



Alfred Preston "Whitey" Birdwell

November 18, 1918 - May 3, 2020

Alfred Preston "Whitey" Birdwell; 101 years, 5 months, 14 days; from Midway, TX; passed away on May 3, 2020 in Madisonville, TX. A memorial service will be held on Saturday; July 11, 2020 at 2PM at the Midway Church of Christ; 14453 TX-21, Midway, TX 75852. Bro. Dale Underwood will be officiating. Whitey was born on November 18, 1918 in Minden, TX to Frank and Mary Ellen (Morris) Birdwell. He was nicknamed "Cotton" as a child because of his white blonde hair, and later was known to his family and friends as Whitey. Whitey and his wife, Patsy, lived for many years in Midway, TX and lived in Walden Brook in Bryan, TX from 2008-2018 where they had many friends. Whitey's generation has come to be known as "the greatest generation" as this generation survived The Great Depression and served their country in many ways during World War II. He was drafted into The United States Army and served his country during World War II in the 3rd Armored Division where he drove the lead tank which was responsible for protecting the Colonel. Whitey served in France, Belgium, and Germany and was awarded The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign (EAMEC) Medal, The Good Conduct Medal, The World War II Victory Medal, three Bronze Stars (which were awarded based on heroic and meritorious service in battles), and one Purple Heart (which was awarded due to being wounded in combat). Whitey was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Edith (Husband) Birdwell; his second wife of fifty years, Patsy (Burk) Birdwell; and his children, Jimmy, who died in infancy, Elaine (Birdwell) Duckworth and Edwin Grimes.

Whitey is survived by his children, Gail Thomas, Neal Birdwell, Travis Birdwell (D.J.), Linda Collins (Tom), Nelda Hammett, Rhonda Edwards, Paula Mason (Lloyd), Mary Lois Reaves (Ray), Wanda Dorn (Clayton); 18 grandchildren, 46 great grandchildren, and 9 great great grandchildren - his legacy continues.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Midway Church of Christ

Tribute Wall

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“ We considered Whitey as part of our family. He was always full of life with a quick wit. He and Eddie had a special bond. We miss our visits with him and all his stories about his life, the war etc. We will treasure our memories of him. Rest in peace our friend. Rose,. Eddie and Charlie.

Rose Lambrecht - July 09, 2020 at 04:18 PM

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“ I was honored to interview Whitey for an episode of Veterans of the Valley on KAMU-TV. His service was extraordinary and so was he.

Tom Turbiville - May 27, 2020 at 09:29 AM

EL

“ Eddie Lambrecht lit a candle in memory of Alfred Preston "Whitey" Birdwell



Eddie Lambrecht - May 16, 2020 at 08:10 PM

EL

“ On one of my visits to see Whitey I ask him how he was doing, he said well Eddie I still can't see and I said well Whitey I still can't walk, then we gave each other a fist bump and both of us burst out laughing.

Eddie Lambrecht

Eddie Lambrecht - May 15, 2020 at 10:58 PM

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“ *My condolences to the Birdwell family . I had the pleasure to meet Mr Birdwell and visit him and I have to say he is the most amazing person to talk to and listen to he is going to be so greatly missed rest in peace my friend*

Louise Bracewell - May 12, 2020 at 08:11 PM

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“ *Louise Bracewell lit a candle in memory of Alfred Preston "Whitey" Birdwell*



Louise Bracewell - May 12, 2020 at 08:04 PM