



DOYLE WHALEY OBITUARY

November 9, 1933 - December 29, 2010 (Age 77)

The Rev. Doyle Whaley, 77, was received into the hands of God Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010, while at home surrounded by his loving family. Homegoing celebration: 11 a.m. Tuesday at Calvary Baptist Church, 428 West Church St., Grand Prairie. Interment: 2 p.m. Tuesday in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Calvary Baptist Church. Memorials: In lieu of Flowers, donations may be made to Arlington Baptist College. Doyle was born Nov. 9, 1933, in Mound

to Jessie and Vera Whaley. He was a 1966 graduate of the Bible Baptist Seminary and served as a missionary for over 42 years. Doyle was a veteran of the United States Navy and was formerly employed with Schlumberger as an electrical engineer. He was a longtime member of Calvary Baptist Church and former pastor of Flory Street Baptist Church in Fort Worth. He enjoyed playing guitar, singing, being with his family and ministering to those in need. Doyle will be deeply missed by his family and many friends. Survivors: Loving wife of 57 years, Wanda Whaley of Grand Prairie; sons, Arthur Whaley and his wife, Terry, of Colleyville, Charles Whaley of Mound and Alan Whaley of Grand Prairie; daughter, Jeanene Mathews and her husband, Jerry, of Grand Prairie; brother, Gerald Whaley of Fort Worth; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives.

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Doyle and Wanda Whaley served as WBF missionaries to Guatemala for 42 years. They did a wonderful job in Guatemala with souls saved, churches started, and workers trained. There are many strong churches in Guatemala and dedicated pastors today as a result of the ministry of the Whaleys.

Doyle and Tommy Raley were together in a number of mission conferences while on furloughs and they had a standing joke. Since their names (Whaley and Raley) are similar, they would tease each other that they used to be in the same family, but one branch of the family was so ornery the other made them change their name. Which

branch of the family had to change it's name depended on who was on the platform of the church first.

Doyle had a love for the Spanish language and throughout his ministry he spent a little time each day studying and practicing phonetics so that he could speak the language as nearly perfectly as possible.

In 2006 Doyle was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease and his health steadily declined during this period of time. Wanda was his constant companion and care giver during his battle with Alzheimers. She has her own health problems and she neglected her health to care for Doyle. Doyle became ill with pneumonia and in his weakened condition could not fight against this illness. He went to be with the Lord on December 29, 2010.

The wife of a preacher or missionary is so closely linked with her husband's life and ministry that when the Lord calls him home, she is sometimes left without a sense of identity. Wanda needs your prayers that the Lord will minister grace and strength to her during this time.

A celebration of life service was held at Calvary Baptist Church, Grand Prairie, Texas.