



Billie R. Whitley

November 5, 1928 - February 25, 2016

Billie R. Whitley of Cadillac passed away Thursday, February 25, 2016 at The Lakeview. He was 87.

Mr. Whitley was born November 5, 1928 in Highland Park, Michigan to William Isham and Nellie V. (Friend) Whitley.

He had been employed by the City of Lincoln Park for close to 20 years while also owning and operating Bill's Party Store in Lincoln Park for 12 years. In 1969 he moved to Cadillac where he owned and operated The Maple Hill Hotel for 17 years.

Mr. Whitley loved spending time with his grandchildren and going fishing. He enjoyed bowling, camping, snowmobiling, and going out with friends. Upon first moving to Cadillac he was active with the Kiwanis Club. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Cadillac and had served as an usher. Mr. Whitley was very involved with the Men's Bible Study that met on Fridays at Big Boy in Cadillac. He was also active with the Cadillac Area Visitors Bureau and the Cadillac Area Chamber of Commerce.

On September 18, 1948 in Lincoln Park he married the former Betty June Ford and she survives him along with their children Velma (Randy) Stimpson of Taylor, Richard (Terry) Whitley of Ada, Duane (Mary) Whitley of Tustin; 15 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents a brother, William Edward Whitley and a son, Donald in December 2015.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Friday, March 4, 2016 at First Baptist

Church in Cadillac with Reverend Jeff Stimpson officiating. Friends may meet the family Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac. His final resting place will be Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund or American Heart Association. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *To Betty & Duane -
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. With deepest sympathy, the Devereaux family*

Amy Fite, Alan Devereaux, Gary & Shari Bednarick & MaryLou - March 04, 2016 at 04:45 PM

DH

“ *Our sympathies and prayers are with you Rich*

Don & Roxie Hamblin - March 01, 2016 at 09:12 PM

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“ *RIP, Billie. I shall always remember our chats at my desk and in the coffee room. Best wishes to the family.*

Daniel Brooks - February 29, 2016 at 02:48 PM