



## Howell Whiting

December 23, 1925 - May 11, 2012

Howell (Howie) Travis Whiting, 86, LTC (Ret.), US Army Signal Corps, went to be with Our Lord and Savior on May 11, 2012. He was a loving and generous husband, father, and grandfather. He was born Dec. 23, 1925 in Atlanta, GA to Howell Thadeus Whiting and Vera Whelchel Whiting. They predeceased him, as well as a brother, John Robert Whiting in 1997, and a son, Roy Russell Whiting in 2011. He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Doris Evelyn Haskamp Whiting, son Philip Lee Whiting (Carmen) of Phoenix, AZ, son Wayne Alan Whiting, and daughter, Diane Cherie Whiting Weir, both of Roswell, and a brother Alanson George Whiting (Glenda) of Greenwood, FLA., 6 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. He served in the US Navy in WWII, seeing action in the South Pacific. After the war, he completed 2 years of college at the University of Maryland, then graduated from Basic Officers Training at Ft. Benning, GA. Doris and the children were fortunate to accompany him on all of his stateside and overseas tours of duty, beginning with 2 years in Alaska. While stationed for 3 ½ years at Verdun, France, he earned a BA in Political Science from the University of Maryland Overseas Program. After a short time at Ft. Huachuca, AZ, he attended and graduated from the Defense Language Institute at Monterey, CA, becoming fluent in the Turkish language. Major Whiting and family spent 3 years in Ankara, Turkey; then he retired as LTC from 2 ½ years service at the Pentagon. During his various tours of duty, Howie was awarded the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal with metal pendant, Army

Commendation Medal, American Campaign Ribbon WWII, Asiatic Pacific Ribbon WWII, WWII Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal, National Defense, and Armed Forces Reserve Ribbon, all for exceptionally meritorious service. Howie and Doris chose Roswell for their retirement home in 1971. An avid rockhound, Howie joined the Chaparral Rockhound Club in 1972 and served in many capacities, including President and Show Chairman. In 1983, he was the Outstanding Graduate of the Gemological Institute of America, thus becoming a certified gemologist. He was Past-President of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies and in 1996 was awarded that society's prestigious "Gold Pan Award", for exceptional dedication and service in the rockhounding and lapidary fields. He was a member of the Blue Ribbon Coalition, ALAA (American Lands Access Assoc.), and the Rollin' Rock Club. He was also Past-President of the Pecos Valley Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Assoc. of America). The family would like to thank the VistaCare employees for their compassion and dedication to Howie. According to his wishes, Howie will be cremated and a private family memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that a donation be sent to the N.M. Tech. Mineral Museum Endowment Fund, c/o Virgil Lueth, Curator, 801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM 87801-4796. Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories in the online register book at [andersonbethany.com](http://andersonbethany.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Howell Whiting*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *We are so sorry about your loss of Howie. Prayers & sympathies goes out to you, Doris, and your family.*

**Carolyn & James Belt** - May 20, 2012 at 03:09 PM



“ *Dear Doris and family. I always enjoyed knowing Howie and his work with MOAA. He was a very fine man and my sincere sympathies go out to all of you ... Sincerely, Tom*

**Tom Grady** - May 15, 2012 at 02:51 PM



“ *Howie will be missed by all of us who benefitted from his helpful, gracious kindness, his endless optimism, and his welcoming smile. May God bless you in your loss.*

**Judy Armstrong** - May 15, 2012 at 09:42 AM



“ *Family...on behalf of the town of Dexter, please accept our deepest sympathy...we appreciate his service to our great country...may the God of all comfort grant you peace at this time of mourning...God Bless... Dave White Dexter's Mayor SLS*

**Dave White** - May 14, 2012 at 02:27 PM