

## Robert E. Whitaker

January 19, 1936 - October 1, 2019

Robert E. Whitaker, 83, of Dongola, passed away at 8:18am on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at his home.

He was born January 19, 1936 in Anna, the son of Leland O. and Afton (Treece) Whitaker. He married Shirley Meisenheimer on November 27, 1956.

Robert graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School in 1953 where he played football for the Wildcats. He retired from Fruit Belt Service Company, the Ullin location, after 35 years of service. He was also an avid farmer in Union County. Robert and Shirley enjoyed traveling together and took many trips. Robert was a member of the Dongola First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; daughter, Terri Whitaker Elzey of Surprise, AZ; son, Chris (Brenda) Whitaker of Anna; grandsons, Jason (Amanda) Dixon of Brooklyn, NY, Merritt McMahan of Hayward, CA, Reginald Elzey of Inglewood, CA, David (Carla) Whitaker of Jonesboro, Cody (Katie) Whitaker of Cobden; 9 great-grandchildren; several special nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jim Whitaker and sister, Betty Jo Bailey.

Visitation will be Friday, October 4, 2019 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Crain

Funeral Home in Dongola. Services will follow at 1:00pm with Mike Cole leading the opening prayer, Dean West giving the message and Paul Sadler leading the closing prayer. Burial will follow in Cypress Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital and will be accepted at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

**Cypress Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Dongola  
106 NW Front St.  
Dongola, IL 62926  
866-592-7246  
crain@crainsonline.com

### Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert E. Whitaker*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Shirley,*  
*It was so nice running into you and Bob at the doctor's office in Cape about one month ago. I had not seen Bob in years and it was great talking to him again.*  
*My prayers go out to you and the rest of the family.*

*Mark Taake*

**Mark Taake** - October 03, 2019 at 11:13 PM



“ *On behalf of the Frank and Leona Treece family, we send our heartfelt sympathy to your family. We know the loss is hard but we cherish so many wonderful memories.*



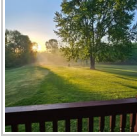
**Kim Collins** - October 03, 2019 at 08:04 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert E. Whitaker.*



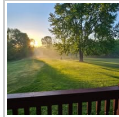
October 03, 2019 at 04:21 PM



“ *Nancy Solomon lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Whitaker*



**Nancy Solomon** - October 02, 2019 at 10:17 PM



*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Sorry for your loss. Mike & Nancy Solomon*

**Nancy Solomon** - October 02, 2019 at 10:18 PM



*Cody and Katie, we send our love to you and the family. Cody, we know how much you loved your grandpa. Cherish the memories and let them never fade.*

*Love,  
Uncle Larry and Aunt Kittie*

**Kittie Yates** - October 03, 2019 at 09:55 AM



“ *ROBERT WAS ONE OF MY BETTER FRIENDS OF MANY I HAD AT DONGOLA FIRST CHURCH HE WAS A GREAT MAN ALWAYS CHEERFUL WITH A BIG SMILE,HE WILL GREATLY MISSED BY ALL.I OFFER MY PRAYS TO THE FAMILY.*

**DOUG WAGONER** - October 02, 2019 at 08:22 PM

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“ Will miss seeing his smile at the family reunion!  
Sorry for your loss and love to you all!



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**Lisa Oneal** - October 02, 2019 at 07:24 PM