



## Jeff C. Whittington

March 10, 1928 - August 4, 2020

Conway.....Mr. Jeff C. Whittington, 92, widower of Bernice Allen Whittington, passed away Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

Born March 10, 1928 in Loris, Mr. Whittington was the son of the late Troy Emerson Whittington and the late Edith Leah Stevens Whittington. He was the owner of Coastal Crane Service and was a long-time member of the Myrtle Beach Rotary Club. Mr. Whittington served as a trustee for the Garden City Chapel for 50 years and was a generous donor both to the Chapel and to Charleston Southern University. He was a founding member of the Board of Visitors for the University for many years and was awarded an honorary doctorate in 2003. Mr. Whittington also funded the Jeff C. Whittington Family Endowed Scholarship at Charleston Southern University for ministry students. He was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Conway where he served as Deacon, Sunday School Teacher and in other capacities. Mr. Whittington was predeceased by a sister, Dixie W. Hicks.

Mr. Whittington is survived by his daughter, Ann W. Caughman and husband Denley of Marion; his grandchildren, Anna C. McDowell and husband Kipp of Conway and D. Charles Caughman, III of Myrtle Beach; great grandchildren, Seth McDowell, Isaac McDowell, Charlie Caughman and Daniel Caughman and many nieces, nephews, and other extended family members and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00PM Saturday, August 8, 2020 at First Baptist Church of Conway, officiated by Robert Shaw, Aubrey Floyd, and Denley Caughman. A private entombment will follow.

The family will receive visitors at Goldfinch Funeral Home on Saturday from 10:00AM-12:00PM. In accordance with Covid-19 and local guidelines, face masks and social distancing must be practiced.

Memorial donations may be made to Garden City Chapel, 316 Dogwood Drive North, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576 or to Charleston Southern University, Jeff C. Whittington Family Endowed Scholarship, 9200 University Blvd., North Charleston, SC 29406.

Please sign the online guest register at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com) <<http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>>

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, is serving the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Mausoleum

1000 Highway 544  
Conway, SC 29526

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel  
606-610 Beaty Street  
Conway, SC 29526

## Funeral Service

AUG 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Conway  
603 Elm Street  
Conway, SC 29526  
<http://www.fbconway.org>

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ We are only part-time residents at Light Keepers Village in Little River so we only found out today that our neighbor Jeff in our same building passed away more than two weeks ago. We would talk to Jeff as he came to his condo here and we were pleased to find out that he was a Christian and a member of First Baptist Church in Conway. We shared similar beliefs in religion, politics and what is happening to our beautiful country. I was surprised to find out that he was a robust 92 years old.  
Our condolences to you all. We will be contributing to the Gideons in his name who will distribute memorial bibles somewhere in the world.  
Jeff looking forward to talking with you in depth in heaven.  
John and Amy Gaydos

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**John Gaydos** - August 19, 2020 at 08:50 PM

MW

“ I was saddened to hear of Mr. Whittington's passing. He was an accomplished, hard-working, reliable man, and true gentleman. Well-respected in his local community, as well as the crane industry in the Southeastern US. I greatly enjoyed the very brief time I was able to spend with him. I, and all of the Grove Crane Mgmt Team, send our deepest sympathies to all who knew and worked with him. We greatly appreciate the partnership over the past 50 years and look forward to many more as Charles and team strive carry on his legacy.

Sincerely  
Michael Warner - Grove Crane

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**Michael Warner** - August 10, 2020 at 11:32 AM

KG

“ *Thinking of you Ann and family. So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Prayers Lifted*



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**Kay Watson Graham** - August 08, 2020 at 04:31 PM

 Daniel  
Wallace

“ Jeff was a true Southern Gentleman. He loved his God, his family, and his fellow man. Jeff was a mentor and an advisor to me and countless others. Before Jeff became the man most knew him as, he was a teenage sailor in the Merchant Marine during WW2. A medical issue kept him from the Military so he went to the Merchant Marine. He sailed the most dangerous route during the war known as the Murmansk Run which went from the US East Coast to Murmansk, Russia. His duty was in the engine room of the Liberty Ships, where escape was next to impossible if they were torpedoed by the German U-boats that infested those waters. This was an all too often event on this route. He talked about the experiences openly and with earned pride. Not one to seek reward or recognition, he was unaware of the military and civilian decorations and awards he was due. I had the distinct honor to officially apply for, receive, and award him with the following:

*From the Soviet Union:*

- WWII Medal for Defense of the Soviet Union - TRANSARCTIC
- A Soviet Presidential Letter of Recognition and Thanks from the Soviet People

*From the United States:*

- United States Merchant Marine World War II Service Medal - Atlantic War Zone
- World War II Victory Medal
- US Merchant Marine World War II Victory Medal
- United States Merchant Marine Honorable Service Lapel Pin
- A Presidential Letter of Appreciation for World War II Service

*Jeff represented a shining example of how man should be.  
Hopefully, somehow, we can do as well as he did.*

*Daniel W. Wallace  
SSgt USMC (ret)*

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Daniel Wallace - August 08, 2020 at 11:29 AM

