



## Catherine Whitten

June 22, 1935 - December 10, 2024

On Tuesday, December 10, Catherine Walton Whitten, loving wife and mother, passed away at the age of 89. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at 11:00 AM at Fourmile Baptist Church. A graveside will follow.

Born in Columbiana, Alabama on June 22, 1935, she used her golden voice to entertain and bless everyone within hearing; at 15 years old, she won \$5.00 in a local contest for her rendition of “Somewhere Over the Rainbow”. Marriage to Grady Whitten in 1953 led her to seemingly half the small towns of Alabama, as the young couple followed his lineman’s job from place to place. When her oldest child was school-age, they settled permanently in the Shelby County community of Fourmile. There she sang in her church choir and eventually served as the director for sixteen years.

She had three sons, who married well and gave her seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was a devoted parent and grandmother, who with her husband, crisscrossed the continent visiting and caring for her grandbabies. She loved the far-flung places she and Grady visited, and those traveling adventures colored her stories until the last day of her life.

She is leaving the world a better place and going to an even better place.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Gentiva Foundation can be made via check, cash, or money order made out to: SouthernCare New Beacon Alabaster. Then mailed to the branch: SouthernCare New Beacon Alabaster, 122 7th Ave NE, STE D, Alabaster, AL 35007

# Cemetery Details

## Fourmile Cemetery

15577 Highway 61  
Wilsonville, AL 35186

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fourmile Baptist Church  
15577 Hwy 61  
Wilsonville, AL 35186  
(205) 669-6681

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Loves planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine Whitten.*

**The Loves** - December 13, 2024 at 03:35 PM

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“ *The Loves purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Catherine Whitten.*



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“ *The McMurry and Cottmeyer Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine Whitten.*

**The McMurry and Cottmeyer Families** - December 12, 2024 at 06:05 PM

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“ *The McMurry and Cottmeyer Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Catherine Whitten.*



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“ I will always remember Mr Grady and Mrs Catherine having their coffee at Davis Drug store. I will never forget her beautiful smile. Praying for her family.



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**Kathy Morris** - December 12, 2024 at 09:26 AM

PS

“ Catherine was a neighbor & friend for many years. She had a beautiful singing voice that I always enjoyed hearing. She loved her family & always mentioned them with a lot of pride & joy. We are having a family Christmas on the same day of her celebration of life service so we will be unable to attend, which we sincerely regret. We will always remember Catherine fondly, & her family is in our thoughts & prayers.

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**Patricia Shaw** - December 12, 2024 at 08:07 AM