



Calvin Van Meter Whitaker

April 26, 1923 - June 10, 2018

Calvin Van Meter Whitaker, 95, of Carthage, went home to be with the Lord on the evening of Sunday, June 10, 2018 at Springhurst Health Campus in Greenfield, Indiana.

He was born April 26, 1923 at home in Hancock County, Indiana, a son of the late John Abner Whitaker and Lois Helena (Brattain) Whitaker.

Calvin loved farming. He grew up on a farm and in his 20's purchased a farm West of Pendleton on which he farmed for many years. When Interstate 69 was being developed it was brought directly through his farm. Calvin greatly enjoyed restoring steam engines and showing them at the state fair and other places. He was a charter member of the Pioneer Engineers Club. For many years Calvin attended the Fishersburg Wesleyan Church where he held various offices.

He is survived by his wife, Esther (Brower) Whitaker, step-children, Carol Smith and Linda Elliott both of Shirley, Julianna Ruth (Joshua) Brown of Farmersville, TX, David Aaron (Cherish) Budensiek of Greenville, TX, Martha Rose (Lau) Ghioc of Knightstown and Rebekah Joy Budensiek of Carthage.

Calvin was preceded in death by his first wife, Elnora Jean (Heim) Whitaker, a step-son, David Elliott and a brother, Owen Emerson Whitaker.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 pm Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at Gravel Lawn Cemetery in Fortville with Pastor Tim Wiford officiating.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family is honored to serve the family of Calvin Whitaker.

Cemetery Details

Gravel Lawn Cemetery

9088 W 1025 S
Fortville, IN 46040

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ He was such an amazing man. When i was 16 i worked on his farm with him doing odds and ends. Even got to help him paint up his 1914 rumley advance straw burner. (Steam tractor). He loved his Andy Griffith and would watch him laugh till he was crying watching I Love Lucy. Anyone who was fortunate enough to work with Calvin had a good time. R.I.H. You ar forever missed my good friend.

Matt Menhennett - February 24, 2021 at 06:13 AM

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“ Such a wonderful friend. He was truly a blessing to our church for so many years. We already miss him. His laugh was something to remember. Love from his Fishersburg Wesleyan Church Family.

mona pettigrew - June 16, 2018 at 08:02 AM

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“ Carol Smith purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Calvin Van Meter Whitaker.



Carol Smith - June 11, 2018 at 06:12 PM

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“ Carol R Smith lit a candle in memory of Calvin Van Meter Whitaker



Carol R Smith - June 11, 2018 at 04:49 PM

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*Ester, I am thinking about you. You are and will continue to be in my prayers.
God be with you.
Carol*

Carol R Smith - June 11, 2018 at 04:51 PM

AS

So sorry Carol and Linda for the loss of your dad. I am sure your mother was there to meet him at heavens gate

anita smith-florea - June 11, 2018 at 05:37 PM

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I will miss Calvin very much. I would tell him everyday your just to cute and he would smile and laugh I will miss that .

tracy durand - June 15, 2018 at 07:07 AM