



R.L. Whitmire

October 14, 1935 - December 18, 2011

R.L. Whitmire passed away Sunday, December 18, 2011, in Sherman, Texas at the age of 76 years 2 months and 4 days. He was born on October 14, 1935 in Coleman, OK to William Ernest and Bessie Eunice (Lawson) Whitmire. R. L. married Arleta Marie Nelson on November 4, 1954 in Durant, OK. R.L. and Arleta's love for singing and music played a major role in their lives. R.L. enjoyed fishing, camping, and hunting with his family and friends. His hobbies were gardening, wood working, entertaining, and in all his years he never met a stranger. He was a member of Hopewell Freewill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife Arleta of the home, one daughter Vickie Marie Gould and her husband Kenny of Rose Hill, KS; one son Roger Lynn Whitmire and significant other Arminta Lester of Coleman, five grandchildren Shawna Goodwin and husband Philip of Stillwater, OK. Michael Rich of Rose Hill, KS, Jamie Sissell and husband Brian of Wichita, KS, Sharon Whitmire of Sherman, TX and Ross Whitmire of Coleman, eight great grandchildren, Miranda Rich, Korbin Rich, Hope Goodwin, Ashtyn Rich, Brock Thomas, Karsyn Rich, Braydon Thomas and Briant Sissell, four sisters Mary Simpson of Oklahoma City, OK, Bobbie Phelps and husband Bill of Silo, OK, Lois Finn and husband Jerry of Denton, TX, and LaVerne Barnes and husband Lindsey of Bristow, OK, two brothers Doyle Whitmire and wife Grace of Durant, OK and James Whitmire of Ft. Worth, TX.

He is preceded in death by his parents William Ernest and Bessie Eunice (Lawson) Whitmire, daughter Linda Dawn Whitmire and son William Lee Whitmire and one brother Ernest "Junior" Whitmire and two other siblings.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at Hopewell Baptist Church with Bro. Randy Tadlock officiating. Family hour will be held 6-8PM, Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at Brown's Funeral Service Chapel. Interment will be at Center Hill Cemetery with Michael Rich, Wayne Whitmire, Ray Whitmire, David Whitmire, Randy Whitmire, Brandon Welborn and Brent Welborn serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Delton Dean, Buster Renfroe, Jerry Renfroe, Kimmy Redden, Charlie Bridges, Chad Whitmire and William Whitmire. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com. Services are under the direction of Brown's Funeral Service Durant.

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Tribute Wall



“ *R.L. Whitmire*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Big brother, I truly miss you. I know you are having the time of your life and would not come back but our family will have an empty spot that can not be filled with anyone but you. Your great smile and spirit will live on in my heart. I love you so much.*

Laverne Barnes - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Arleeta, Vicky , Lynn, and family, Wish I could have been there with you. I loved R.L. like a brother. He was a very special person. My prayers are with you. He is in God's Hands and I know he is happy. Love you all.*

LaRue Hamilton - December 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss, Lynn.*

Marjorie Richardson - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Arleta, Lynn, Vickie and grandkids..I am truly sorry for your loss. Our family wont be the same with out uncle L. I love you all and sorry I am not able to be there due to work schedules. I am with you in spirit and my heart is with each and every one of you. May God comfort and keep you during this time!! Love you*

Brandon Welborn - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Arleta,

So sad to hear. I will always have a special place in my heart for you and R.L. Probably the very reason that I still play music today was the influence of you two in my life at church playing Gospel music. R.L. will be missed and our family will be praying for yours.

Marty

Marty Cook - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you!*

Christina, Michael & Alexandria - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I would love to attend the service but I have appointments in Dallas. Your family will be in my prayers.*

Dorthey Brown - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *We are going to miss Uncle RL. Prayers have been sent*

Johnny, Cindy, Jody, Johnathan Moore - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM