



Forrest C Whelchel

December 2, 1935 - March 27, 2015

Forrest C. Whelchel, 79, of Rogers died March 27, 2015 due to complications of Parkinson's Disease. He was born December 2, 1935 in Boston, Arkansas to Frank Davis Whelchel and Grace Lucinda Minks Whelchel.

Forrest graduated from Springdale High School in 1955. While in high school he excelled in high school sports and was student council president. He also was the Charter Master Counselor of the Springdale chapter of DeMolay in 1953.

Forrest attended Arkansas Tech in Russellville and the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville where he majored in engineering.

Following high school he volunteered for a tour of duty in the United States Army and was recalled an additional 10 months during the Bay of Pigs.

He began his career at Weint Sonis which later became Rogers Tool Works and then Kennametal. Forrest was superintendent over tool design and production. His job took him to many foreign countries. Leafing through his passport revealed trips to Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Marseille, France and Manchester, England. He retired from Kennametal in 1996.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Rogers and was active in Saints Alive Choir.

He was an avid Razorback fan.

Forrest was preceded in death by one son, James Whelchel, his first wife Velda and his parents; three brothers: Clifton, James, and Grayson Whelchel; two sisters: Clara Lou Hughes and Mary Elizabeth Whelchel.

Survivors: his wife Dr. Rose Marie Willett, three sons: Frank Whelchel, Fred McClain, and Jon Willett. Seven grandchildren: Zachary and Jessie Whelchel, Jessica Modeer, T. J., Lauren, and Katie McClain, Jesse Willett. Two great granddaughters: Lilly and Vivian Modeer. Eight nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Rogers High School scholarship program.

Cemetery Details

Friendship Cemetery

1980 E. Friendship Road
Springdale, AR 72764
<http://www.friendship-cemetery.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 West Meadow
Springdale, AR 72764
(479) 751-4577
siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 31. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Forrest C Whelchel*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *From Zach and Jessie*



Jessie Whelchel - April 09, 2015 at 02:34 PM



“ *Rose Marie and Family:*

My deepest love and sympathies. What a joy, honor and blessing to have called Forrest a friend and to have shared our wonderful grandchildren, Zach and Jessie!

Zena Beth Hastings

Zena Beth Hastings - March 30, 2015 at 04:37 PM



“ *frank, kathy, zachary, jessie, and the whole family. so sorry for your loss. my prayers and thoughts are with you. may god give you peace and comfort.*
josie venneberg



josie venneberg - March 30, 2015 at 07:57 AM

RS

We had many happy times going to Arkansas women's basketball with Forrest and Rose Marie. We are sorry for his loss. He was a very nice person to be with.

Ray and Kay Sanford

Ray and Kay Sanford - March 30, 2015 at 01:04 PM

JF

My deepest sympathy to Rose Marie and family

Jeannie Fleeman

Jeannie Fleeman - March 30, 2015 at 01:14 PM

LG

Prayers and sympathy Lisa Graham

Lisa Graham - March 30, 2015 at 07:17 PM