



Hulon Emerson Whitton

September 25, 1931 - September 26, 2018

Hulon Emerson Whitton passed away the morning of September 26, 2018 at TMH, the day after his 87th birthday. The final hours of his life were spent cradled in his daughter's arms, who adored him. The weeks before his passing, he was enjoying hula hooping with his granddaughter and listening to her Latin presentations and piano music. He loved hearing her play and she began her love of music through him. Born in Holmes County Florida, the son of the late John Carl Whitton and Latty Sheilds Whitton, he graduated from Ponce De Leon H.S. Afterwards he served in the U.S. Navy and graduated from the Florida State University. He was an avid runner and windsurfer and enjoyed many years of membership in the Gulf Winds Track Club and the Shell Point Sailboard Club where he had many good friends. He was a friend to everyone who knew him, young and old. His parting phrase was always, "Have some fun", and that's how he liked to live his life. When he shook your hand, he held on to it for a minute – a trait specific to him. In the summertime when his children were growing up, he spent most every weekend at the lake house, driving the boat for hours, helping each of their friends learn to water ski. He enjoyed every minute of it; his patience was endless. Inez would bring out homemade ice cream at just the right time.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Inez Hobbs Whitton, his son Msgt Daniel Whitton, USMC (ret), his daughter Lea Whitton Coates, his granddaughter Katherine "Kate" Coates, his brother John (Jim) Whitton and many nieces and nephews.

Over the past 15 years, the joy of his life was spending time with his granddaughter, Kate. Following is a special note she would like to share. This is dedicated to my beloved Grandpa, "No one will ever know anyone as unselfish and giving as you Grandpa. After everything you have given me and our family, I believe you should know that we thank you for all the favors, events and situations you have helped us through. You were always there. You are truly a kind, lighthearted and pleasant person. I loved my time with you and am so thankful that we were so close. You were a wonderful role model for me, and the memories of our time together will always hold a special place in my heart." I love you so much, Kate.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Whitton family with their arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Hulon was a great friend and mentor and taught me much of what I know about the real estate appraisal profession. His 87 years on this earth made a lot of difference in the lives of people who knew him. Goodbye Whit, we will miss you. Prayers to Inez and family.*

Bill Carlton

Bill Carlton - October 01, 2018 at 10:10 AM

PB

Belated condolences to Mrs. Whitton & family. I enjoyed each occasion Hulon's & my path would cross walking in the neighborhood & at Publix. He remembered names & engaged fellow walkers. He commented on our mature front yard grapefruit tree & shared about planting some in his yard. RIP Hulon .

Polly Beason - January 23, 2019 at 09:30 AM

CP

“ *Wit was such a good friend and running buddy for many years. He will be missed for his spirit and great smile.*

Caryl Pierce

Caryl Pierce - October 01, 2018 at 10:03 AM

JR

“ *Hulon was an awesome friend of mine for a long time. He enriched my life and made me a better person. His death leaves me with many fond memories, but I won't stop missing his wit and intelligence. RIP.*

John Radey

john radey - September 30, 2018 at 09:46 AM