



Eleanor Joyce Mundy Whitley

January 21, 1941 - March 19, 2025

Eleanor Joyce Mundy Whitley, 84, died Wednesday, March 19, 2025. She was born January 21,

1941, in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, to the late Esley and Margaret Graves Mundy. From this union

came four children: Shirley Mae Mundy (Clifford Kenney), James Esley Mundy (Alberta), Eleanor

Joyce (John, Sr.), and John Edward Mundy (Barbara). Her siblings all preceded her in death.

In 1959, Eleanor graduated from Bate High School (Danville, KY). After graduation, she attended

nursing school and became a Licensed Practical Nurse. On February 23, 1959, Eleanor married

her high school sweetheart and the love of her life, John Ellis Whitley, Sr. The Lord blessed this

union with three children: John Ellis Whitley, Jr., James (Jimmy) Edward Whitley, and Marc Eliot

Whitley. Eleanor was steadfast in all that she did was in support of her family. Including during

her time as a military wife moving her family to Texas and Florida while continuing to work as a nurse.

Once back in Kentucky, Eleanor, always seeking advancement in the nursing

profession, worked

for St. Joseph Hospital, Eastern State Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital, and Veterans

Administration Hospital. While Eleanor loved her work, her commitment to family was once

again, exemplified when in 1995, she retired from nursing to care for her ailing mother.

Eleanor accepted Christ at an early age. She attended St. Peter A.M.E. in Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

After moving to Lexington with her family, she joined St. Paul A.M.E. and remained a member

for over 57 years, until gaining her wings. She was a passionate reader. It was a gift passed down

from her mother, and one that Eleanor shared with her children and grandchildren.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her son Jimmy and husband John, Sr., after 52 years of

marriage. She was a proud member of the St. Martin's Village community, where she and her

family lived since 1968. St. Martin's Village was the first subdivision in Lexington, Kentucky

dedicated to African American families.

To carry on her legacy, she leaves behind two sons, John Whitley, Jr. (Cassandra), and Marc

Whitley (Melina). Six Grandchildren: Andre Williams, Darryl Whitley, Sr. (LaToya), Daniel Whitley,

Sr. (Kimberly), Andrew Williams (Olivia), Matthew Whitley (Katherine), Madyson Whitley. Nine

Great Grandchildren: Daniel Jr., Hayden, Harper, Parker, Winston, Payton, Darryl, Jr., Miles, and

Arielle. Special nieces Linda Covington (Jeffrey) and Margaret Blake, and a

host of other nieces
and nephews in addition to special family friends, Jaedyn Milfort and April
Hale. Eleanor will be
interred at Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Nicholasville, Kentucky, with
her husband.

Cemetery Details

Camp Nelson National Cemetery

6080 Danville Rd
Nichoklasville, KY

Previous Events

FUNERAL

MAR **29**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St Paul AME Church
251 N Upper Street
Lexington, KY

Visitation 11 AM Saturday at the church until time of Service

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ingram Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams
for the family of Eleanor Joyce Mundy Whitley.*



Ingram Family - March 28, 2025 at 11:03 AM