



## Raymond L Whitaker

February 16, 2008

Raymond "Ray" L. Whitaker, 88, of Toledo, passed away Saturday, February 16, 2008, at The Toledo Hospital. Ray was born September 28, 1919, at Whiteland, Indiana, to Alonzo and Esther Whitaker. He served in the Navy during WW2 where his ship was involved in the amphibious landings at Guadalcanal, Sicily and Italy. In later years he wrote and published his memoirs of his War experience. After the War he attended the Gregg College School of Shorthand Reporting in Chicago. After graduation he was employed as a court reporter in Indiana and Toledo. After 10 years in Common Pleas Court, Toledo, he was hired by the Sixth District Court of Appeals where 23 years later he retired as Court administrator. Ray had many interests, including fishing Lake Erie, photography, camping and singing in his church choir as well as Barbershop quartet. Ray also at one time held a pilot's license. When he first came to Toledo, he flew in and landed his plane at Franklin Field which is now the present day Westfield Shopping Center. He was also a year round tennis player as well as one of the earliest joggers in Toledo, which he took up in his 50's. Ray was also active in his church, Aldersgate United Methodist for 57 years. Ray and his wife Evelyn, married 66, years did extensive traveling before and after his retirement. Ray was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Whitaker, sister, Betty Richie, and his parents. He is survived by his loving wife, daughter Janice (James) Kirk; sons Jeffrey (Sharon); Craig (Christine); sister, Jean (Quinton) Heintzelman, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Family and friends are invited to

visit from 2-8 p.m. Monday, in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, in Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 4030 Douglas Road. Reverend Marilyn Schroeder will officiate. Interment will be in Historic Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

# Tribute Wall

BB

“*Jan, I am terribly sorry to learn of the loss of your father. Reading his obituary I learned that he was a great American. You can be proud to have called him Dad. All of America would like to thank him for his service to our country. God bless you and your family at this time. Butch Wuwert*

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**Butch Wuwert - Butch406@bex.net Butch406@bex.net** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CC

“*Evelyn and Family, I am so sorry to hear about Ray. This is the worst part about moving. I wish I could be there to tell you how much I have enjoyed knowing Ray. You both were so much fun to be around especially during bowling. I also loved hearing him sing. I hope you know that he is in a better place and that if I could I would put my arms around you and give you a big hug so you could feel God's love surrounding you at this time. Cindy and John Amburgy and Scott and Brian Mohr*

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**Cindy Amburgy (Mohr) - clamburgy@yahoo.com clamburgy@yahoo.com** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GM

“*Evelyn, I am very sorry to hear of Ray's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Ginger Miller** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Dear Evelyn, Janice, and the whole bunch; So sorry to hear about Ray's passing, And I'm really sorry I couldn't be there for services (Nick was home for the holiday weekend). I'll always have fond memories. It was good to talk to you too Janice. Please accept my condolences for you family and loved ones.

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**Carol (Roppe) Roach** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dear Evelyn and family, We were so sad to hear of the passing of Ray. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. The Diehl Family

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**Joan (Diehl) DeVendra** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM