



Robert Henry Whitworth

October 10, 1929 - January 7, 2025

Robert Henry Whitworth aged 95 years, of Huntsville, AL (formerly of Birmingham, Florence, and Enterprise, AL), passed into Glory at his home surrounded by family on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

Robert was born in Eva, AL, on October 10, 1929, to Thomas Jackson Whitworth and Lela Buckelew Whitworth, the youngest of five children. Growing up in Eva, he worked on his Daddy's farm with his three brothers and sister.

He moved his family to Birmingham, AL in the 1950s, where he worked for Foremost Dairies and attended night school where he studied refrigeration and engineering related courses. He worked for Hormel for a brief period while still in Birmingham. In 1964, they moved to Florence, AL, living there for 10 years where he worked as a maintenance engineer for Jessie Jewel, Bama Meats and Green Giant. In 1974 the family moved to Enterprise, AL, where Robert rose to the position of Plant Engineer at the ConAgra poultry plant. During his time at ConAgra, he expanded and redesigned the plant, streamlining the existing chicken processing procedures to be more efficient and productive. Despite his many outstanding and innovative achievements, when asked what he did he humbly referred to himself as the Head Chicken Plucker. He retired from ConAgra Poultry in 1991. After 38 years in Enterprise, he moved to Huntsville, AL in 2012.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his loving wife of 43 years, Evelyn Fowler Whitworth, brothers Sam, Odis and James and sister Velma Freeman.

He is survived by his three daughters, Linda Dale Ellis, Huntsville, AL, Patricia Jean Lauro, Killen, AL, and Shelia (Tim) Noel, Huntsville, AL; five grandchildren, Kimberlei Key, Robert Allen (Danielle Cameron), Randall Allen (Lesleigh), Denny Ellis, Jr., and Wesley Ellis (Lisa Gray), two step granddaughters, Pam Godboldt and Jennifer Godboldt, 17 great grandchildren, two sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law, and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Service will be on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, Cullman, AL, with the Reverend Victor Massey, pastor, of Life Church Huntsville, AL, officiating. Visitation is from 11:00 to 12:00 with service following at 12:00. Burial will be at Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery in Eva, AL

Serving as Pall Bearers will be grandsons Robert Allen, Randall Allen and Wesley Ellis, great grandsons Tristan Allen, Michael Gray and Atticus Ellis. Honorary Pall Bearer will be great grandson Balian Allen.

Cemetery Details

Bethel United Methodist Cemetery

369 Bethel Church Road
Eva, AL 35621

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Cullman Heritage Funeral Home
255 County Road 1435
Cullman, AL 35058
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Funeral Service

JAN 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Henry Whitworth.



January 17, 2025 at 04:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Henry Whitworth.

January 17, 2025 at 04:49 PM



“ I have known regarding Robert since I was 15 and in school with Shelia. He will be greatly missed.

Pattie McLendon Parker - January 16, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ I meet Mr Robert when I was 15 and became best friends with Sheli? I always called him daddy and will be greatly missed.

Pattie McLendon Parker - January 16, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Henry Whitworth.



January 15, 2025 at 04:48 PM

DM

“ *Daughters Arise Ministries purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert Henry Whitworth.*



Daughters Arise Ministries - January 15, 2025 at 10:39 AM

HW

“ *Herb Donna James Whitworth purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Robert Henry Whitworth.*



Herb Donna James Whitworth - January 15, 2025 at 08:10 AM