



Richard "Dick" Wheatley

March 31, 1938 - October 13, 2014

Richard French "Dick" Wheatley, Jr., 76 entered his eternal home on Monday, October 13, 2014 surrounded by his loving family. Born in Paris, Tennessee to the late Richard F. Wheatley, Sr. and Minnie Helen Lindsey Wheatley on March 31, 1938, he was affectionately known as Dick. He was a graduate of Big Sandy High School, Big Sandy, TN, Bethel College, McKenzie, TN and Troy State University, Troy AL, where he received his Masters in Administration. For over 50 years he worked with the Jackson County School Board in several capacities from teacher to Principal at Magnolia School, Sneads High School, Graceville Elementary School, Graceville High School and Cottondale Elementary School. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church where he served as Sunday School teacher of the Dick Wheatley Class, was Lay Leader, was a past President of the Methodist Men's Club, and had held many offices in the church. He was a member of the Graceville Kiwanis Club, serving as secretary many years. Funeral service will be held 3 p.m., Thursday, October 16, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church in Graceville with Dr. Jason Thrower, Rev. Dan Rhodes and Rev. Jim Jines officiating. Burial to follow in Marvin Chapel Cemetery with James & Lipford Funeral Home in Graceville directing. Family will receive friends at the First United Methodist Church Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Flowers will be accepted or those wishing can make memorials to the First United Methodist Church P. O. Box 376 Graceville, FL 32440. He is survived by his beloved wife Linda Wheatley, son Richard F. "Richie" Wheatley, III and wife Samantha,

daughter Stephanie Wheatley King and husband Christopher, Graceville, FL;
five grandchildren Lindsey Marie Wheatley, Caroline Lindsey King, Andrew
Jefferson Wheatley, Chandler Bryan King, Sam Murphy Seigle.

Tribute Wall

SC

“ To the Wheatley Family,
There still are no words to describe the sadness that my family has for you during this time. "A Family is LOVE", and my friend 'Dickie' will always be remembered as a Father who truly Loved His Family and many Friends. Keep 'Pushing & Praying' just as we @ the Cooper household have learned to do...Love You Dearly...Sac

Sarah A. 'Sac' Cooper - October 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I just heard about Mr. Heatley. I am so sorry. I have wonderful memories of him at Cottondale Elementary. He was always so nice and friendly, always smiling or laughing. He was always supportive. I have special memories when we got our son-he made that even more special. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Janice Williams - October 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Mr. Wheatley was a wonderful man and principal. He gave me my first job with the school board as a paraprofessional at CES, which spearheaded me in the direction of teaching as my career. I will be forever grateful to him. Praying for peace for your family.

Katherine Arbona - October 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ I would like to offer my deepest sympathies for your loss. Mr. Wheatley was a wonderful man and every morning I saw him on the campus of CES when he was principal he had a beautiful smile on his face and offered me encouraging words. He meant a lot to me and my family and I will never forget him. May God bless you during this time.

Rosie White - October 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ We were so saddened to learn of the death of Dick. I know that he will be greatly missed, but when your heart is empty, filling it with happy memories can help. Hold on to your memories, and let them guide you during this time of sadness.

Tom and Evelyn Daniels - October 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Uncle Dickie will be greatly missed! He was the one of the most kind, happy, friendly, funny, caring people I have ever known. He was the BEST storyteller ever. Even as a child, I remember enjoying listening to him telling stories. He would brighten any room with that smile he always had. I know he touched many lives and his presence here will be dearly missed, but what a joyous occasion that he is now in the hands of God. We love you and thank you for all the joy you brought to our lives.

We wish we could be with you all during this time, but know that our prayers and thoughts are with you always.

Love,

Amy, James, Lily, Wesley & Miles

Pendleton family - October 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ I am very sorry to hear of the loss of, Mr. Wheatley. I have a special place in my heart for teachers. They were instrumental in raising my children to becoming responsible and law-abiding citizens. With all, Mr. Wheatley accomplishments, he was an amazing man! I won't pretend to know what you're going through, but what has helped me deal with the loss of those I love is turning to the Scriptures, something that has been a real source of comfort. One Scripture that gives me hope is John 11:25, which says, " Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." I hope that this verse will also comfort you and, I hope you and your family can get through this difficult time. Please accept my condolences for the loss of your beloved husband, father. Sincerely, Meryl.

Meryl - October 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Mr. Wheatley was a special person to the Alpha Program at Cottondale Elementary School. We have fond memories of his visits with us, he always encouraged us and made us laugh. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Linda Wilson - October 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Laurie and I send our deepest sympathies to the family of Dick Wheatley. Because I will be working out of town, I will not be able to attend the services, but wanted to say that Dick was always a great friend and mentor to me during my tenure as an administrator in the Jackson County School system. I am thankful for his advice and his friendship throughout the years. He will be greatly missed.

John and Laurie Hamilton - October 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ I was so sad to hear of Mr. Wheatley's passing. I so enjoyed working with him at CES. I have lots of memories of him at the school. We had a lot of laughs and I will always miss him. He treated us all as family. I can honestly say he was my favorite principal.

Carol Johnson - October 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Sending our love and support to you all.

Steve & Benjie Crisp - October 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ May God comfort you in your hour of sorrow is our prayer.

Joseph & Nell Cotton - October 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Sincere sympathy to the entire family.

Tim & Connie McCrary - October 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Mr. Wheatley was one of the finest men I ever met. He was always a gentleman and possessed the highest of character. He will be missed by his church, his community, his profession, his friends, and, most of all, his family.

I know he walks with God. We all can benefit from his example.

Let the kind words being spoken about him by so many bring you peace and comfort.

Jane C. Hayes - October 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM