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On April 6, 2023, Roy D. Whitaker, Sr. passed away at the age of 90 peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Eunice (Ethylene) Whitaker. He is survived by three children, Don (Marcie) Whitaker, Jr., Kathy Whitaker-Kancher, Bruce Whitaker, three grandchildren, Donald (Niki) Whitaker, III, Jessica (Jamie) Willis, Krystin Whitaker and four great grandchildren, Whit Whitaker, IV, Lily Whitaker, Chloe Willis, Isabella Willis and his two brothers Billy Whitaker & Gene Whitaker.

Roy was born in the mountains of North Alabama in the community of New Hope. He was raised on a working farm along the Paint Rock River. When not doing his daily chores he could be found down by the river where he acquired his life long love of fishing.

After finishing High School he joined the Coast Guard where he was stationed on a Coast Guard Cutter in Mobile, AL as a mechanic. Since he loved fishing he thought he would like the open waters but soon discovered he'd rather have his feet in the sand than on the deck of a boat.

Mobile is where he met his wife Eunice (Ethylene) on a blind date that was arranged by one of his Coast Guard buddies. When Roy first started dating Eunice, who was an operator at the phone company, he was caught red handed by a telephone operator talking to another woman. His future wife gave him an ultimatum and he made a wise decision and married the love of his life in 1953 in Lucedale, MS. Even though he had three children it should be noted that Kathy was his favorite. So she thinks!

He had a long and varied career. After his military service he was part owner of a mercantile/gas station in Savannah GA. From there he moved to Mobile and became a Car Salesman for Treadwell Ford. For his next adventure he owned and operated a Texaco gas station followed by working as a Route Salesman and then Supervisor for Coca-Cola.

After retiring from Coca Cola he and his wife moved to Fort Morgan, AL where he pursued his passion of fishing, crabbing and collecting oysters. He eventually returned to his entrepreneurial spirit and started Whit's Home Maintenance. He was also a member of the Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Department (where he provided fresh fish for the fund raiser dinners) and was recognized as Fireman of the Year in 1996.

Later in life he and Eunice moved to Foley, AL where they were active members of Summerdale Church of Christ.

Roy was known in multiple states for his delicious West Indies Salad. As a passing gesture here is his treasured recipe:

West Indies Salad

- 1 pound of lump crabmeat
- 1 red onion chopped very fine

- Salt and pepper to taste
- Continue layering until out of crabmeat
- 1 cup of canola oil – Pour over layered ingredients first
- 2/3 cup white vinegar – Pour over layered ingredients second
- 1 cup of iced water (must be iced) – Pour over layered ingredients last
- Put in refrigerator overnight
- Before serving mix well and serve with Saltine crackers and a little Tabasco

He is loved and will be missed and remembered!!!!

The family wants to send a big thank you to Viola for the care and support she provided to Roy and Eunice.

Donations in Roy's memory can be made to Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Department, C/O Kathy Whitaker, 2106 Ponce De Leon Ct., Gulf Shores, AL 36542.

Arrangements are entrusted to Cason Funeral Service in Foley Al

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Roy was a dear neighbor and will be profoundly missed by many. We were lucky enough to have been gifted a beautiful maple tree from Mr. Roy that will always be a reminder of an incredibly exceptional human. Our deepest sympathies to all that knew and loved him.*

Kathy and Barbara DeLashmet

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“ *What an exceptional man he was! And he will surely be missed deeply. He was always so dapper in his suspenders ❤️
Our deepest condolences to all the family from you neighbors
Kathy, Lowell and Wally*

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