



## William J. Whittaker, Sr.

May 11, 1922 - April 4, 2008

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William J. Whittaker, 85, of Deptford, N.J. passed away on April 4, 2008. Predeceased by wife Catherine M Whittaker (nee Murphy). Father of William J. Whittaker, Jr. (Claire) of Logan Twp, James (Deceased) (Virginia), Thomas (Denise) of Deptford and Eileen Flannagan of Bradenton, FL. Eight grandchildren.

Born May 11, 1922 to John and Cora Mae Whittaker in Camden N.J. Family moved to Philadelphia. With sisters Sara, Charlotte and brother Joseph, endured the Depression years. After grade school and a year of high school, worked at Baldwin Locomotive in Essington, Pa as a acetylene metal plate cutter. In 1943 joined the USAAF and was a communications technician with the 14TH Air Force in the CBI Theater of Operations with the "Flying Tigers." After a honorable discharge, came back to the Philadelphia area and worked in the construction industry. Married Catherine Murphy in 1950, had 3 sons and moved to New Jersey in 1955. Continued construction work then became a delivery truck driver for various bread companies. Daughter born in 1964. Lived in Westville Oaks section of South Jersey until Moving to Maple Shade and eventually Lindenwold N.J. before retiring. Later, drove a school bus and moved to Florida. Came back to N.J. in 2005. Wife Catherine died on July 8, 2006. Lived at Nancy Elkins Apts. until death on April 4, 2008. Survived by 2 sons and their spouses, 1 daughter and 8 grandchildren. Lifelong fan of Notre Dame football, and Philadelphia sports teams. Viewing Thursday April 10, 7-9

PM Friday April 11, 9:30-10:30am at BOUCHER FUNERAL HOME, 1757  
Delsea Drive, Deptford with burial at Gloucester County Veterans Cemetery,  
Williamstown.

# Tribute Wall



“ *William J. Whittaker, Sr.*

November 27, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *I would like to offer my condolences to all the members of the Whittaker family on the passing of their father William Sr. In particular, I wish to make this acknowledgement to my childhood friend Billy whom I haven't seen since the summer of 1962 when I left New Jersey with my parents Marty & Floss and my younger brother Steve to live in Arizona. Both of my parents are gone too, my mother recently in February 2008. My older brother Tom lives with his wife Linda in Newark, Delaware.*

*What I remember mostly of those times when we were kids was how we played and scrapped together in the cornfields, swamp, and woods that surrounded us in Woodbury Gardens. There was also the occasional misadventure of missing the school bus and having to walk all the way to Good Intent School on Almonesson Road. Billy, you were always in danger of being late, but I waited for you. By the way, do you still remember all the words to the "Ballad of the Alamo?"*

*I remember that your mom and dad would spend an evening now and again visiting my parents over coffee and donuts. Until now I didn't know what became of you. I'm sorry to learn that your mother and Jimmy are both gone. My brother Tom saw your dad's obit in the Inquirer. I found it online, and here we are.*

*Still your friend, Marty Olsen*

**Marty Olsen** - April 10, 2008 at 05:49 AM

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“ I remember at age 6(1947) when we met you, you were so handsome in your uniform,you would put me up on your shoulders and run around sara & harry's house,you would always have a present for us, which made you an instant hit in our eyes....thru the years you were always there to help us and were kind to our children,we wish you peace and rest well,as you will never be forgotten. Deepest Sympaty, Ellen & Fran Butch & ginny

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**ELLEN A. SMITH** - April 08, 2008 at 11:27 AM