



Donald Eugene Whalen

December 8, 1932 - January 9, 2015

Donald Whalen, age 82, of Harriman, passed away, January 9, 2015, at his home. He enjoyed restoring antique tractors, spending time with his granddaughter, Bunny, and many outdoor activities. Don served in the Army for six years and was retired from Highway, Inc., of Brentwood, Tennessee.

Preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann Whalen; parents, Warren and Hazel Whalen; infant brother, Gerald; sisters, Mary Sue Whalen and June Pyle.

He is survived by daughter, Lisa Whalen and granddaughter, Kristina "Bunny" Whalen, of Rockwood; brothers, Tony Whalen (Oneda) of Harriman; Max (Vontella) Whalen of Harriman, and Bill Whalen of Aiken, South Carolina; niece, Eleda Burgess (Doug); great niece, Rachel Burgess; and many other nieces, nephews and special friends.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, January 13, 5 – 7 p.m., at the Kyker Funeral Home Chapel in Harriman; funeral services will immediately follow with Ken Isham officiating. Interment will be Wednesday, January 14, 11 a.m., in Roane Memorial Gardens.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Harriman, TN 37748
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Funeral Service

JAN 13. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Roane Memorial Gardens
1400 N Gateway Ave
Rockwood, TN 37854

Tribute Wall

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“ Don always seemed to have a smile on his face. May have been that when I saw him that he was around his tractors with Tony. He would tend to have funny stories to tell about his Highway working days that would illuminate his face with a smile and brighten his eyes.

He gave me the nickname “Skillet” after I told him about my attempt of curing an iron skillet with bacon grease.... Needless to say I filled the condo with smoke and the neighbors coming over to check on me. Always brought a chuckle to him when he called me “Skillet”.

Jimmy “Skillet” Lowe

Jimmy - January 15, 2015 at 07:50 AM

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“ Don has been for many years a person to look up to on restoring the tractors, he put a part of him in all of them he done and it really showed in the finished product, he was a great person to be around, he was a inspiration to me on tractors , Billy Norman

billy norman - January 10, 2015 at 10:19 PM

PW

*Lisa and Bunny,
So sorry for your loss! Your dad will be missed by many but none more than you.*

Patty Walden

Patty Walden - January 11, 2015 at 12:41 PM

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Sorry to hear of your loss. He was a great man, father, husband,grandfather,brother. Remember him as a happy and friendly person who lived his family.

charlene taylor - January 11, 2015 at 07:21 PM



I'm so sorry Lisa. He was always smiling and happy!

Frankie Hawn - January 12, 2015 at 09:07 PM