



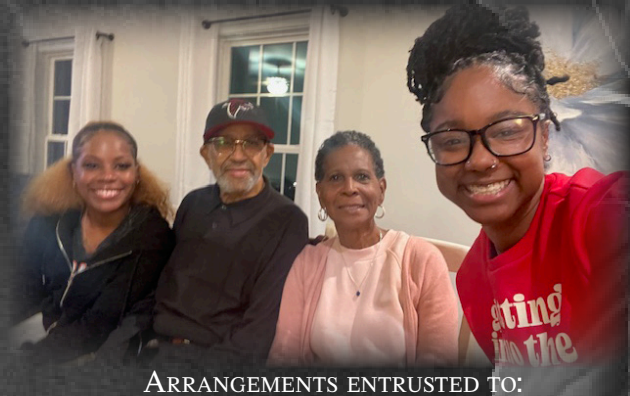
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-The Family-



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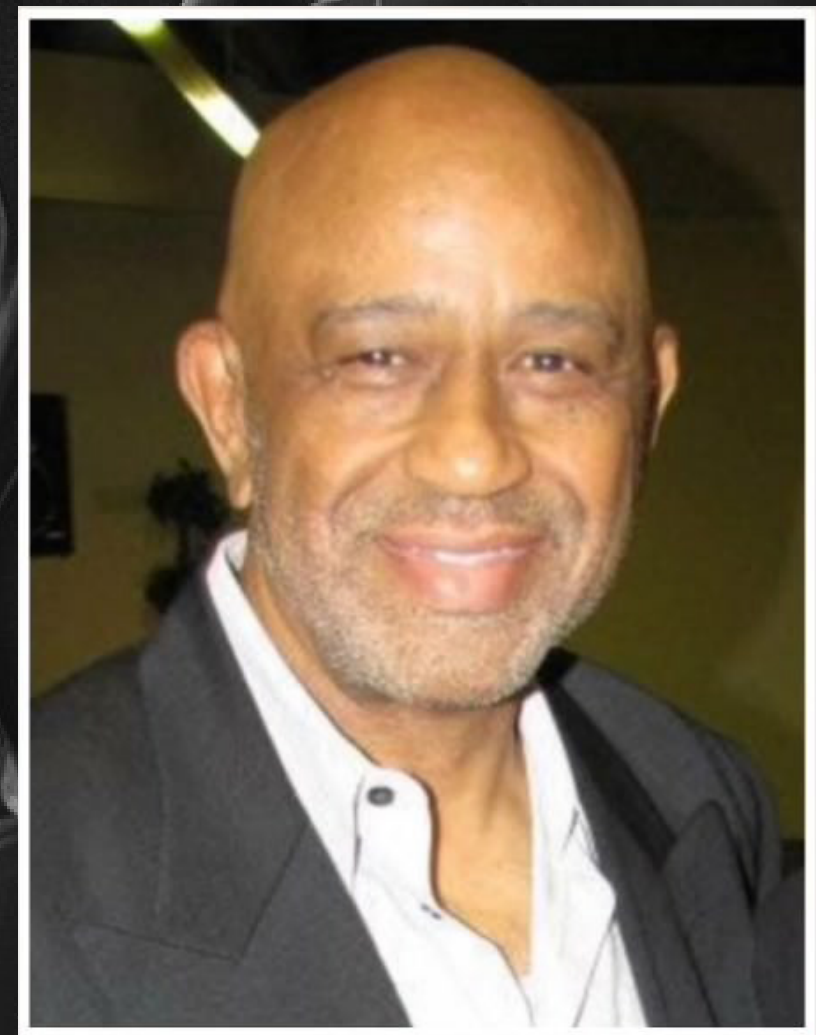
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# *Celebrating the Life of*



January 17, 1949 ~ April 26, 2024

*William*  
**D. WHATLEY**  
"Don"



# The Life and Legacy of William Donald Whatley

Dear brothers, pattern your lives after mine, and notice who else lives up to my example. For I have told you often before, and I say it again now with tears in my eyes, there are many who walk along the Christian road who are really enemies of the cross of Christ. But our homeland is in heaven, where our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, is; and we are looking forward to his return from there.  
~ Philippians 3:17-20~

William Donald Whatley (Don) was born January 17, 1949, to Teavious & Johnnie May Whatley in Minnesota. He was the fifth of six siblings. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, sister Cynthia Crawford, brothers Teavious, Robert and Alywin.

At an early age they moved to Calhoun, Ga where he attended the Adairsville School System. As a young man, he moved to Atlanta where he attended Atlanta Area Tech. He obtained an associate degree in Telecommunication. He was employed with BellSouth as a technician before becoming a partner at CIS Telecommunications. Later transitioning into the healthcare field.

In 1979, Don met the love of his life, Christine. They were joined in Holy Matrimony in 1980. And to this loving union a son and daughter were born, and a son and daughter was gained.

Don accepted Christ at an early age, and as an adult he accepted the call to ministry. He was ordained as a Deacon in 2010 under the Church of the Nazarene. He continued serving in the Ministry as a Deacon at the East Point Church of the Nazarene, where he served faithfully as the Sunday School Superintendent, Board member, and a dedicated choir member.

As a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend; Don cherished everyone in his circle and enjoyed spending time with all until his health declined.

Don's Love and Legacy will be cherished by his wife of 43 years Christine Whatley, sons; Fernando Hoke, William (LaKisha) Whatley, daughters; Chastity (Charles) Parks, Courtney (Isaiah) Holcomb, sister; Norma Character, Sister-in-law; Tina Whatley, and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

## The Order of Service

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024  
11:00 A.M.

EAST POINT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE  
2736 CHENEY STREET  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30344

Musical Prelude

Processional

Minister & Family

Scripture Reading

Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer

Musical Selection

Expressions (Limit 2 minutes, please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Read Silently

Soft Music

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Clarence Chase

Congregational Hymn

Closing Prayer

Recessional

## The Broken Chain

We knew little that morning that  
God was going to call your name,  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
You did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.  
You left us peaceful memories,  
Your love is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you,  
You are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems to be the same,  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.

## Show Love

I feel like your name should have  
been SHOW Love  
because that is how I remember you.

LOVE is a powerful  
emotion propelled by God, energy,  
thoughts, and actions.  
It can change you and anyone around  
you who you SHOW LOVE to.

LOVE needs no announcement,  
it is visible in your eyes, body, and deeds  
Poppy. If you cannot see love  
through actions, it is not LOVE.

It is something else. Poppy showed his love by never  
abusing, confusing, nor misusing me and those he loved.  
Poppy showed his love by sharing his wisdom and not  
concealing it from me.

Poppy prepared me for life and  
showed me how to SHOW Love.  
You and your love will be  
missed but remembered.

REST EASY POPPY

"Your Homeloy Wfidd"

