

WHITAKER, Glenda Pope Pipkin

Obituary from the Nashville *The Tennessean*

 WHITAKER, Glenda Pope Pipkin Age 77, went to her Savior on March 30, 2009. She was born in Memphis, TN on August 1, 1931. She is survived by three children, Glenda Jordan (John), Robert Lee Whitaker, Jr. (Heidee) and Mary Margaret Stanford (Don); eight grandchildren, Whitaker Jordan, Linnea Jordan, Peter Jordan, Crystal Stanford Jackson (Nathan), Michael Stanford, Ashley Whitaker, Connor Whitaker and Jacqueline Whitaker; three sisters, Rosemary Jackson, Lyndell Thompson and Carolyn Norman (Paul); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Robert Lee Whitaker; her mother, Mary Pope Pipkin and father, Harry Pipkin. Her faith and trust in her Savior, Jesus Christ, and love for her family were uppermost in her mind and the driving force of her life. Her ever present smile, loving and generous spirit will be missed by all who knew her. She graduated from the University of Tennessee with multiple honors and thereafter, served as a teacher, not only at David Lipscomb Elementary, but also in Sunday School at the church she attended for over 40 years, Harpeth Hills Church of Christ. She served for many years as a docent, giving tours at the Governor's Mansion. She remained active in politics, serving as a voter registrant, and contributing her time and money to many political causes. She also participated in numerous charitable organizations, including Daughters of the American Revolution, UT Board of Visitors, and multiple faith-based and health related causes. She was active in local, state and national rose societies, including serving as an accredited rose judge, co-chairman of three American Rose Society National Conventions in Nashville, President of the Nashville Rose Society, Chair of numerous local and national positions, and won multiple local and national awards for showing and arranging roses, as well as Bronze and Silver Honor Medals and other awards for her years of outstanding service and education of generations of rose growers all over the country. She authored many award winning articles in local and national rose publications, and served as co-editor of the nationally awarded Nashville Rose Leaf for many years. Visitation with the family will occur on Thursday at the Brentwood Funeral Home, from 4-7 p.m. The service will be on Friday at 11 a.m., at the Harpeth Hills Church of Christ, with visitation at the church from 10-11 a.m. Interment will be in the family plot at the Yorkville Cemetery, Gibson Co., TN. Honorary Pallbearers will be elders of the Harpeth Hills Church of Christ. Active Pallbearers will be the grandsons and nephews of Mrs. Whitaker. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Agape, World Christian Broadcasting, the American Rose Society, David Lipscomb University or University of Tennessee School of Education. Arrangements by BRENTWOOD-ROESCH-PATTON FUNERAL HOME, 9010 Church Street East, Brentwood, TN 37027; (615) 373-3040.