



Rebekah Whelchel

February 10, 1934 - August 6, 2020

Mrs. Rebekah L. Thompson Whelchel was born February 10, 1934, to the late Robert G & Carrie (Burdell) Thompson. She departed this life on Thursday, August 6, 2020, at North East Georgia Medical Center.

Rebekah was a member of the Hickory Grove CME Church. She served as First Lady at several churches during her husband's 45-year pastoral journey. She was a retired nurse with Dr. Johnson & Valentine. She retired from the Gainesville City School System where she served as a special needs paraprofessional. Rebekah was a devoted, wife, mother, and grandmother.

Rebekah was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years (Reveard W.L. Whelchel, sisters Mamie Johnson, Barbara Brown, Martha Camp, and Betty Hendrix.

Rebekah, the "heartbeat" of her family leaves to mourn her passing two loving sons Eugene Whelchel (Lena), Tony Whelchel (Bettye), and one loving daughter Michele Williams (Lloyd), 9 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren; one adopted son, Mr. Anthony (Chip) Footman of Valdosta, Georgia; one adopted daughter, Ms. Doris Moss of Atlanta, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **14**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Gainesville, GA 30501
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Service

AUG **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

W L Whelchel Family Life Center
69 Hickory Grove Road
Dahlonega, GA, GA 30533

Tribute Wall



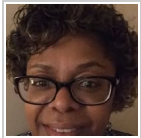
“ *Rebekah Whelchel*

October 22, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *I have nothing but fond memories of Rebekah. She taught me so much when I worked with her at the doctor's office, not just medical but life works too. I never peel or cut a tomato that I don't think about her as she taught me the correct way to do it. She was a pleasure to work with and she loved her family so much she could and would do anything for each one of you. I know where she is now and she is just basking in the glory of heaven and with all her loved ones that went before her. Beverly Pass*

Beverly Pass - August 17, 2020 at 12:03 AM



“ *The Jordan family extends its sympathy as you adjust to life without your precious loved ones. You are going through a rough season and this too will pass over time. Stay strong, keep your faith and treasure the memories of the dearly departed. God will see you through.*

Denise Jordan - August 16, 2020 at 11:05 AM

RD

“ Mrs. Rebekah was a sweet and outspoken person when Rev. Whelchel pastored at White’s Chapel in Elberton, she told my husband (Alton) boy you know you can’t sing. We would laugh about what she said but that didn’t stop him from trying. She was such a special 1st lady I remember one of many of Rev. & Mrs. Whelchel’s appreciations Rev. Whelchel said Rebekah you wore that hat last year on appreciation day. She said Laughingly you didn’t have to tell everybody. Family we love you all and our prayers goes out to you all.



Rev. Alton & Laura Downer - August 16, 2020 at 09:13 AM

SJ

“ Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rebekah Whelchel



Star Johnson - August 16, 2020 at 08:19 AM

RH

“ Gene, Tony, and Michele, May the Good Lord give you peace and comfort in the days to come. What a blessing your mother was to so many people. Thank the Lord for Precious Memories 🙏 . You will continue to be in our prayers, Robby and Charlene Hall

Robby Hall - August 16, 2020 at 08:13 AM

GS

“ I am so sad to hear of Rebekah’s passing. We both worked at Enota when I taught there.
I just loved her and enjoyed knowing her. She had a warm and fun personality. God bless her and comfort those who grieve. Gail Sargent

gail sargent - August 15, 2020 at 12:15 PM

CJ

“ Charles and Sandra Jackson lit a candle in memory of Rebekah Whelchel. Much Love!



Charles & Sandra Jackson - August 15, 2020 at 11:04 AM

AN

“ Ann Neal lit a candle in memory of Rebekah Whelchel



Ann Neal - August 14, 2020 at 11:47 PM

EL

“ Earnestine Lipscomb lit a candle in memory of Rebekah Whelchel



Earnestine Lipscomb - August 14, 2020 at 11:24 PM

RH

“ Regina Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of
Rebekah Whelchel



Regina Harris - August 14, 2020 at 06:59 PM

DH

“ We are so sorry for your loss, especially this soon after W.L. but we
know they are in heaven together.

Donnie & Jeanine, Bobby & Margie Hall - August 14, 2020 at 02:01 PM

SH

“ Rev. Alfred (Sharon) Hampton, Jr.



Sharon D. Hampton - August 14, 2020 at 11:24 AM

SC

“ Stephanie Cooper lit a candle in memory of
Rebekah Whelchel



Stephanie Cooper - August 13, 2020 at 09:51 AM

SW

“ Prayers of peace and comfort to the Whelchel family.



Sharon Williams - August 12, 2020 at 02:45 PM

JD

“ Judy Delong lit a candle in memory of Rebekah Whelchel



Judy Delong - August 12, 2020 at 01:45 PM

PJ

“ Pamela Jackson lit a candle in memory of Rebekah Whelchel



Pamela Jackson - August 12, 2020 at 12:37 PM

PJ

“ You will truly be missed my dear friend thoughts and prayers are with the family



Pamela Jackson - August 12, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rebekah Whelchel.*



August 12, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ *Goizueta Business School purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rebekah Whelchel.*



Goizueta Business School - August 12, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rebekah Whelchel.*



August 11, 2020 at 08:49 PM



“ *May the memories of Mrs. Whelchel bring you peace. We are praying that you are comforted by the Holy Spirit. God bless you. - Mrs. Grace Mahaffey and Family*

Pamela Glasper - August 11, 2020 at 03:41 PM

GF

“ *Gloria Kesler Maddox & Family lit a candle in memory of Rebekah Whelchel*



Gloria Kesler Maddox & Family - August 11, 2020 at 08:40 AM

JM

“ *Praying for the family* 🙏



Joyce Mitchell - August 10, 2020 at 07:41 PM

JG

“ *Janice Gardner lit a candle in memory of Rebekah Whelchel*



Janice Gardner - August 10, 2020 at 06:35 PM

RT

“ *Richard Trammell sent a virtual gift in memory of Rebekah Whelchel*



Richard trammell - August 10, 2020 at 05:27 PM

RT

“ *Richard Trammell lit a candle in memory of Rebekah Whelchel*



Richard trammell - August 10, 2020 at 05:26 PM

RH

“ *In the beginning my wife struggled with her role as a pastors wife but one of the people who turned it around was “Mother”. Rebekah Whelchel who told her “be you”. Bev and I will be forever grateful to the Whelchel family and their example. The marriage vow is till death do us part. Leave it to Mother to find a way around it. Together again.*
Richard and Beverly Haynes

Richard B Haynes - August 10, 2020 at 03:26 PM

KB

“ *Kimberly Bryant lit a candle in memory of Rebekah Whelchel*



Kimberly Bryant - August 10, 2020 at 01:58 PM

KB

“ *Sending prayers to the Whelchel family. Ms Rebekah was such an inspiration to me over the years. Such fond memories of her at Hickory Grove CME when I served as Minister of Music. Well done thy good and faithful servant.*

Kimberly Bryant - August 10, 2020 at 01:58 PM

DB

“ *Daphne Brownlee sent a virtual gift in memory of Rebekah Whelchel*



Daphne Brownlee - August 10, 2020 at 11:37 AM

MB

“ *Praying for your family during your time of bereavement .*



Marion Bryant - August 10, 2020 at 10:26 AM

LB

“ *Loneal Boyd sent a virtual gift in memory of Rebekah Whelchel*



Loneal Boyd - August 10, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ *Dorothy Bolden sent a virtual gift in memory of Rebekah Whelchel*



Dorothy Bolden - August 10, 2020 at 01:35 AM

SB

“ To the Whelchel Family so sorry for your lost. Your Mother and Father was our second mom & dad. Rebekah also took us in when They were the Pastor and First lady at Isreal C.M.E. Cornelia Ga. Great people's and truly was God's Children. Love Sally Peggy Jean. The Mattox Girls💕💕💕💕💕💕🙏

Sally Mattox Brown - August 09, 2020 at 11:17 PM

JG

“ Joycelyn Hailey Glaspert sent a virtual gift in memory of Rebekah Whelchel



Joycelyn Hailey Glaspert - August 09, 2020 at 09:51 PM

GG

“ Our prayers and condolences for the Whelchel family in the passing of our friend Rebekah Whelchel. Now she is holding hands with Rev. W.L. Whelchel whom she shared a beautiful life with for more than 72 years. Love Rev. & Mrs. Eugene L. Green, Columbia, South Carolina.

Gladys W. Green - August 09, 2020 at 07:34 PM

LW

Our prayers are with the Whelchel family in the loss of their precious Mother and Grandmother !! I worked with Rebekah at Gainesville City for many years !! Loved her and her wisdom and love for the children !! We have lost a wonderful lady !! She will be greatly missed .

Linda Williams - August 09, 2020 at 09:54 PM



“ *My Condolences to the family. Sorry for your loss.* 🙏🙏



Michelle Poole Bell - August 09, 2020 at 07:28 PM

CW

“ *Clairese B Wright lit a candle in memory of Rebekah Whelchel*



Clairese B Wright - August 09, 2020 at 06:58 PM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rebekah Whelchel*



Star Johnson - August 09, 2020 at 06:41 PM

SJ

All my love to the Whelchel family.

Star Johnson - August 09, 2020 at 06:42 PM

FW

“ *Freddie Webb lit a candle in memory of Rebekah Whelchel*



Freddie Webb - August 09, 2020 at 05:51 PM

MF

“ *Martin Family lit a candle in memory of Rebekah Whelchel*



Martin family - August 09, 2020 at 03:16 PM

LR

“ *My Condolences to the family*



Louise Randolph - August 09, 2020 at 02:33 PM

TF

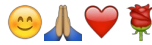
“ *May God continue to wrap his Loving Arms around you during this period in time.....*



The Anderson & Puryear Family - August 09, 2020 at 09:03 AM

EB

“ *My condolences to the family of Mrs. Rebekah Whelchel. May God continue to strengthen and comfort you all during this time of sorrow. R.I.H Mrs. Rebekah Whelchel!*



Elisa Bonds-Ratliff - August 09, 2020 at 08:19 AM

JS

“ *Jeraldine Sewell sent a virtual gift in memory of Rebekah Whelchel*



Jeraldine Sewell - August 09, 2020 at 05:48 AM

JS

There's rejoicing going on up there in heaven, laughing, and praising God for Ms Rebekah who has joined her life long mate. Sing all of you children and friends and Hickory Grove family. I loved to sit with your dear sweet mother in church, and ride with her to events. I always felt welcomed to their home. It's hard to think of one without the other. May the Lord keep you in his comforting arms!

Jeraldine Sewell - August 09, 2020 at 06:00 AM

SB

“ *Sally Mattox Brown lit a candle in memory of Rebekah Whelchel*



Sally Mattox Brown - August 09, 2020 at 04:27 AM

SM

“ *Sandra D. Mangham-Borders lit a candle in memory of Rebekah Whelchel*



Sandra D. Mangham-Borders - August 08, 2020 at 08:14 PM

HA

“ *Hazel Allen lit a candle in memory of Rebekah Whelchel*



Hazel Allen - August 08, 2020 at 05:37 PM

NT

“ *I love you Aunt Rebekah! You are with Uncle WL now!*



Nikki Thompson - August 08, 2020 at 04:26 PM

MH

“ *Melinda Hutchins sent a virtual gift in memory of Rebekah Whelchel*



Melinda Hutchins - August 08, 2020 at 03:38 PM

WD

“ *Willie Mae Davenport lit a candle in memory of Rebekah Whelchel*



Willie Mae Davenport - August 08, 2020 at 02:43 PM