



Richard F. Whaley

April 1, 1930 - October 23, 2019

Richard "Dick" F. Whaley, 89, of Laurel, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at his home. He was born in Laurel on April 1, 1930, one of seven children of the late Clarence F. and Mary E. Whaley. Dick graduated from Laurel High School with the class of 1949 where he played football. A few years later he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and proudly served his country for 20 years, and retired in 1971 as a Sr. Master Sergeant. He was a life member of the American Legion Post 19 in Laurel and the Delmar VFW Post 8276. Always interested in serving his beloved Laurel, he went to work as the town manager for Laurel and then retired again in 1988. After retirement he went on to serve on the Sussex County Board of Appeals. A true hobbyist, he enjoyed going to auctions looking for collectibles with his wife Connie. Dick was an avid outdoorsman and master gardener who enjoyed working in his yard and rabbit hunting.

He is survived by sons, Philip Whaley and wife Laura Springham of Chincoteague, Virginia, Mark Whaley and wife Sue of Laurel and Blair T. Whaley and wife Amy Lowe of Laurel; grandchildren, Eric Whaley and wife Carrie, Melissa Wright and husband Chad, Patience Murray and husband Dale and Chelsea Whaley; great grandchildren, Mackenzie, Madelyn, Ryan, Sean, Kenniss, Bailey, Cora and Benjamin Lloyd, Jr.; a sister, Arlene Conaway and husband Preston; brothers, Robert Whaley and wife Adell, Alan Whaley and wife Sug, Jack Whaley and wife Lorraine, Doug Whaley and wife Patty and Wayne Whaley and wife Helen; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 59 years, Connie L. Whaley.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, and also on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00, followed by a funeral service which begins at 11:00. Pastor Larry Whaley will officiate. Interment will follow at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Laurel.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriot's Way, Milford, DE 19963.

Services are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove Street
Delmar, DE 19940
(302) 846-2525
info@shortfh.com

Visitation

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard F. Whaley*



Short Funeral Home - October 29, 2019 at 07:42 PM



“ *Richard F. Whaley*

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *I was sorry to hear about Mr. Dick; no matter when I saw him in the yard ; he always had a good laugh for me when we got together. He will be missed . He will always have a place in my heart and memory.*

JoAnn (Whaley) Stephens - November 01, 2019 at 02:05 PM



“ 113 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Short Funeral Home - October 29, 2019 at 08:46 AM

BE

“ *Dick Whaley was a great neighbor and friend to my Dad, Pierce Ellis. Over the years I watched their friendship grow and as my Dad's health began to fail, Dick showed me what being a neighbor and a good friend really means. I so enjoyed visiting with him the last few years when I came up to Laurel to visit family after my father died. My visits to Laurel were not complete if I was unable to visit, sit, and talk with Dick. I will miss this great man who served his country, his community, his family, and friends with such distinction for so many years.*

Blair Ellis - October 28, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Richard F. Whaley.*



October 28, 2019 at 02:53 PM

GM

“ *Sorry for your loss . He will be missed.*

Gertrude Meade - October 27, 2019 at 04:24 PM

GM

“ *Gertrude Meade lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Whaley*



Gertrude Meade - October 27, 2019 at 04:21 PM

TR

“ *Larry Whaler, and family... I am so sorry to hear about your uncle's passing. Age doesn't matter when we lose loved ones. Wishing you good memories, peace and comfort during these next days ... Know you are in our hearts and prayers.*
Tina & Jay Reaser

Tina Reaser - October 26, 2019 at 01:47 PM

LR

“ *You all are in our thoughts & prayers!! You know Marty was waiting at heavens gates to let Mr Dick know that he had beat him to heaven!* 🙏❤️🙏🌻

Lil Rubino - October 25, 2019 at 11:07 PM

KC

“ Mr. Whaley was a kind soul. He was quiet the entertainer at the cancer center. He fought a courageous battle. He will be missed. Praying for the family and friends. May God give all of you peace and comfort in knowing He is at peace and pain free and with his wife.



Kim Corkran BSN, RN

Kim Corkran - October 25, 2019 at 10:43 PM

KH

“ What a wonderful man - he loved to tease and could always make me laugh...I loved both of your parents ❤️
How lucky you all are to have been raised with so much love - sending prayers for comfort and peace.
Karen Hopkins

Karen Hopkins - October 25, 2019 at 08:49 PM

MM

“ Marsha Murphy lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Whaley



Marsha Murphy - October 25, 2019 at 08:35 PM

CB

“ CLARK And DEBY BENSON lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Whaley



CLARK and DEBY BENSON - October 25, 2019 at 08:11 PM

BO

“ Bobby Otwell lit a candle in memory of
Richard F. Whaley



Bobby Otwell - October 25, 2019 at 07:26 PM

JO

“ Bill and Jan Otwell



Jan Otwell - October 25, 2019 at 07:19 PM

NL

“ Nancy Lowe lit a candle in memory of Richard
F. Whaley



Nancy Lowe - October 25, 2019 at 06:23 PM

WD

“ Wendy Dolby lit a candle in memory of
Richard F. Whaley



Wendy Dolby - October 25, 2019 at 06:22 PM

EW

“ *Eddie And Tracy Whaley lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Whaley*



Eddie and Tracy Whaley - October 25, 2019 at 04:27 PM