



## Bobby Gene Whisnant

November 13, 1931 - December 10, 2023

Bobby Gene Whisnant, 92, of Mint Hill, NC, passed away Sunday, December 10, 2023, at Novant Matthews.

Bobby, the eldest of five children, was born Friday, November 13, 1931, in Salisbury, NC, to the late Everette and Elizabeth Elliott Whisnant, and grew up at Ellis Crossroads.

Bobby was an Honor Graduate of Spencer High School and Cum Laude Graduate of Catawba College where he was a member of Sigma Pi Alpha Fraternity. He completed Graduate work at Duke University and UNC Chapel Hill.

In 1954, he met the Love of his life, Carol Newton. They were married in 1958 at Deep Springs Baptist Church in Peachland, NC. Bobby and Carol celebrated 65 years of marriage August 24, 2023.

Bobby was a Public School Educator, beginning his career as a Teacher in Anson and Union Counties. In Charlotte-Mecklenburg, he served as an Elementary School Principal for 28 years, culminating his career with the opening of Reedy Creek Elementary School prior to his retirement.

In 1979, Bobby was elected as a Mint Hill Town Commissioner and served on the Town Council for 18 consecutive years. He also served as Mayor Pro Tem for the Town of Mint Hill.

Upon his retirement, Bobby was a dedicated Caregiver for his Parents until their deaths. His active retirement eventually spanned 33 years, nearly as long as his 36-year career.

Bobby was a longtime member of Blair Road United Methodist Church where he served as an Usher, Trustee, and as a Member of the Staff Parish Committee. In addition, he was a faithful member of the Hannon Sunday School Class and the Young at Heart Senior Adult Group.

Bobby cherished Family and making memories throughout the years with Camping Trips, weekend visits to the Family Farm in Mount Pleasant, NC, vacations to Florida and Badin Lake, and long stays at the Family Beach House on Oak Island, NC.

Throughout the years, the Whisnant Family gathered together to celebrate special occasions and Holidays. Christmas was Bobby's favorite time of year. He enjoyed the festivities of Christmas, and especially the meaning behind Christmas.

Grandsons, always Bobby's pride and joy, will serve as Pallbearers.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2PM, Friday December 15, 2023, at Blair Road United Methodist Church, Mint Hill, NC. Entombment will be at the Sunset Memory Gardens Mausoleum immediately following the service.

The service will be livestreamed with the link to join posted at the end of this obituary.

In addition to his parents, Bobby was predeceased by his infant sister Brenda Elizabeth and his brother Carlton Whisnant.

Survivors include his loving wife, Carol Newton Whisnant, four children, Cynthia Whisnant Brasher and her husband Craig of Fayetteville, NC; Merritt Whisnant and his wife Debbie of Harrisburg, NC; Tyndall Whisnant and his girlfriend Wendy Santana of Durham, NC; and Phillip Whisnant of Los Angeles, CA; four grandsons, Dylan Whisnant, Caleb Whisnant, Tyler Whisnant, and Garrett Whisnant.

In addition, Bobby is survived by two sisters, Joan W. Owen of Matthews, NC, and Margaret W. Tinsley and her husband Jerry of Brevard, NC, one sister-in-law, Frances Newton Hornback of Alton, MO, and a special cousin, Garry Watkins of Salisbury, NC.

Memorials may be made to Blair Road United Methodist Church, 9135 Blair Road, Mint Hill, NC, 28227.

Please take a moment to visit Bobby's Tribute Wall to share memories, photos and condolences.

Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, and Friend – Bobby was dearly loved, and he will be dearly missed.

“It's not goodbye forever. It's see you later.”

LIVESTREAM LINK

<https://youtube.com/live/gSvCft3fKmw?feature=share>

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memory Gardens

8901 Lawyers Road  
Charlotte, NC 28227  
<http://www.cmseast.com/sunset-memory-gardens/>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC **15**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Blair Road United Methodist Church  
9135 Blair Road  
Mint Hill, NC 28227  
<http://www.blairrdumc.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Bobby Gene Whisnant*



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**Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home** - December 15, 2023 at 11:04 AM

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“ *Praying for the family during this difficult time. May the Lord wrap his arms around you and bring you comfort and peace.*

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**Linda Tucker Brock** - December 15, 2023 at 07:35 AM

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“ *Jennifer Watson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bobby Gene Whisnant.*

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**Jennifer Watson** - December 14, 2023 at 02:43 PM

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“ *Jennifer Watson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bobby Gene Whisnant.*



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**Jennifer Watson** - December 14, 2023 at 02:43 PM



“ 14 files added to the album Memories Album



Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - December 14, 2023 at 02:35 PM

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“ Carol and family,

*We extend our sincere sympathy to the entire family. Bob was definitely a family man. His love and pride for each of you was beyond measure, and he always made sure to set aside quality time for the family - even while serving the school system and the Town. Any individual's public service extends to family, and your family is to be commended for their service/support also. Carol, you were always by Bob's side at Town meetings and activities such as the annual tree lightings (baking/providing hundreds of cookies for that event). We thank you for sharing him and your time with the Town of Mint Hill during his 18 years of service as Commissioner. Bob always came prepared for meetings, having studied (and proofread) the agenda packet thoroughly. His ability to listen quietly and provide feedback in a soft and calm manner was truly an asset from which the Mint Hill community benefitted.*

Carleton and Beth Hamrick - December 13, 2023 at 08:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bobby Gene Whisnant.



December 12, 2023 at 07:47 PM