



Deacon James Leon Whitehurst, Sr.

October 26, 1927 - July 22, 2013

Deacon James Leon Whitehurst, Sr. was born October 26, 1927 in Norfolk, Virginia to Phillip Whitehurst and Bertha Morning. He attended public school in Portsmouth, Virginia. At an early age the Whitehurst family moved to Brooklyn, New York where he was raised. As a young adult he worked for many years at Jamaica Hospital in Queens, New York where he retired after forty years.

In 1989, Deacon Whitehurst moved to Kissimmee, Florida where he joined Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. On January 14, 1990, under the leadership of Pastor Remer Baker, Jr., Deacon Whitehurst dedicated his life to God. He served faithfully as a Deacon, leader of Deacon Ministries Group 3, and a member of the Male Chorus. He loved his church and if there was anything he could do, he was always willing and ready to serve.

Deacon James Leon Whitehurst, Sr. left his earthly home on July 22, 2013. He leaves to cherish his memories: a loving and devoted wife, Vanester Whitehurst of sixteen years. She tearfully expressed, "He truly loved and spoiled me, and there was nothing that I wanted or asked for that he didn't do for me". Sweet and precious memories will be cherished by: two sons, Eric Whitehurst of Elmira, New York and Leon, Jr. of Stormville, New York; a grandson raised as a son, De-Sean Whitehurst (Alvina); a host of step-children other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

1615 Old Boggy Creek Road
Kissimmee, FL 34741

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
602 North John Young Parkway
Kissimmee, FL 34741

Service

JUL 27. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hi I'm klatoya whitehurst and that was my grandfather who took my cousin and left me in the system because his eldest daughter was gay . I was also kicked out my mother funeral by him but none the less her apologized . But I wasn't welcome at his funeral he had 5 children and step kids .

klatoya whitehurst - October 06, 2025 at 11:20 PM



“ Deacon James Leon Whitehurst, Sr.

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ You saved my life, I really appreciated you! You are missed!

DeSean Whitehurst - March 18, 2023 at 06:21 AM



“ I really miss you Grandpa! 🙏🙏🙏🙏

DeSean Whitehurst - May 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM