



## Onsy Bee "Westley" Whicker

June 24, 1932 - September 26, 2017

Onsy Bee "Westley" Whicker, 85, passed away at his home on Tuesday, September 26, 2017. Viewing will be Friday morning, September 29, 2017, at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 115 West 11th, Roswell, NM, at 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM. A traditional Funeral Service will immediately follow at 10:00 AM, also at Tabernacle Baptist Church. Interment will be at South Park Cemetery. A tribute of Onsy's life may be found at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com) where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for his family.

On June 24, 1932, Onsy was born to William Sydney Whicker and Mary Gladys Coleman Whicker in Lookout, Kentucky. As a young man, he liked to drive fast which earned him the nickname Speedy. Onsy tried enlisting in the Army but was too light, by one pound. He went home, ate some bananas, came back and was able to enlist on September 1, 1948. He first trained in Fort Knox, Kentucky, for basic training. Onsy then trained in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, to run an air compressor and then to be a heavy vehicle mechanic. This fort was home of the Army Engineers and his training was to work on (among other things) engineer equipment such as bulldozers. He served in Korea during the Korean conflict, assigned to the 536th Engineer Field Maintenance Company. Onsy left the service as a Technical Sergeant on December 20, 1952. He had served in a Master Sergeant position and earned the following awards for his service: Good Conduct Medal, United Nations Medal, and the Korean Service Medal.

Onsy met Betty while attending the Baptist Bible College in Springfield,

Missouri, where he graduated in 1956. They were married that same year. After being ordained in March 1957, he and Betty went to Korea (area of Pusan, Korea) as missionaries where they served from November 1959 to July 1972. There, he and Betty founded twenty-three churches and a Bible college. Upon returning to the United States, Onsy pastored a church in Tacoma, Washington. He received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity from the Baptist Bible College on September 4, 1973. Onsy was also made an Honorary Kentucky Colonel in May 1976. He later moved to Roswell, New Mexico, where Onsy pastored Tabernacle Baptist Church for twenty-five years, until he retired.

Loved ones surviving to cherish Onsy's memory are his sons: Steve, Randy and Ken Whicker; grandchildren: Starla Whicker, Justin Whicker, Joshua Whicker, Heather Whicker, Jered Whicker, Aaron Whicker, Sara Moyer; brother, Lloyd Whicker; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Preceding Onsy in death were his wife, Betty E. Whicker; daughter, Starla Ruth Whicker; grandson, Jeremy Stephen Whicker; parents: William Sydney Whicker, Mary Gladys Coleman Whicker; siblings: Milford Whicker, Bradley Whicker, Clifford Whicker, Delbert Whicker, Billie Jane and Bartley Whicker. In Lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Tabernacle Baptist Church Bus Ministry.

This tribute was lovingly written in honor of Onsy by his family.

# Tribute Wall



“ Onsy Bee "Westley" Whicker

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ 안시 휘커 목사님  
한국에서의 복음 사역에 감사합니다.

Yeo Byeongmu ??? - December 21, 2018 at 04:32 AM



“ Brother Whicker was a blessing to our family for many years. I will always consider him my pastor. We have many fond memories of him, Betty and the kids back when we were all younger. You never had to guess where he stood on his beliefs. He had a true compassion for the lost souls of Roswell and our country. When it came to the word I can still hear him saying " I'm so narrow minded, I can see through a key hole with both eyes".

If there was work to be done, he had a way of convincing you that you needed to help.

All of our children were saved under his ministry and are serving the Lord in some capacity. Our oldest son Clifton was called to preach under Brother Whicker and is still serving in California. My younger brother John came to visit us years ago and was also called to preach while attending church with us. He has been in the ministry now for twenty years in Texas. Brother Whicker has always been there for us when we had troubles or needed prayer. I thank the Lord for him, Betty and their family. We grief with you but we know he is rejoicing with Betty in heaven.

Love,

Rodger & Nancy Curry

Rodger Curry - September 29, 2017 at 10:24 AM

MB

“ *Pastor Whicker was my girls and my pastor and we always thought of him as that. Pastor Whicker was always so sweet to my family. He was always there for us through thick and thin. He was the kind of Pastor that believed when a member was not church he would be there at your door finding out why. Pastor Whicker had a heart for his church and the families that went there. I loved and appreciated him and Mr. Betty both. He had a heart for souls and he was always wanting to see people come to Christ. He was the Pastor that did both my daughter's dedications and he was always so kind to them. He would always give the girls candy and he always made sure that he said hello to us with a smile every service. God took a wonderful soldier of God and he was a wonderful caring man.*

*Melissa, Karima, Leila  
Bezouche*

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**Melissa Bezouche** - September 29, 2017 at 12:02 AM

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“ *Dear Whicker Family, Pastor Whicker was such a great Pastor to us during our years at Tabernacle. Our love and condolences. Larry, Cathy, Lonny and Craig Hergert*

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**Catherine Hergert** - September 28, 2017 at 11:29 PM

JM

“ *What a blessing Pastor Whicker has been for me & my family. He was always there in the good times and bad. He & Betty served the Lord and truly cared about everyone and did wonderful things for so many.*

*God Bless and Comfort his family.  
Ray and Joanne Mathews*

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**Joanne Mathews** - September 28, 2017 at 04:07 PM

MB

“ Thanking the Lord for the good memories of this man. I served with him at Tabernacle from 1979-1983 as his music minister. I remember him being a very gentle and sweet man. We saw the Lord do great and wonderful things in that ministry together. Praying for the family during this time. God bless and give you comfort and peace during this time.  
Mike and Brenda Branch

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Michael D> Branch - September 28, 2017 at 10:42 AM

TK

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family of Bro. Whicker. We served on staff for him at Tabernacle Baptist Church from 2000 - 2004. Mr. Terry served as his associate pastor, and Mrs. Terry served as the church secretary. We learned many valuable lessons from Bro. Whicker, which have served us well in our ministry here at Wayne Avenue Baptist Church in Lubbock Texas where we have now been for almost 15 years.  
His wisdom, love for people, and heart for missions were an inspiration. He and Betty will be missed, but we know that they are now rejoicing with their beloved Savior in Heaven!  
-Pastor & Mrs. Terry Kirkpatrick

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Terry Kirkpatrick - September 27, 2017 at 12:48 PM