



Edna "Pudgie" Earle Acord Whatley

June 27, 1936 - January 22, 2021

Edna "Pudgie" Earle Acord Whatley

Rayne, LA - Memorial services will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 11:00 am at First Baptist Church in Rayne, LA for Edna "Pudgie" Earle Acord Whatley, 84, Went to be with our Lord Friday, January 22, 2021 at her residence in Rayne, LA. In the company of family and friends.

Inurnment will be in the Bellevue Memorial Park Cemetery in Opelousas, LA.

The family requests that visitation be observed at First Baptist Church, 1715 E. Jeff Davis Ave., Rayne, LA 70578 on Saturday, February 6, 2021 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Rev. Glen Whatley her son and Pastor Gene Lee will conduct the memorial services.

The Whatley family requires all guests wear a face covering and maintain social distancing at the church. Thank you for understanding during this unprecedented time.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Whatley McCartney and spouse Larry McCartney of Quitman, LA, Sherry Whatley Steele and spouse Tom

Steele of Sachse, TX, two sons, Robert Wayne Whatley and spouse Amy Whatley of Rayne, LA, and Glen Alan Whatley and spouse Tylitha Whatley of Dry Prong, LA. She had eleven grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and five step-grandchildren, and one sister, Patsy Sue Acord Franques of Lafayette, LA.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Donald Willie Whatley, father, Francis Earl Acord; mother, Elaine Elizabeth Dejean Acord Smith; step father, Charles Thomas Smith; two sisters, Andrea Acord Corne Murff and spouse Alan Murff, Fran Acord Jewell and spouse Joe Jewell, brother in law, Howard Franques, Jr.

She was a beautiful example of real love and acceptance and loved her family, friends and most of all Jesus Christ with all of her heart. She loved sharing her faith with others and served our Savior faithfully. She will be greatly missed by all who love her.

The family requests that in Lieu of flowers, donations can be made at <https://faithlife.com/tgpw/give?funds=6402>.

Friends may view the obituary and guestbook online at www.gossenfuneralhome.net.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gossen Funeral Home, Inc. of Rayne, LA, (337) 334-3141.

Gossen Funeral Home, Inc.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
1715 E. Jefferson Davis Ave.
Rayne, LA 70578

Memorial Service

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Cemetery

FEB 6 (CT)

Bellevue Memorial Park
4833 Hwy. 182
Opelousas, LA 70570

Tribute Wall

TK

“ So sorry to read this, even more sorry for not contacting you back in 2017, I know your rejoicing in the love of God and all our family members that are there too, just to get to see all of them again what a joy ,until its my turn to rejoice with all of you again tell my grandmother,your aunt Irene I love her.

Tina Kokemoor - February 04, 2022 at 09:56 PM

MF

“ Marilyn Fitch lit a candle in memory of Edna "Pudgie" Earle Acord Whatley



Marilyn Fitch - January 30, 2021 at 08:20 AM

BF

“ Brenda B. Francis(RHS) lit a candle in memory of Edna "Pudgie" Earle Acord Whatley



Brenda B. Francis(RHS) - January 29, 2021 at 05:22 AM



“ Jan Moreau sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna "Pudgie" Earle Acord Whatley




Jan Moreau - January 27, 2021 at 07:33 PM

AP

“ *What a wonderful person and impression she made on me when we worked together at Phillips Petroleum...though it has been many years since seeing her the thoughts and memories of those years we worked together will forever stay with me...Our prayers and thoughts go out to all the family and friends..What a blessing she was...*

Al Perry - January 27, 2021 at 06:08 PM

 Joanne Mills

“ *To the Whatley Family,
My heart is sad at the loss of my long-time friend, Pudgie. We met when I was 17 and she was 27. In those early years, she had a powerful influence on my spiritual awakening. Though our contact was limited in the years she and Don were busy in ministry and I, raising my children, we maintained a special bond. The last few years have been special, reconnecting and visiting occasionally. She will always hold a special place in my heart. I pray for special comfort for all of you who feel the great loss of your mom, grandmother, mother-in-law, sister and friend. We all know how gloriously happy she is now!*
Joanne Mills

Joanne Mills - January 27, 2021 at 02:36 PM

DC

“ *Donna, Bobby, Sherry, Glen
Sending lots of prayers, hugs, and love! Your mom was one in a million ~ I know she's dancing and singing in the angel's choir. She was such an inspiration to all of us in our neighborhood. God bless you all*
Daphne Pryor Comeaux



Daphne Comeaux - January 26, 2021 at 05:41 PM

CA

“ Donna, Bobby, Glen, Sherrie, my how fast the years have gone by. I still remember exercising three days a week with your Mother and Joyce. We were neighbors for a number of years before they built in the new subdivision. I would peek in on them when they were at the Ellington. I am so happy I got to speak with her before her passing. May her soul Rest In Peace . I will not be able to attend the services, but my prayers and thoughts will be with all of you at that time. I know she will be missed. I am sure she is happy to Re-unite with your Dad.

Clara Ann Avant - January 26, 2021 at 12:58 PM



“ To Donna, Sherry, Bobby and Glen and the rest Whatley. family. You have my deepest condolences. Mrs. Pudgie was a wonderful lady.



Joe Petitjean - January 26, 2021 at 12:49 PM

DD

With deepest sympathy. She was a beautiful person inside and out.

Diana Domingue - January 27, 2021 at 10:07 AM

BH

It hurts that they are both gone, and yet I rejoice in the friendship, companionship, and fun times Don and I had with Don and Pudgie as young married couples and also all that with Pudgie as young mothers rearing our children. She helped me with “The Little Red Schoolhouse”. I was so assured my babies were in loving hands, I could teach without worry. I also rejoice they are both with the Lord, and someday soon we will see them again. Our condolences to all the children with love and appreciation, Barb and Don Hoffpaur.

Barbara and Don Hoffpaur - January 27, 2021 at 11:20 AM

CF

Pudgie was a Wonderful Friend. Our Friendship enriched my life, and I will always be thankful for that. I know she will be missed by so many people. God Bless her Family with Peace. I know for sure that she is in Heaven. 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤�🙏🙏🙏

carol Franks - January 30, 2021 at 11:32 PM