing stories, and he used his words to engage and enlighten others in various social and business settings.

Pink was a Charter Member of the Dougherty County Kiwanis Club since 1952 and served as past Treasurer. One of his favorite past-times in his later years was reading to students at Alice Coachman Elementary School as part of the volunteer program through the Kiwanis Club. The children eagerly awaited their weekly visits from “Mr. Pink”, and the feeling was mutual. He also was a member of the American Legion Post 30 and a member of the Southwest Georgia Sportsman’s Club.

Another great love of Pink’s was symphony and jazz music. He surrounded himself with music, often compiling his favorite recordings to share with others. During his early years, he played the saxophone in a band called The Melody Aces. He also played the piano, the accordion and the clarinet. In support of his love of classical music, he served as a member of the Board of Directors and past President of the Albany Symphony Association, as well as past President of the Albany Concert Association.

Mr. Welchel was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Pinckney Welchel, Sr.; sister and brother-in-law, Nell Welchel Wiegand and husband Frank A. Wiegand; sister, Shirley Welchel McCool.

Survivors include Mr. Welchel's daughter, Laura Welchel Henderson and husband, Doug, of Atlanta, and three grand-daughters, Reeves, Alex and Abby; his son, William "Bill" Pinckney Welchel, III, and wife, Donna, of Atlanta, and step-daughters Tiffany and Stephanie; two nieces, Mary Beth Begley and Ginny Crumley, of Gainesville, GA and their families.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that contributions be made to Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2126 W. Edgewater Drive, Albany, GA 31707.

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors  
1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Funeral Service

NOV 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
2126 W. Edgewater Dr.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William Pinckney Whelchel, Jr.*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. William Pinckney Whelchel, Jr.*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. William Pinckney Whelchel, Jr.*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *There are some persons you know and appreciate when you first meet them... such a man was "Pink". We are so blessed to have known him... and to know that we will continue to know him for eternity. "Dot" (Dorothy) likewise.*

*Sandy and Loma Lambert, Richmond, VA.*

**Sandy Lambert** - November 16, 2016 at 01:26 PM

PM

“ *Laura, Bill and grandchildren:  
I just learned today that Pink died earlier in the month. I am so sorry  
and send my sincere sympathy to each of you.  
Pink was a wonderful memory, of a fine southern gentleman. I  
remember,  
with fondness, your sweet mother, Dot and your wonderful dad and  
grandfather.  
Know my thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Patsy Martin*

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**Patsy Martin** - November 11, 2016 at 10:38 AM

WF

“ *With love, Holly and Kate Neckerman, and family  
purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for  
the family of Mr. William Pinckney Whelchel, Jr..*



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**With love, Holly and Kate Neckerman, and family** - November  
11, 2016 at 08:36 AM

MM

“ *Laura and Bill,  
I always loved both your Mom and your Dad. They were such  
special lifelong friends to my parents. I always think of your Dad just  
as he is in the photo, hunting gear and a shotgun ready to go shoot  
quail with my Dad. I know this is a difficult time, and even though I  
am in Houston, I am thinking of you and your family at this time of  
loss and sending a few prayers up to heaven. Who knows...maybe  
he is up there popping a few quail with my Dad right now.  
Love to you all.  
Martha McGee*

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**Martha McGee** - November 10, 2016 at 03:53 PM

BW

“ Laura and Bill , I am so very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I have special memories of Pink and have missed hearing about him from his loved ones. Please know you and your families are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm sorry I will not be able to attend the service. Wish I could see y'all and give y'all a Hug. Lovingly, Betty Ann Wilkerson

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**betty Ann Wilkerson** - November 10, 2016 at 11:09 AM

JC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Pink's passing. He was the most delightful man and a wonderful friend to my grandparents. I will be praying for your family.

*Jaime McGee Coley  
granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jeff D. McGee*

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**Jaime Coley** - November 10, 2016 at 09:03 AM

DS

“ Laura, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad! He was a special person and took care of my family for a lot of years! Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I hate that I will be out of town for the visitation and funeral, but my thoughts will be with you all! Love, Debbie TenHagen Sutton

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**debbie sutton** - November 08, 2016 at 10:16 AM

NR

“ I had several visits with Pink in Decatur. Thinking of all of you at this time.

*Nancy Reimer*

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**Nancy Reimer** - November 07, 2016 at 08:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of  
*Mr. William Pinckney Whelchel, Jr.*”



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November 07, 2016 at 12:11 PM