



## Esther Rhodes Whitmore

February 22, 1923 - October 13, 2008

Heading: Esther R. Whitmore

Dateline: Greer

Esther Rhodes Whitmore, 85, departed from her home, at The Cottages at Brushy Creek, Tuesday, October 13, 2008 and went to be with the Lord and was reunited with her husband, Rev. Connie L. Whitmore, son of Ozell Thomas and grandson, Abram Lanham.

Born in Spartanburg County, she was the daughter of the late Jimmy and Eva Rhodes. She was a dedicated mother to her family, which she had a special place in her home which served as a foster home for many.

She was a charter member of Praise Cathedral Church of God and a retired employee of J.P. Stevens.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara W. Howard and her husband, Ken Howard of Greer; a son, Troy Whitmore and his wife, Adele Whitmore of Williamston; a son, Richard L. McDonald and his wife, Christine McDonald of Greer; eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 4:00 p.m. Wednesday at Praise Cathedral, conducted by Rev. Jerry Madden, Rev. Bill Waters, and Rev. Danny Whitmore. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Rocky Howard, Ted Harrison, Jr., Benji Rhodes, Josh White, Richard McDonald, and Harold Rogers.

Visitation will be held 3:00-4:00 p.m. Wednesday at Praise Cathedral.

The families are at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Praise Cathedral Building Fund, 3390 Brushy Creek Road, Greer, S.C. 29650.

Mother, God saw you were tired and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around you and whispered "Come to me." With tearful eyes we saw you pass away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us....HE ONLY TAKES HIS BEST.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 15. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Praise Cathedral  
3390 Brushy Creek Road  
Greer, SC 29650

## Service

OCT 15. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara and family,  
I was so sorry to hear of you great loss. I was unable to attend the funeral ,because I had to work, but my heart and prayers were there with you.*

*I'm reading from Dad Ogle's, Bible, 1st Thessalonians 4:16-18  
For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

*Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

*Wherefore, comfort one another with these words.*

*May these words give you, and your family, Comfort , Peace , and Hope that you will, see her again. As Dad Ogle preached many times, " Look Up" , for your redemption draweth nigh!*

*I love you*

*Jo###imported-begin##Jo Ogle Styles###imported-end##*

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October 18, 2008 at 06:18 PM



“ *We loved Esther and we love all your family. We are praying for you. God will sustain you.###imported-begin##Sam and Judy Teague###imported-end##*

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October 16, 2008 at 11:16 PM



“ Dr. Looper wanted me to tell you all that he has you in his prayers. Sylvia was so shocked when I told her of your mom. Benjy had been in the office that AM he had told the hygenist but she didn't tell us. So sorry We love you all very much. Azalee Sylvia Dr Looper###imported-begin###azalee jones ###imported-end###

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October 16, 2008 at 07:53 PM



“ Barbara and Family, I am sorry to hear of your mom's passing.. I enjoyed the times with her I did have. I know she will be greatly missed.. My Love and prayers are with you all. Sharon###imported-begin###Sharon Menke###imported-end###

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October 16, 2008 at 11:47 AM



“ Barbara, Nan and I are so sorry to hear about your Mother. There is nothing or no one that can fill that void that is now in your life. But, the best thing is that she made it home and is having a peaceful time. I look forward to the day I can see all our love ones. Take comfort in that a mothers prays are forever. God gave woman in my mind an ability to love that men can not understand, So your loving Mother will help you with her prayers while she was here on earth. Just wait until you set eyes on her in heaven. What a joy that will be. We love you and Ken and we will ask the Lord to honor yours and Ken's prayers. He loves you and has promised to go thru this with you.

Love both of you

Jim and Nan Smith###imported-begin###Jim and Nan Smith###imported-end###

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October 15, 2008 at 09:47 PM



“ Dear Barbara, Ken and Family, I just looked at the paper today for the first time in a couple of days. I was so sorry to learn of your Mothers death. I know you have lost your best friend, but just know that she is in a better place. I miss you and I send you our love and prayers. Willie and Jane Brown###imported-begin###Jane Brown###imported-end##

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October 15, 2008 at 07:21 PM



“ Barbara,I didn't know your mother except for seeing her at church but she had to be a wonderful lady for raising a daughter like you. I know you will miss her for the rest of your life as I do mine but we will join them one day and what a day that will be.Our heart goes out to you and your family.  
Clifford & Teresa Owens###imported-begin###Clifford And Teresa Owens###imported-end##

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October 15, 2008 at 03:52 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Esther. She truly was a special lady to many. She especially will be missed by me.

*May God Bless and Comfort you during this time in your life.*

*I love you all!!*

*Libby Pearson###imported-begin###Libby Pearson###imported-end##*

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October 15, 2008 at 12:01 PM



“ Richard, Troy, Barb and all the family, We are so sorry about your Mother. She was a very sweet lady. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Barry & Nicky May##imported-begin##Nicky May##imported-end##

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October 15, 2008 at 11:56 AM



“ Barbara and Ken:

I learned early yesterday morning of the passing of your beloved mother, Esther Whitmore. My memories of her are of a woman with a quiet spirit, dedicated both to the Lord and her family. She always amazed me at her ability to do hard work in spite of her age! I know she will be greatly missed from your presence, but we have the blessed assurance of being reunited soon in the Lord's presence. You and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult period of transition.##imported-begin##Frances Southerland##imported-end##

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October 15, 2008 at 11:10 AM



“ I know she will be missed greatly by the family. Debbie and I will be praying for ya'll. The church has also lost a pillar.##imported-begin##Jerel and Debbie Cook##imported-end##

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October 15, 2008 at 10:21 AM



“ Dear Barbara,  
I am so sorry about your Mother. I know that soon I will probably be in your shoes. The only thing I know to say is that my prayers and thoughts are with you. I know your Mother is in a better place.  
Love you,  
Betty Kay##imported-begin##BETTY KAY MOON GAY##imported-end##

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October 15, 2008 at 09:46 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies -God bless all of you.  
what a wonderful Christian lady.##imported-begin##Mary and Alon Hudson and family##imported-end##

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October 15, 2008 at 09:19 AM



“ Dear Family,  
  
Can't you just see the reunion in Heaven ?!?!  
  
Our thoughts, love and prayers are with you all.  
  
Dimples Howell & Family##imported-begin##Dimples Howell##imported-end##

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October 15, 2008 at 09:13 AM



“ Our church has lost a wonderful Christian lady. The perfect Christ like life. She will be greatly missed by all.  
My prayers will be with all the family.

Gloria Lee###imported-begin##Gloria Lee###imported-end##

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October 15, 2008 at 09:12 AM



“ Dear Barbara and Family,  
We lost a very sweet loving lady when Ms. Esther was called to heaven. She was such a joy to know. She will be missed. I know the loss of losing your mother. You are in my thoughts and prayers and if there is anything that I can do for you please let me know. I love you all, Lonni###imported-begin##Lonni B. Brown###imported-end##

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October 15, 2008 at 09:01 AM



“ Barb & Family:  
You have my deepest sympathy in the passing of Esther. I am in OH with Tara, but I will be praying for you. Ernest will be there.

Love You,  
Linda###imported-begin##Linda Bennefield###imported-end##

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October 15, 2008 at 08:41 AM



“ Barbara, Ken and family -  
I am saddened to hear of the news of Esther's passing and my thoughts are with all of you. She was such a great lady and did so much for so many. I will be thinking of you all today, take care.###imported-begin##Suzanne Lundstrom Hall###imported-end##

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October 15, 2008 at 06:50 AM



“ *BARB I HAVE SO MANEY GOOD MEMORY'S OF TIME SPENT WITH YOUR MOM SHE WAS LIKE MY SECOND MOM WE ARE SO LUCKY TO HAVE HAD TWO SPECIAL MOTHER'S THEY WILL BE IN OUR HEARTS ALWAYS ILOVE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY YOUR ARE ALWAYS IN MY PRAYS GOD BLESS AND GIVE YOU PEACE BILL& JUDY###imported-begin###BILL& JUDY TOWE###imported-end###*

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October 14, 2008 at 10:43 PM

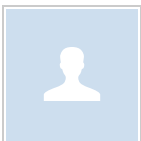


“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. May the Lord comfort your hearts and hold you close in the coming days.*

*Sincerely,  
Joyce and David Wolf  
Mansfield, Ohio###imported-begin###Joyce and David Wolf###imported-end###*

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October 14, 2008 at 07:47 PM



“ *Barb and Family, Heaven is sure sweeter with Mrs. Ester there. She was always a delight to be around. How blessed it is to know she is united with God and Family.*

*I love you Cuz, Carolyn###imported-begin###Carolyn Waddell###imported-end###*

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October 14, 2008 at 05:21 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I know that Esther was a wonderful lady. I am sorry that I am not able to pay my respects in due to business trip to Germany. I love you all and you are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Duane Styles##imported-end##

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October 14, 2008 at 04:38 PM



“ Barb, our prayers and hearts are with you and the family at this time.##imported-begin##Nadine Hunt##imported-end##

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October 14, 2008 at 03:11 PM



“ Barbara, Ken and Family,

*Dear Barbara,*

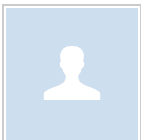
*We were so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Heaven is getting sweeter and sweeter every day with our Loved Ones going Home! What A Glad Reunion Day! I don't think it will be long now. His coming I believe is soon!*

*May God comfort your heart and give you peace as only he can do. "Dad Ogle's Song "Just Over the Hill is Heaven"*

*Love and Prayers to you Barbara, Ken and Family##imported-begin##Jean Ogle White and Family##imported-end##*

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October 14, 2008 at 01:28 PM



“ Our thoughts, love and prayers are with you. God Bless##imported-begin##Herry and Sandra Mansel##imported-end##

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October 14, 2008 at 01:25 PM



“ Barbara ,Richard and families we will be thinking of you but we know as we are lonely for them here, they are in "Heaven "with our God and we would never bring them back.We love you all and will pray for each of you.##imported-begin##DALE BENNETT##imported-end##

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October 14, 2008 at 01:19 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God give you peace during this hard time.

-Derek & Cindy Parker (Members of Praise Cathedral)##imported-begin##Derek & Cindy Parker##imported-end##

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October 14, 2008 at 01:15 PM



“ What a incredible woman with which God blessed us all. Although I only knew her a few years, Esther was always a joy to be with. She is another saint that I cannot wait to see when Jesus calls the rest of us home. Thank you, Lord for allowing me to know Esther. She was a blessing.##imported-begin##Rick Wofford##imported-end##

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October 14, 2008 at 12:52 PM



“ *Wow! What a blessing this sweet lady is and was to all who met her. I say IS, because her life will go on blessing, even after she has gone to be with the Lord, in all the lives she has touched. She inspired me and I shall never forget her smile and the love shown by this lovely Saint of God to all she came in contact with.*

*Thank you, Ester for all you gave for the Lord and for the wonderful family you have given us at Praise Cathedral. We love them dearly, George and Vivian March##imported-begin##Vivian March##imported-end##*

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October 14, 2008 at 12:38 PM