



George L. Whitington

October 15, 1937 - November 4, 2024

George Whitington went home to be with the Lord on November 4, 2024. He was born on October 15, 1937, in Dallas, Texas to Leroy and Irene (Whitcher) Whitington. He was raised in Dallas and attended the University of North Texas, where he received a BA in French and a MA in Spanish. He also completed PhD graduate work in Linguistics at UT Austin.

George married Cleo Morgan on May 23, 1959. He was in the Air Force from 1960 to 1964, serving as an ICBM operator. He was a life-long educator, mostly at community colleges and loved teaching ESL classes. Most importantly, as a lay minister, he and Cleo had a long life of Christian service in churches throughout Texas – Houston, Dallas, Austin, Odessa, and for the last 24 years, in San Antonio. They opened their home to many over the years, for meals, weekly Bible study, and hospitality; because of this, they also have numerous spiritual children.

George was known for his deep knowledge of the Bible and church history, shepherding of others, and faithfulness to the Lord in service. He also was very involved in supporting many churches in Mexico, Central America, and Brazil.

He is survived by his children, Grace Whitington Barber, Martha Gill (Jalee), Steve Whitington (Julie), son-in-law, Lynn Denton; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; his brothers, David and Frank; the bonus daughters for which they were guardians, Linda Roberts (Roger) and Peggy Sue Prewitt-Herber; and many more nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his wife Cleo, sister Leah Ruth, parents, grandparents, and a daughter, Virginia "Ginny" Denton.

The family also expresses their gratitude for the wonderful, kind and caring staff and caregivers at the Brookdale Whitby Assisted Living Center, which has been his home for several years. We are also very appreciative of the excellent and loving care that he received from nurses and caregivers at the VA CLC Hospice during his last days.

Family will receive friends for visitation on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 from 5:00pm-8:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio, TX 78230.

Friends, family and others whose lives have been touched by George are invited to celebrate his life on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 12:00pm at the funeral home chapel, followed by a committal service at Mission Retama Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Parkinson's Foundation, Church in San Antonio building fund, or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Mission Park Retama

15940 Lookout Road
San Antonio, TX 78245

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Chapel Service

NOV 14. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Interment

NOV 14 (CT)

Mission Park Retama
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Tribute Wall

NP

“ My wife and I share many wonderful memories of brother George and his wife Cleo. George ministered Christ not only by speaking richly concerning Christ, but also by getting to know people and prayerfully shepherding them. One of our treasured memories is of a time when we were rather poor newlyweds in San Angelo and George shared a meal with us and then stayed overnight in our house. He was on a business trip, but, of course, he made use of the opportunity to provide us spiritual care and encouragement. He was always taking care of the believers, wherever he was, with a view to building up the body of Christ and increasing the corporate testimony of Jesus. It seemed he lived life loving the Lord Jesus and caring for God's purpose on the earth. We feel privileged to have been under the influence of such a vessel of the Lord! Lord, rise up and complete all that You have started in each of us who were touched by this dear brother!

Neil Pratt - December 27, 2024 at 11:07 PM

BF

“ I am grateful for the living out of Christ that I witnessed in George. In his life I saw these verses lived out:

Philippians 4:11-12 Not that I speak according to lack, for I have LEARNED, in WHATEVER CIRCUMSTANCE I am, TO BE CONTENT. I know also how to BE ABASED, and I know how to ABOUND; in everything and in all things I have LEARNED THE SECRET both to be filled and to hunger, both to abound and to lack.

For many years it seems he enjoyed an abounding life with his lovely wife, 4 children, corporate living, a rich church life, traveling to visit the different localities, etc.

Having been with him in San Antonio the last 23 years of his course, I noticed that as he advanced in years, he suffered the loss of many things yet remained content. He suffered the loss of a daughter, his wife's health, his wife, his own health, his ability to live on his own, and even a corporate in-person church life that he'd enjoyed for so long. He was limited to Zoom meetings and a small Bible study in the assisted living home. For several years he was quietly living a very limited life in assisted living. I would see him at the dining table surrounded by several others in the assisted-living, for the most part strangers and many cognitively very low. There he was so full of the life of Christ tucked away, not seen by many, but by God.

Not many people saw him, BUT THE LORD saw him.

I was touched whenever we would visit him that he remained content despite all the losses he'd endured. It was a strengthening to me, and even a kind of learning as I advance in years myself, unsure of what lies ahead. May we all finish our course as George did.

Betty Findeisen - November 15, 2024 at 04:25 PM

GB

Thank you Betty for sharing such precious words about his life

Grace Barber - November 16, 2024 at 06:11 AM

NT

“ Me and My family had the privilege of known brother George pretty close for the last 14 years since we moved to San Antonio. We also were part of his Tuesday home meeting, and it did not matter if the meeting fell on a holiday, they would still have it very faithfully. If could describe our dear brother with one word it would be Love. He was the expression of love and denial of oneself. Brother George was a god man, and he allowed God to be express in his human virtues. You could touch God through him. He was a guiding father with true concern for others. He will break through any humans' barriers of language, age, culture or age. He was able to touch many lives of children, teenagers, young ones and adults. We love him very much and we would certainly miss him.

When me and my husband went to see him at the hospital the only thing, he said was God is faithful.

Even though his physical body was sick you could feel he had such a peace. He was a true pattern of a person that follows and loves our Lord Jesus Christ. I thank God for the number of years he let brother George do his will on this earth.

I want to thank his children and grandchildren for sharing brother George with us. May the Lord Jesus comfort your hearts.



Nohemi Tovar - November 14, 2024 at 04:07 PM

AR

“ I had the honor to take care of him in his home , my girls and I loved him dearly

♥ Always Anne

Hailey, Elizabeth, and Sophie : Love you always Mr. GEORGE BEAR 🐻



Anne Elizabeth Rosales - November 14, 2024 at 01:29 PM

GB

Thank you Annie - your wonderful care helped him to be able to stay in his home !

Grace Barber - November 16, 2024 at 06:14 AM

BB

“ Bob and Beta Bowen purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of George L. Whittington.



Bob and Beta Bowen - November 14, 2024 at 10:44 AM

KD

“ When we first touched the church in Austin in 1973, George and Cleo cared for us diligently. They had us into their home many times and answered our questions about the church and the Recovery. We believe that it was primarily because of their care for us that we entered into the church life back then, and we have now enjoyed being in the church life for more than fifty-one years. It is encouraging to see servants of the Lord who have given themselves tirelessly over the years and have now finished their course. We appreciate their service to the Lord in the churches, and we are grateful for their example to us all.
To the children of George and Cleo, and to all those who were like members of their family, we extend our condolences. May the Lord comfort your hearts. We know you will miss him.

Ken and JoAnn Diller - November 13, 2024 at 04:43 PM

GB

Thank you Ken and JoAnn for sharing those precious words, it is so wonderful to hear from you, and it does not seem possible that it has been 50 years!

Grace Barber - November 14, 2024 at 10:20 AM

MF

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Mike Findeisen - November 13, 2024 at 01:29 PM

WH

“ My name is Wendy Contreras, and I met Brother George and Sister Cleo over ten years ago. I started attending their home meetings on Tuesdays, but later on, these gatherings moved to Brookdale Assisted Living. There, we would read the Morning Revival, sing hymns, fellowship, and share a snack. We always began by singing his favorite hymn, “This Is My Story.” When I arrived with his favorite oatmeal raisin cookies or peanut M&M’s, he’d light up like a kid, and his smile and excitement meant so much to me. I came to see him as a grandpa and deeply appreciated the warmth and kindness he showed me. Brother George always made me feel comfortable, and I felt I could share everything with him. He helped me through many hardships, and while I will deeply miss him, I know his passing is a beautiful gain for our Lord. ❤️

Wendy Heather - November 13, 2024 at 12:07 PM

GB

Wonderful sister Wendy and thank you!

