



## John G. Whitsett

August 28, 1938 - May 23, 2025

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

John Gerry Whitsett, 86, passed away peacefully at his home in Oakland, MS, leaving behind a legacy of dedication, service and love. Born in Rogersville, Alabama, he was the beloved son of the late John William Whitsett and Oleta Whitsett. A proud Navy veteran, John carried the values of service and commitment throughout his life.

In 1968, alongside his late wife, Martha Carol Whitsett, he founded Insulation and Refractories Services, Inc. in Memphis, Tennessee – a business he dedicated himself to until his well-earned retirement. His faith was important cornerstone of his life, and he was a devoted member of Oakland Baptist Church. John was also a valued member of the Masonic Lodge, where he built lasting friendships and upheld cherished traditions.

Funeral services to honor his memory will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2025. A visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. with the funeral service immediately following at 12:00 p.m., both at Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven (626 Star Landing Road, East, Southaven, MS 38672). Bro. Jimmy Hood will officiate. The committal will be held at Memphis Memory Gardens (6444 Raleigh LaGrange Road, Memphis, TN 38134) where he will be laid to rest. Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven is in charge of

arrangements.

John leaves behind a loving family who will continue to cherish his wisdom, warmth, and unwavering kindness. He is survived by his son, John W. Whitsett and his wife Kathey, of Nesbit, MS; his daughter, Denise Whitsett, of Olive Branch, MS; his cherished grandchildren, Brooke Berry DeFranco (Matt), of Goodlettsville, TN and Beth Berry Marshall (Brian), of Lake Cormorant, MS; and his precious great-grandchildren, Ava Bailey and Wrenley DeFranco. He is also survived by his dear sister, Doris Arnett (David) of Lake Cormorant, MS, and his friend Josephine Wright Davis of Coffeenville, MS.

His life was a testament to hard work, love, and devotion – qualities that will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Oakland Baptist Church (PO Box 120, Oakland, MS 38948).

Expressions of condolences may be left on his Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Memphis Memory Gardens

6444 Raleigh Lagrange Rd  
Memphis, TN 38134

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 31.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven  
626 Star Landing Rd E  
Southaven, MS 38672  
(662) 349-3900  
[info@colemanfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@colemanfuneralhome.com)  
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## Service

**MAY 31.** 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Graveside Service

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MAY 31. 2:30 PM (CT)

Memphis Memory Gardens  
6444 Raleigh Lagrange Rd  
Memphis, TN 38134

# Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven created a Tribute Video in memory of John G. Whitsett



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**Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven** - May 28, 2025 at 01:56 PM

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“ I will never forget The Dove Hunts, The Deer Hunts, The Comrade and especially all of the not good times but the great times that we had !!!!! I will miss you my friend and a very great friend you were always to me. You took me in as a Son of yours and I will never forget that. Rest in Peace my Friend, Big John! You were one of a kind!!!!

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**David Schlatter** - June 06, 2025 at 05:15 AM



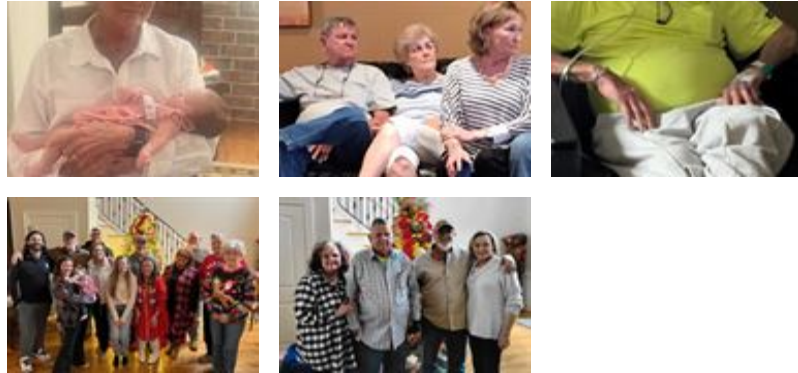
“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John G. Whitsett.



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May 30, 2025 at 03:04 PM



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**Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven** - May 29, 2025 at 11:05 AM



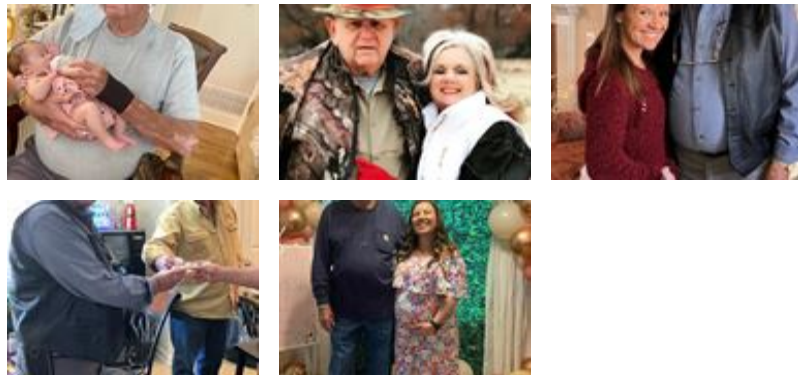
“ *The Veteto Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John G. Whitsett.*



**The Veteto Family** - May 28, 2025 at 09:14 PM



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven** - May 28, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John G. Whitsett.*



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May 27, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ *Mr John was just the sweetest teddy bear of a man. My mom, Dawn, worked for him at I&R and he was always so lovely to her and our whole family. He and Miss Carol would have us out to their home and were just the sweetest people. Our family remembers them fondly and I'm praying for peace during this difficult time of loss.*

*Mandi (Gabriel) Owens*

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**Mandi Owens** - May 27, 2025 at 11:21 AM



“ *I will never forget what John & Carol Whitsett did for the employees of Agrico Chemical back in 1983. Most of us were laid off during an extended plant shutdown. They catered a wonderful BBQ meal for us at the Blytheville city park to give us time together to say our good byes. Just one example of a fine and caring family. John, we look forward to seeing you again.*

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**Tommy Miller** - May 26, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *John G. Whitsett*.



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May 25, 2025 at 10:39 PM