



Albert Gayle Whitney

August 3, 1926 - September 3, 2023

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Albert Gayle, "Al" Whitney, age 97, passed away peacefully, on September 3, 2023; encompassed in tender love, with his family at his side, and supported by his dear family. Al was born August 3, 1926, in Chicago, Illinois, to his loving parents, Edna Gayle Whitney, and Albert G. Whitney, Sr.

Al lived an active, full life. He deeply touched everyone who knew him, from his earliest childhood friends to those whom he met just prior to his departure. He had an avid interest in literature, music, and art. He truly became a life-long learner. His appreciation and love for poetry extended into ultimately becoming a published poet himself.

Al attended Taft High School in Chicago, Illinois. He excelled in his studies and served as the school's photographer. Upon graduation from high school, and at his first opportunity, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corp. He was stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi. While in the Army Air Corp, he maintained aircraft engines and earned sharpshooter status. During his service years, he was sent to Michigan State

University, majoring in Engineering. Al was assigned to a teaching position, not only teaching chemistry but devotedly serving to help enlistees earn their high school diplomas. He loyally maintained this position even as the war ended, to ensure that those who were entrusted to his care successfully received their diplomas. As a WWII Veteran, Al loved and honorably served his country.

In 1947, Al met the love of his life, Elaine, (Ginny) S. Van Kampen. Al and Ginny were married on June 19, 1948. Following his WWII service, Al went to work with his father in the real estate business. He and his father, Albert Whitney Sr., established Whitney Real Estate. Al earned his broker license. Al's expertise was sought out by others in the industry and he was often consulted. Al earned many awards during his career. In the later years of his career, he became a highly successful appraiser.

Upon retirement, Al and Ginny built their dream home on the property they had cherished for years in the Northwoods of Minocqua, Wisconsin. Al lovingly supported Ginny's interest and dream of owning her own knitting shop. Together, they opened the Knitter's Nook where they served their community and continued to touch so many lives with their love.

Al and Ginny Whitney were members of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Minocqua-Woodruff. Al served in many capacities for the church, including reader. Al deeply loved and lived his life in service to God. His love of God was the foundation of his life.

Al was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Ginny; his father, Albert G.

Whitney Sr.; mother, Edna

Whitney; sister, Aleen Fisher; brother, Charles Whitney; sister, Mary Ann

Whiteson. Al is survived by his

brother, John T. Whitney (Connie); children, Gregory S. (Heidi); Scott R.

(Carol); James W. (Jennifer A.);

Jennifer L. Schmidig (Ron); eight grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren;

and many nieces, nephews,

and cousins.

The family wishes to express deep, heartfelt gratitude to the doctors and nurses at Marshfield Clinic,

Compassus Hospice, and Marshfield Hospital, Minocqua, who provided vigilant, tender, loving, and

compassionate care.

There will be a private family gathering with an Honor Guard Military Salute.

Tribute Wall



“ *Heaven has gained an angel. Al's constant smile and good humor will be missed.* ”

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