Grace Barber - November 13, 2024 at 03:37 PM

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Grace Barber - November 12, 2024 at 07:25 PM

JR

“ Bro George cared for my family by attending weekly home meetings at our home. He would shepherd us. He once told me that we can have bad habits but could also develop good habits. He told me to develop the good habit of praying with my kids on the way to school. Raising five kids was hard, especially when they all fought on the way to school. So I took the brothers advice and I would start by calling on the name of the Lord and the kids would slowly stop fighting and then I would begin praying and then next thing you know they would all take turns praying one by one. One day I wasn't up to praying on the way to school. Then my kids were like “mom aren't we going to pray?” Oh LORD JESUS!

I thank the Lord for bringing bro George and sister Cleo into our lives and the local church in Odessa.

Bro George you definitely ran the race and completed the course. You will forever be in our hearts. We will forever cherish all the sweet memories of you and sister Cleo.

Josie Rodriguez - November 12, 2024 at 08:04 AM

GB

Thank you sister Josie!

Grace Barber - November 12, 2024 at 07:21 PM

JP

“ My name is John Yu. My wife is Gloria. In August 1984 we moved from the Twin Cities to San Antonio with the help of Br. Terry Sutton with our children Sam and Anne. I was reporting to a job in Brooks AFB. We moved to Pinole in December 2015 and have joined the church in Berkeley since then.

When Br. Steve Clark was called by the Living Stream Ministry to serve as manager of general services for the LSM campus, Br. George was called to serve San Antonio. I still remember several brothers, including Brad Nabers and I, drove from San Antonio to Odessa to move George and Cleo to San Antonio. Time goes swift. Today Br. George is rest in peace with my lord after 24 years devotion to us.

Br. George is faithful to the Lord's recovery. After he resigned the pastor position with a Christian group and turned to the Lord's recovery, he never wavered. Not only he shepherded the saints in San Antonio, he was also called to serve the churches in Mexico City, Guatemala, Honduras, Belize because George is fluent in Spanish and in the truth of the Bible. In his tenure in San Antonio the church has increased from 40 some to over a 100 more. And also under his tutelage the church acquired a 3.5 acres lot on Babcock Road and the building up the new meeting hall.

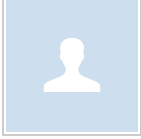
Paul said "Be imitator of me because I'm an imitator of Christ." Br. George is an example of faithful to his Lord Jesus Christ and to the Ministry. He labored a lot with the church matters. For the church in San Antonio, we all are proud of him for his serving not only locally but also extra local. Fro Br. George we all now our knees to the father that he has gained the crown of glory.

John K Yu, PhD - November 11, 2024 at 02:35 PM

GB

Greetings John and Gloria and thank you for sharing!

Grace Barber - November 12, 2024 at 07:23 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of George L. Whittington.*



November 11, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ *Our dear brother George had a great love for the church in Guatemala, for many years he took care of us, loved us, teaching us about the Lord. I will always carry Brother George in my heart. Thank you Lord for giving us such loving brothers, brothers who represent an example for the whole church, like Brother George.*

Linda Lopez, church in Mixco-Guatemala

Linda Velásquez - November 10, 2024 at 09:31 PM

GB

Gracias sister Linda - when we were looking through pictures, we found this wonderful photo from one of his visits there

Grace Barber - November 12, 2024 at 07:28 PM

DM

“ I never had the privilege of being in the same locality with brother George but I got to coordinate with him a lot. He was always so gentle and kind in his demeanor but also very clear and absolute in his vision and practice of the church life. I was always so impressed (and a little envious) of his fluency in Spanish. In 2013 we moved to Odessa and I heard so many stories about how George had shepherded and cared for the saints in West Texas for many years prior to our going there. Brother George was a factor of life and faithful to his Lord and to His church.

David W. Vinson, M.D. - November 10, 2024 at 08:44 AM

JS

“ It 's hard to think of Bro George and Sister Cleo without seeing all the saints in Odessa , and every where we go ,”Oh, I lived with the Whittingtons”. Ann Fullilove gave us her assessment of the children early on. Why she remained. Only in the church Life....? Our condolences especially to Lynn Denton , Stacy and Cody. your grandmother Cleo kept us updated through the years. Also Peggy Heber. There is much love in the Lord's dear Body. Joanna Smathers

joanna smathers - November 08, 2024 at 03:27 PM

GB

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Grace W Barber - November 08, 2024 at 05:38 AM