



Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.

December 17, 1931 - May 16, 2018

Ralph Carvel "Buck" Whaley Sr. of Queenstown, MD passed away peacefully at his home on May 16 with his family by his side.

Mr. Whaley was born on December 17, 1931, the son of the late Ralph Lee and Sara Stevens Whaley. He grew up in Queenstown, MD and graduated from Centreville High School. In 1955, he married the former Janice Jean Cooper. Buck was a life-long devoted farmer, who loved to work from sun up to sun down vowing that when "you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life". His love for animals, country music and traveling was known to all. In his older days, he enjoyed spending his time keeping his lawn immaculate and could always be found riding his mower with a big smile on his face. More than anything, Buck was devoted to his wife and family, and couldn't be happier than when he was surrounded by those he loved.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Janice Whaley; his children: Ralph Carvel Whaley, Jr. (April Whaley) of Queenstown, MD, Brenda Whaley Edwards (Mike Edwards) of Queenstown, MD and Debbie Sparks (Dudley Sparks) of Wilmington, NC; grandchildren: Matthew Whaley, Brandy Conley, Jenny Whitby, Nichole Whaley, Brooke Whaley, Sophie Whaley, Spencer Whaley and MacKenzie Whaley; great-grandchildren: Kameron Whaley, Lilli Calderon, Braxtyn Conley, Cadence Conley, Jaxson Whitby, Addyson Bleclie and Mason Moore; and his sisters: Elinor Towers, Mary Comegys and Connie

Fassett. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jack Whaley.

A funeral service will be held at 11 am on Wednesday, May 23rd at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A in Centreville, MD, where friends and family may visit on Tuesday, May 22nd from 6-8 pm as well as one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Chesterfield Cemetery in Centreville, MD.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to either Queenstown United Methodist Church or Queenstown Fire Company.

Cemetery Details

Chesterfield Cemetery

406 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-1151
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

Visitation

MAY 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-1151
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Service

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Centreville Location
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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 21, 2018 at 03:57 PM

AE

Dear Whaley Family,

We are so sorry to hear about Mr. Buck's passing. He was such a sweet man whose kindness could always be counted on. I know that he will be missed greatly by so many people. Please know that our love and prayers are with you all during this time.

Ashley Elder - May 22, 2018 at 02:01 PM

JT

Prayers for the family, such a sweet man

Judy Wenck Thompson - May 22, 2018 at 07:51 PM



“ *Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr..*



May 22, 2018 at 01:33 PM



“ *Pam Whitby lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.*



Pam Whitby - May 21, 2018 at 04:03 PM



“ *Lisa Stubbs Plummer lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.*



Lisa Stubbs Plummer - May 21, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr..*



May 21, 2018 at 12:39 PM



“ *Donna and Pete Perrego and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr..*



Donna and Pete Perrego and family - May 20, 2018 at 08:26 PM



“ *Lois & Phil MacDonald lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.*



Lois & Phil MacDonald - May 20, 2018 at 01:01 PM



“ *I am going to miss my buddy so much. He was the most generous, kind hearted, hardworking man I knew. He loved everyone and was the patriarch of our family. He always encouraged us to follow our dreams and he was always there if we needed him. He was more of a father to me than my father-in-law. We all love you!*

Michael Edwards - May 20, 2018 at 10:17 AM

BT

“ *Betsy Dulin Truitt lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.*



Betsy Dulin Truitt - May 19, 2018 at 11:39 PM

DD

“ *Dale And Gail Dadds lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.*



Dale and Gail Dadds - May 19, 2018 at 05:30 PM

DD

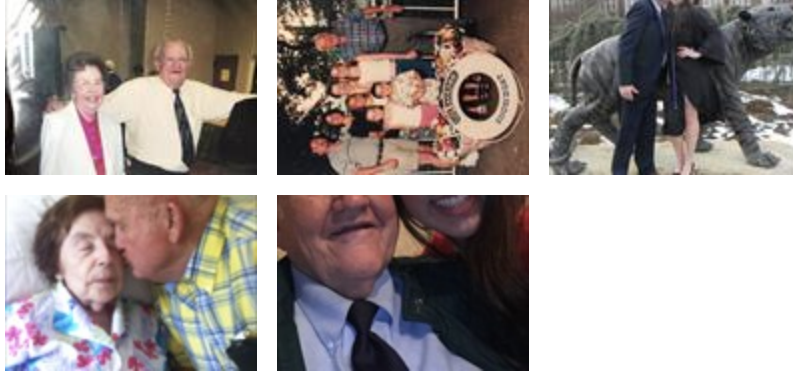
We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Buck. Every time we seen him he was always smiling. Our Thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. He will truly be missed. With our deepest sympathy. God Bless.

*Gail & Dale Dadds
Ingleside, Md.*

Dale & Gail Dadds - May 19, 2018 at 05:46 PM

NW

“ So many beautiful memories with you, Poppop. Thank you for ALWAYS being there and helping to build the strongest family. We all love you and we will hold all of our memories close to our hearts forever.



