



Jesse Orlando Whitehurst

June 16, 2007

Jesse Orlando Whitehurst comfortably passed away June 16, 2007, with his beloved wife by his side. He was a native of Gates, N.C. Jesse loved his country and served in the Navy during World War II as a hard hat diver. He fought in the Battle of Leyte Gulf. Jesse was a longtime member of Churchland Baptist Church and retired from civil service as an electronics technician. Jesse loved freshwater fishing, camping, cars and spending time with his family and friends. He was a farmer at heart and loved caring for his vegetable garden. There was nothing mechanical that he could not fix.

Jesse is survived by his wife of 60 years, Betty Jean Boyd Whitehurst; two daughters, Barbara Strudwick and her son Nathan Pless and Carol Howard and her daughter Jill Hunter; and a sister, Polly Stevens of Franklin .

Visitation will be at Loving Funeral Home from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday. No family members will be present. A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in Churchland Baptist Church with the Rev. Lawrence B. Coleman officiating. Burial will be private; however, friends are encouraged to visit with Betty at Brighton Gardens , 5620 Wesleyan Drive , Virginia Beach , VA 23455 , any afternoon after the day of the funeral. If contributions are preferred to flowers, the family suggests they be made to Hope Haven Children's Home or to the Norfolk Botanical Garden .

Tribute Wall



“ Barbara,

I was reading through the obits as I normally do as part of my genealogy research and happened to see that your father passed away. I wanted to express my deepest felt sympathies for your lost. You and your family are in our prayers during this difficult time in your lives.

Take care, Bill Raiford

June 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. Please stay in touch.

June 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the family from Barbara at the doctors office.

June 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Barbara: So sorry to learn about the death of your father. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

June 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Barbara and family....*

I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. I am certain that the void that you all feel now is overwhelming and hopefully in time that void will ease and be replaced with a peaceful feeling of comfort knowing that he is now being cradled in the arms of God, pain free and walking every step you take by your side, to support you and to comfort you.

Again, please accept my condolences.

Nita Army Corps##imported-begin##Nita Bradshaw##imported-end##

June 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *I want to offer my deepest condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Yvonne Gefrich##imported-end##*

June 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry to learn about the death of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Padam Jain##imported-end##*

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“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you all in this time of loss. Jesse was a friend and will be missed.##imported-begin##Steve Day Golden Corral##imported-end##

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