



## Wilburn Holloway Whaley Jr

April 23, 1933 - February 24, 2018

Wilburn Holloway Whaley, Jr., better known to most as "W.H." or "Whaley," passed away Saturday, February 24, at the age of 84. He was born in Hearne, Texas, on April 23, 1933, to Wilburn Holloway Whaley and Sadie Franklin Whaley.

Wilburn graduated from Bryan High School and Sam Houston State University. He served in the Army during the Korean War. The majority of his working life was spent as an employee of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. His career spanned 32 years, and he retired in 1993 as Assistant Director of Accounting and Business Services.

Throughout his life, Wilburn was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed many happy times hunting at the deer lease with his friends. He was a charter member of the Huntsville Bass Club, and fishing remained his favorite pastime in later years. He also enjoyed traveling with his children to several foreign countries and numerous locations in the United States.

Wilburn was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Jack Whaley.

Survivors include two daughters: Rebecca Lynne Whaley of Lola and Kristi

Whaley Brown and husband Paul of Conroe; a son, Kevin Lee Whaley of Houston; a sister, Rose Whaley Downs of Minden, Nevada; two brothers: John Whaley and wife Adrian of Dayton, Nevada and Dana Whaley and wife Pam of Carson City, Nevada; step-granddaughters Sierra Brown and Chloe Brown; nieces and nephews: Diana Rowe, Mike Downs, Matt Whaley, Jeremy Whaley, Nicole Schram, Grant Boldt, and Derek Pendergraft.

He is also survived by long-time caregivers: Celeste Parish, Nancy Duncan, Para Lee Johnson, and Johanna Whaley. He will be lovingly missed by granddogs: Maggie, Rylee, Lexi, Bella, Billy, Banjo, and Roger.

Visitation is Friday, March 2, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, where the service will be conducted on Saturday, March 3, at 10:00 a.m., with Rev. Reagan Cooksey officiating. The eulogy will be given by Jim Mabry. Burial will follow in the Bryan City Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers are Kevin Whaley, Paul Brown, Jimmy Harding, Sean Harding, Stacy Trantham, and Dick McGown. Honorary pallbearers are Larry Winkelmann and Jim Mabry.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfm.com

## Service

MAR 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
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## Graveside Service

MAR 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bryan City Cemetery  
Bryan, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wilburn Holloway Whaley Jr*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Wilburn Holloway Whaley Jr.*



March 02, 2018 at 06:17 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Wilburn Holloway Whaley Jr.*



March 01, 2018 at 07:45 AM



“ *Martha Whaley Knies purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wilburn Holloway Whaley Jr.*



**Martha Whaley Knies** - February 28, 2018 at 08:18 PM

MR

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of my long-time customer & friend, Mr. Whaley. My sincere condolences to the family.

Mary Sue Register, Owner  
The Best Little Hair House in Texas



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Mary Sue Register - February 28, 2018 at 10:17 AM

DB

“ Prayers for Peace for the family of my Friend Mr Whaley. He will always be remembered Take care.

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Donna Bell - February 26, 2018 at 10:11 PM

CD

“ What a great visit the Boss and I had on January 26th at his home. We reminisced and laughed about old times in the Accounting Department . Mr. Whaley was an awesome Boss and I will miss him very much. I am praying for the family. Clegg DeWalt

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Clegg DeWalt - February 26, 2018 at 06:08 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilburn Holloway Whaley Jr.



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February 26, 2018 at 04:37 PM

SS

“ Sue And Pat Sprott lit a candle in memory of  
Wilburn Holloway Whaley Jr



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**Sue and Pat Sprott** - February 25, 2018 at 06:04 PM

BW

*Thank you, Sue & Pat.....becky*

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**Becky Whaley** - February 26, 2018 at 06:34 PM

MK

*My love and condolences to the family. Martha Whaley Knies*

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**Martha Knies** - February 28, 2018 at 07:53 PM