VC

*Thank you, SSgt USMC (ret) Wallace, for sharing this information. I am grateful to you, Jeff, and all the other soldiers who have protected our freedom, and those who are still engaging in protecting the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.*

*I have known Jeff in a business way for over 50 years, and never knew of his military service. He was certainly not a person who craved recognition, but I am so glad you told all of us about the honors bestowed upon him for his service.*

*Thanks,*

*Vickie J. Cooper, formerly of Conway and Myrtle Beach, and now living in Wilkesboro, NC.*

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**Vickie Cooper** - August 10, 2020 at 06:03 AM

MK

*“ My sincere condolences to all of the family. Mr. Whittington was one of the finest men that I have ever met. He was a good Christian man, a caring person, and a very giving person.. I had the utmost respect for him as a person and as a business client. I consider him to be a pioneer of the crane industry. I always considered him to be a friend and fatherly figure as well as an outstanding business client.*

*Mike Kiser  
Triad Crane*

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**Michael R Kiser** - August 08, 2020 at 06:29 AM



*“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeff C. Whittington.*



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August 07, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Jeff C. Whittington.*



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August 07, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ *It was always such a pleasure to have Jeff come into our shop. He was one of the best people I've come in contact with in my life, honest and patient, knowledgeable and kind, and a wonderful sense of humor. We will miss him a lot.*

*~Your friends at Carolina Hydraulic Hose*

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**Carolina Hydraulic Hose** - August 07, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ *Ann, Denley, Anna, and Charles and family—I am so sorry for the loss of your father and grandfather. His legacy will be felt for many years to come. You have my deepest sympathy.*

*Julie Skelton*

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**Julie Skelton** - August 07, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ *RING POWER CRANE purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jeff C. Whittington.*



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**RING POWER CRANE** - August 07, 2020 at 10:08 AM

KK

“ Let me tell you about Mr. Whittington, I had talked to him on the phone my first day at Ring Power Crane. I didn't know anything about him, nothing I tell you, but this man was sharp, smart as a button, knew his stuff about all of his cranes. Then a few weeks later I got the pleasure of meeting him in person. Was I surprised! The man before me I had not no idea was the voice behind the phone. I was astonished! For at that time he was 91, he was fit, got around better than me and a charmer... From that day he had me at hello! One of my most favorite customers! I will miss him calling greatly! Such a true loss of a great man with such a great heart and a fantastic character. With the deepest sympathy may your hearts find healing, Katrina

Katrina Krolak - August 07, 2020 at 10:06 AM

DK

Ann, we were sorry to read of your father's passing. You were blessed to have him with you so many years.our deepest sympathy to all your family

Donald and Mona King - August 07, 2020 at 11:36 PM

TM

“ Many at North Strand Mechanical knew Jeff. He will be missed. Our prayers for comfort and peace are with you all at this time.

TINA MALONE - August 07, 2020 at 07:58 AM

JH

“ Jonathan Hucks lit a candle in memory of Jeff C. Whittington



Jonathan Hucks - August 06, 2020 at 08:23 PM

VC

“ Dear Family of Jeff Whittington, I had the pleasure of knowing Jeff for so many years. He was a good friend and I will never forget him.

Vickie Cooper - August 06, 2020 at 07:54 PM

BF

“ So sorry to hear about Jeff thoughts and prayers to the family. He was a great boss and friend to me for many years. I will miss him very much. Bud Cartrette & Family

Bud Cartrette & Family - August 06, 2020 at 06:17 PM

RH

“ My deepest sympathies to you in the passing of Jeff Whittington. I always counted Jeff not only as a good customer, but also a good friend. He was truly one of the good guys and a gentleman in the crane business. He will be deeply missed.

Bob Hixon

Robert Hixon - August 06, 2020 at 04:00 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jeff C. Whittington.



August 06, 2020 at 10:26 AM

BC

“ *Ann, Denley and family, our deepest sympathy in Jeff's passing. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time, Bill, Barbara, Stan and Chris Copeland*

Barbara T. Copeland - August 06, 2020 at 09:32 AM

FC

“ *From your friends at Manitowoc Cranes purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jeff C. Whittington.*



From your friends at Manitowoc Cranes - August 06, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jeff C. Whittington.*



August 05, 2020 at 10:11 PM

RA

“ *Rick and I are so sorry for your loss. You all are in our prayers. ❤️*

Rhonda Ammons - August 05, 2020 at 08:08 PM

DC

*WE both lost parents to the virus. Hope you are ok. Thanks.*

Denley C Caughman - August 06, 2020 at 01:41 PM

JH

“ On behalf of The Cavinder Elevator Company , Barry and Jessica Hatoway want to extend our deepest sympathies on the passing of Mr. Whittington.

We will continue to lift up prayers for the family, many loved ones and employees of Mr. Whittington and Coastal Crane.

May God comfort you and give you courage during this most difficult of times. 🙏🏻✝️

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**Jessica Hatoway** - August 05, 2020 at 05:09 PM