Nichole Whaley - May 19, 2018 at 05:11 PM

PP

“ Pete And Donna Perrego lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.



Pete and Donna Perrego - May 19, 2018 at 09:02 AM

HD

“ Howard &Doris Donovan lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.



Howard &Doris Donovan - May 19, 2018 at 07:53 AM

HO

So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

*Doris and Howard Donovan
Laurinburg, NC*

Howard - May 19, 2018 at 07:55 AM

SW

“ *My deepest sympathy to your family. May God bless you and give you comfort as you grieve and celebrate the life of your love one. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love to you all,*

*Salena Warlick
Wilmington, NC*

Salena Warlick - May 18, 2018 at 11:06 PM



“ *Mr Buck and Mrs Janice have been family my entire life. He was my second dad and just days before his passing he told me how much he loved my sister and myself and that we were always his kids too. I'll miss him deeply but I have the comfort of knowing that he's in the arms of our Lord pain free just awaiting the day his beautiful wife joins him.*

Ralph and April, Brenda and Debbie and all the rest of the family I send my deepest condolences and all my love to help you get through this very sad time. I love you all

Wanda Collier - May 18, 2018 at 10:27 PM

PS

“ *Patty Santiago lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.*



Patty Santiago - May 18, 2018 at 07:45 PM

MW

“ *my poppop was a wonderful man. he was a second father to me. he made sure I knew that I was loved. every time I walked into his house I felt at home. he would feed me, tell me stories, and we would watch tv together. I will always remember the best memories with you. life will never be the same without you poppop. Rest In Peace bestfriend* ❤️❤️❤️

Mackenzie Whaley - May 18, 2018 at 06:57 PM

RJ

“ *Dad I am going too miss you so much. You were the best dad and the best friend anyone could have. It won't be the same driving around all the farms without you sitting beside me. You taught me so much about farming .I am so honored too have learned from the best. I hope I made you proud of me .I loved you so much and will miss you.. You will always have a special place in heart.*

Ralph Whaley Jr. - May 18, 2018 at 06:32 PM

BH

“ *Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.*



Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth - May 18, 2018 at 04:42 PM

TF

“ Tracy Schulz And Family lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.



Tracy Schulz and Family - May 18, 2018 at 04:37 PM

PH

“ Paige Handzo lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.



Paige Handzo - May 18, 2018 at 03:33 PM

AM

“ Not many people get as lucky as we did. My Poppop was the most amazing man. He touched so many lives... Anyone who didn't like him didn't like them self. I couldn't feel more grateful to have the pleasure of calling him Poppop. Mommom and Poppop gave us an amazing family to get each other through these hard times. They taught us the value of time and love. I could never thank them enough for all taught me and all they did for me. I'm so glad our baby boy looks just like you Poppop.

We Love you,
Alex, Brooke, and Mason (little Buck)



Alex, Brooke, and Mason - May 18, 2018 at 03:24 PM

NW

“ I couldn't ask for a better Poppop. I loved growing up with you right down the road. I loved all of my sleepovers with you and Mommom and I'm so grateful for the summer I got to live with the both of you a few years ago. You are SO loved Poppop. You could spark up a conversation with ANYONE and always saw the good in everyone. You had a way of making people feel like they've known you for years after just meeting them. Your smile and laugh were unlike anyone I've ever known. I will never forget that laugh. I will always carry you with me and you will never be forgotten. ❤️ I love you!

Nichole Whaley - May 18, 2018 at 03:18 PM

WH

“ I will always remember what a special person this man was. He was like a father to me my whole life. I have always loved him & his family dearly. Gone but never forgotten. 💔



Wendy Hampton - May 18, 2018 at 02:37 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr..



May 18, 2018 at 01:38 PM

AS

“ *Buck was an honorable man, a good Farmer, a good friend , an asset to the community.
I liked him very much. Rest In Peace old friend! Condolences to the family.*
Al Smith

Al Smith - May 18, 2018 at 01:24 PM

ST

“ *Sammy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.*



Sammy Thomas - May 18, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ *Tim & Laura Bishop lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.*



Tim & Laura Bishop - May 18, 2018 at 10:01 AM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - May 18, 2018 at 09:17 AM

GP

What a great farmer, husband and family man that has left this County. As my father would call him, Buckaroo has gone to his final resting place. Mr. Buck would laugh so hard every time he was called Buckaroo. I can see that smile now and hear that laugh. He will be missed by many, but his legacy will live on forever. Prayers and blessings to the family at this time. The memories of him will remain with you always and he will surely be looking down on you. God Bless each and everyone. Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - May 18, 2018 at 09:20 AM

DP

“*Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.*



Doug Pierson - May 18, 2018 at 08:15 AM

SW

“*Sandy Walton lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.*



Sandy Walton - May 18, 2018 at 07:58 AM

DT

“*Don & Pat Towers lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.*



Don & Pat Towers - May 18, 2018 at 07:43 AM

DW

“ David Jr & Kathy Wenck lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.



David jr & Kathy Wenck - May 18, 2018 at 06:33 AM

DF

“ David Wenck & Family lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.



