



## Cecil Murrell Whaley

September 7, 2017

Cecil Murrell Whaley, 86 of LaFayette, took his last flight home on Thursday, September 7, 2017. He lived the majority of his life in the North Georgia area and was a member of Center Grove Baptist Church. He received his certification as a Private Pilot at the age of 16 and then went on to become a Veteran of the United States Air Force, having served during the Korean Conflict and stationed in Japan. Cecil was an employee of the LaFayette Airport for more than 20 years and was the Owner & Operator of C.M Whaley Construction and Whaley Aviation for many years. He and his wife Joyce lived in the Washington DC area for a period of time where he was involved in multiple construction projects. He was dedicated to his family & friends and was a loving and devoted brother, husband, father and grandfather who will be truly missed by all who knew him. Cecil's greatest passion however was flying and he was never happier than when he was in the air or building a plane in a hangar somewhere.

Cecil was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur & Nola Whaley and two brothers, Arthur Byrd Whaley Jr. and Lynne Whaley.

Survivors include his loving wife of more than 42 years, Joyce Castleberry Whaley; son, Steve Whaley of LaFayette, GA; three step-children, Tanja & Mark Parton of Collegedale, TN, Terri & Lynn Clark of Ringgold, GA and Steve & Pam Wehmeyer of California; two brothers, Robert Whaley & Jerry Whaley

both of North Georgia; two sisters, Kathy & Russ Maser of Ellijay, GA and Annette Hullender of Ringgold, GA; three step grandchildren; 3 ste great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family & friends,

The family wishes to thank Parkside staff, Dr. Punit Bhutwalla, Dr's Morrison and Hunt for the extra time they gave us with Cecil. David Guldenschuh Rome Ga., H. Lynn Clark for everything and Sarah from Chilhowie Gliderport Benton, TN for Cecil's last glider flight. And to all of Cecil's flying buddies both here and gone from us he loved you and the time spent sailing into the wild blue yonder.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 in the LaFayette Chapel. Burial will be held in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4 – 7:00 p.m. on Monday and prior to the service on Tuesday at the funeral home. Online guest book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home-LaFayette.

# Cemetery Details

## Chattanooga National Cemetery

Holtzclaw Ave.  
Chattanooga, TN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - LaFayette Chapel  
1779 North Main Street  
P.O. Box 1592  
LaFayette, GA 30728  
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## Funeral Service

SEP 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SW

“ Steve Wilson lit a candle in memory of Cecil Murrell Whaley



Steve Wilson - September 12, 2017 at 02:00 PM

TP

Thank you sir. Cecil thought the world of you and Dale Wilson.  
Sincerely Tanja Parton (daughter)

Tanja Parton - September 16, 2017 at 04:16 PM

KW

“ Kate Wehmeyer lit a candle in memory of Cecil Murrell Whaley



Kate Wehmeyer - September 09, 2017 at 08:13 PM

KW

Thinking of you, Mamaw Joyce and all who knew and loved Cecil. You are in our thoughts and prayers! Love, Kate and Steve

Kate Wehmeyer - September 09, 2017 at 08:16 PM

TP

Thank you Kate and Steve we love you very much. Tanja and Mark

Tanja Parton - September 09, 2017 at 10:21 PM

TP

“ *Tanja Parton lit a candle in memory of Cecil Murrell Whaley*



Tanja Parton - September 09, 2017 at 04:41 PM

CB

“ *Lifting the family up in prayers with this loss of Mr. Cecil. Prayers for Ms Joyce (Joyster) from Charlotte Burnfin and Debbie Queen part of your work "family" at Hutcheson Medical Center.*

Charlotte Burnfin - September 09, 2017 at 11:45 AM

TP

*She sends thanks and love to you Charlotte and Debbie. She said those were the days.....:) daughter (Tanja)*

Tanja Parton - September 09, 2017 at 01:56 PM

MW

*My deepest sympathy for you and your family.*

Margo Williams - September 09, 2017 at 08:30 PM

TP

*Thank you Margot Mom loves and cherishes her friendship with you over the years...Tanja*

Tanja Parton - September 09, 2017 at 10:26 PM

JT

*Will Be missed by all who Knew him,always a joy & a blessing to talk with Murrell a man of great wisdom,Prayers for the family*

Joel Tucker - September 12, 2017 at 01:10 PM

TP

*Thank you so much for these kind words . We miss him so much. Tanja (daughter)*

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**Tanja Parton** - September 16, 2017 at 04:19 PM

KM

*We loved him so much and NO one could possibly fill his shoes, to say nothing of his plane! It was a joke in our family that he was "plane crazy". He was our last older brother and will be missed but we have such fond, funny, and sad memories of him.*

*He's probably telling the angels how to flap their wings. You had to know him to appreciate him and love him the way we did.*

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**Katherine (Whaley) Maser** - September 21, 2017 at 01:44 PM