



Mrs. Joyce Whitehead

January 22, 1942 - July 8, 2023

Funeral services for Joyce Whitehead, 81, of Carthage, Texas will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at the Hawthorn Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Cody Walker officiating. Burial will follow in the Deadwood Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Tuesday night at Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Joyce Ann McMillan Whitehead was born January 22, 1942, in Bastrop, Louisiana. She passed into her Saviors arms July 8, 2023, in Tyler, Texas. Joyce was one of six children born to the marriage of Flem and Ethel E. Toney McMillan. She was raised and graduated Valedictorian of Pineland High School where she was senior favorite. She attended Panola College to become a certified clerk. Joyce married George Larry Whitehead and together they had three children. Joyce worked many years for the City of Carthage, first in the Carthage Water Dept. and then served as the City Secretary for 15 years before her retirement. Joyce is preceded in death by her parents, and a brother Flem McMillan, Jr.

Mrs. Whitehead is survived by her loving children, Marcus Wade Whitehead and wife Cristi, Bryan Eric Whitehead and wife Jennifer, Michaela Ann Whitehead Lenox and husband Wayne; brothers, Shelby Wayne McMillan and wife Sarah, Dennis Clyde McMillan and wife Beverly, Larry Dwain McMillan and wife Debbie; sisters, Bobbie Gene Latham, and husband Carroll Dwain; grandchildren, Andrew Scott Whitehead, Brianna Paige Shumate, James Cody Shumate, Reagan Danielle Whitehead and Maxwell Greer Whitehead;

numerous great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of friends. Serving as pallbearers will be Robby Tinkle, Caleb Lenox, Jackie Vaughn, Cody Shumate, Jason McMillan and Justin McMillan. Honorary pallbearers will be Matthew McMillan, Aaron McMillan, Caleb McMillan, Steven Latham, Brad McMillan, Donnie Kelmus, Chad Latham, and Bentley Pass. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Winnie Morris and Joyce Whitehead Sunday School Addition building fund at Rock Hill Faith Community Church.

Cemetery Details

Deadwood Cemetery

Deadwood, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home
307 West Wellington Street
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Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel
307 W Wellington St.
Carthage, Tx

Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Joyce Whitehead



Hawthorn Funeral Home - July 11, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ She was a sweet, wonderful person, she will be greatly missed. She was always giving to others, a true angel on earth. Rest in the arms of Jesus ms.Joyce.

Tim Gough - July 11, 2023 at 09:07 PM



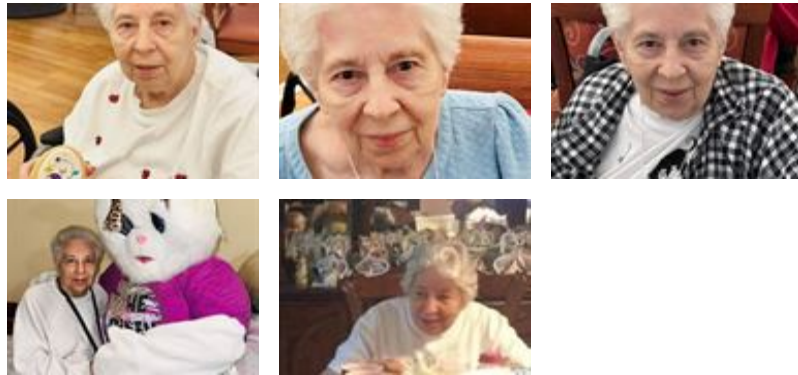
“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Whitehead.



July 11, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ 62 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - July 11, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Whitehead.



July 10, 2023 at 10:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Joyce Whitehead.

July 10, 2023 at 10:12 PM

SG

“Joyce was a fine Christian lady. She was one of the most selfless people I’ve ever known. She loved her family deeply and was always thinking of others, putting their needs above her own. As a member of St. Andrew’s Methodist, Joyce served in numerous capacities including teaching Sunday School and Bible School, church trustee, chairperson of the board, and most recently as church treasurer. Praying for God’s peace for her family.

Steve Garrett - July 10, 2023 at 09:33 PM



“Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Whitehead.



July 10, 2023 at 09:07 PM



“Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Whitehead.



July 10, 2023 at 01:44 PM

RB

“ Sincere condolences to the family. I am so very sorry for your loss. May God provide the necessary peace and comfort to your family and friends during this difficult time. Please remember these words of encouragement from the Bible: “ Jesus plainly told her: “I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.” —John 11:20-25.

Ruby Bell - July 10, 2023 at 10:49 AM

EM

“ When I was at the newspaper, I worked often with Ms. Whitehead. She was always so nice and friendly and helpful. We will all miss her. Elaine P. McPherson

Elaine Parker McPherson - July 10, 2023 at 08:17 AM

TF

“ Ms. Joyce was such a sweet and wonderful lady. It was such an honor to be her Pastor and Pastor's wife. She was such a joy to be around and her face would light up when our children walked in the room. She loved children and she loved being in church. We will miss Joyce so very much.



The Walker Family - July 09, 2023 at 09:06 PM

RC

“ Ms. Joyce was a loving member of Rock Hill Faith Community Church, and a devoted Christian. She will be deeply missed but her memory will live on in the many lives that she touched.



Rock Hill Faith Community Church - July 09, 2023 at 09:00 PM

TD

Such a sweet lady. We will miss her so much at Rock Hill Faith Community Church. Prayers for her family.

Teresa Dixon - July 10, 2023 at 08:26 PM