David Wenck & family - May 18, 2018 at 06:24 AM

EH

“ Eric,Heather,Mason, Paige Handzo lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.



Eric,Heather,Mason, Paige Handzo - May 18, 2018 at 02:52 AM

BE

“ My Dad was my hero and my best friend. I have always been so proud to call him my Dad. He spent many countless hours and late nights doing what he loved most which was farming his land. He would always say farming was more like a hobby to him because he loved it so much. Dad was very much a family man and always made time for his kids, grandkids and great grandkids. He would light up a room with his infectious smile, laugh and stories of his younger years. Dad will forever hold a very special place in my heart.

Brenda Whaley Edwards - May 18, 2018 at 12:30 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr..



May 17, 2018 at 10:22 PM

RJ

“ Ronnie & Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.



Ronnie & Rhonda Jewell - May 17, 2018 at 09:40 PM

VI

“ Since hearing of Uncle Bucks failing..it has conjured up MANY memories of Bloomingdale Road and the family farm and all the fond memories our families had there together 😊 Though time seems to change everything..I have always loved something special about each of my Whaley Aunts and Uncle!!! Rest in peace Uncle Buck..now you and daddy and mommom and poppop are having a Heavenly family reunion!!!🏠❤️ Peace..prayers and comfort are being prayed for all who remain!!
Val whaley ivins

Val whaley ivins - May 17, 2018 at 09:37 PM

VI

While viewing the attributes to Uncle Buck... I realize HE WAS not my dad..with sooo many similarities ...but soooo many others loved..honored. .respected him...it is uncanny!! Was he also left handed..curious..what a wonderful family he has...thank YOU LORD FOR BLESSING MY/OUR UNCLE BUCK and showing him your preferential treatment....who could ask for more?! Amen..see ya'll soon enough!!!❤️🏠🏠🏠🏠🌸🌹👤

Val whaley ivins - May 22, 2018 at 10:40 PM

SW

“ I'm gonna miss everything about this man he had a heart of gold and would do anything for you if he went somewhere and didn't know somebody he made friends he could talk for hours I loved hearing all his old stories about farming and all the tractors he owned especially his John Deere 60 I'm gonna miss him more than anything love you so much popop💙

Spencer Whaley - May 17, 2018 at 09:27 PM

AW

“ I will miss seeing your beautiful blue eyes and hearing your hearty laugh. I will miss your voice calling up the hallway as you come through our door. I will miss all of the stories you would always share, even the ones I wish I could unhear! You will live in my heart and my wonderful memories. You were my father in law but I loved you as a father. Thank you for everything.

April Whaley - May 17, 2018 at 09:05 PM

Alina Gordon

“ While the loss we feel is deep, the love we feel is deeper. We love you Poppop



Alina Gordon - May 17, 2018 at 08:20 PM

FP

“ Frank And Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.



Frank and Tish Palmatary - May 17, 2018 at 08:12 PM

FP

To the family: My good buddy has left us. I am so blessed I could be with him until the end. I was so thankful to have taken care of him and we had many chats and laughs. He was just like a father to me. Mr. Buck you will be missed by many and your wonderful family. God Bless the entire family at this time and Mr. Buck will never be forgotten. Will miss you so much. Love and prayers, Tish Palmatary

Frank and Tish Palmatary - May 17, 2018 at 08:15 PM

PP

“ Lost a good friend in Buck Whaley known him since I was a young boy. Always fun to be around serious when need be spoke well of all his friends and loved his family and was proud of their accomplishments. Prayers to his family.

Phyllis and John Perkons - May 17, 2018 at 07:16 PM

JP

“ JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.



JoAnn & Royden Powell - May 17, 2018 at 05:14 PM

SM

“ My heart breaks for the Whaley family! Love you all. Going to miss his sweet soul & contagious laugh.



Shannon Morgan - May 17, 2018 at 04:56 PM

JA

“ So many memories, too many to mention! Love and comforting thoughts to his family, the farming community, and Queen Anne's County. We have lost a good, good man!

Jane Anthony - May 17, 2018 at 04:51 PM

Sophie
Whaley

“ Poppop will be so very missed. He had a heart of gold. I'm so thankful I had the honor of being his granddaughter. He was sure to always let us know how loved we were. He appreciated every little thing anybody did for him. He loved his wife and his family with every bit in him. I'm thankful for all the memories I have of him to hang on to. May you Rest In Peace poppop ❤️



Sophie Whaley - May 17, 2018 at 04:49 PM

JC

“ June And David Clark lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.



June and David Clark - May 17, 2018 at 03:47 PM

GM

“ Growmark FS, LLC.-Sudlersville, MD lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.



Growmark FS, LLC.-Sudlersville, MD - May 17, 2018 at 03:41 PM

DC

“ Donna Cawley lit a candle in memory of
Ralph "Buck" Whaley Sr.



Donna Cawley - May 17, 2018 at 03:34 PM

DC

*So very sorry to hear this news. What a wonderful man! We are
praying for comfort for your family. He will definitely be missed.*

Donna Cawley - May 17, 2018 at 03:36 PM