



Charles Bernard Whitehurst Sr.

June 4, 1938 - June 4, 2016

"Life provides a series of challenges that offer an opportunity for superior Achievement". (Words coined by Charles B. Whitehurst, Sr.) And so it was that the Honorable, Major Charles Bernard Whitehurst Sr. was born on June 4, 1938 to the parents of the late John and Bernice Whitehurst in the City of Portsmouth, VA. Charles was called to his ultimate service on June 4th, 2016 at his home in Chesapeake surrounded by his family and loved ones. Charles was a product of the Portsmouth Public School system where he attended Chestnut Street School, Riddick Weaver Elementary, SH Clarke and in June 1956 was graduated from the I C. Norcom High School in Portsmouth, VA. He then enlisted into the Marine Corps. Possessing superior skills necessary for an unrestricted officer assignment throughout the Marine Corps, he was promoted to Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, Captain and Major. He served three separate duty assignments with the Republic of South Vietnam - retiring in September 1976. He was elected as the Portsmouth Treasurer, member of the Portsmouth City Council and as the Vice Mayor retiring in 2012.

He was preceded in death by his siblings John Whitehurst Jr., Jeanette Whitehurst, Marian Archie Person-Russell, and Walter Edward Person. He leaves his wife Dollise Howard- Whitehurst who resides Chesapeake; a daughter Lisa Whitehurst Pretlow (Roscoe) of Portsmouth; a son Charles B. Whitehurst Jr. of California; a brother Leon Whitehurst (Sandra) of Portsmouth, a sister Jaris Whitehurst Roberts (Joseph) of Portsmouth and a

sister Janette McGrady (Anthony) of Lady Smith, Va. He also leaves three step daughters Deneita Howard-Williams (Donald) of Virginia Beach, Lisa Boyd of Portsmouth, Mimi Simmons of Baltimore, MD; a step son D' Angel Correa-Howard of FL and a special friend Elsie Whitehurst of Portsmouth. He also leaves several grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren along with several cousins, nieces and nephews and many special friends. Charles fought a courageous battle- transitioning as how he lived, with dignity, strength and honor. Our beloved husband, father, brother and grandfather will be missed and will remain UNFORGETTABLE in our hearts forever. SEMPER FIDELIS [Always Faithful].

Cemetery Details

Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
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Wake Service

JUN 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Mark Missionary Baptist Church
2714 Frederick Blvd
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Bernard Whitehurst Sr.



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - June 08, 2016 at 12:38 PM

PD

“ HE IS A BROTHER IN ARMS

RIP BROTHER

PAUL DAVIS - June 16, 2016 at 07:28 PM

JS

“ May the peace of God that surpasses all understanding continue to be with you all in the days ahead. Hold tight to your memories and to God's unchanging hand. He makes no mistakes.



Joyce Smith - June 10, 2016 at 06:35 AM

SP

“ He was a true gentleman and public servant. I enjoyed knowing him as part of the City of Portsmouth Family.

- Stacy J. Porter (Portsmouth Planning Department)

Stacy Porter - June 09, 2016 at 12:05 PM

BR

“ *Semper Fi "CB"! May the peace of God comfort your family now and forever.*

Barbara Reynolds

Barbara Reynolds - June 09, 2016 at 10:48 AM

MW

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family. May God be with you doing this time of sorrow. Please keep Charles memories close to your hearts always. He's gone on to a better place now, gone but not forgotten.*

Mr. & Mrs. Herman Weaver - June 08, 2016 at 09:21 PM

LS

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the family, friends, colleagues, neighbors and supporters of the beloved Charles. He was a great community man and is sorely missed.*



Lamont Simmons - June 08, 2016 at 06:18 PM

LS

“ *Lamont Simmons lit a candle in memory of Charles Bernard Whitehurst Sr.*



Lamont Simmons - June 08, 2016 at 06:14 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - June 08, 2016 at 01:42 PM

KA

“ *It was a great pleasure knowing my friend Charles, who was a great appreciator and supporter of the arts. We met many years ago, and during that time, Charles collected several pieces of my work. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of sorrow. Farewell my friend as your journey here on earth has ended, and you are awakened in Glory with our Heavenly Father. Artist and former arts commissioner for the State of Virginia, Ken Wright and wife Simonetta Wright.*

Ken Wright the artist - June 08, 2016 at 09:37 AM

JT

“ *My prayers goes out the Whitehurst Family, I had the pleasure of sharing my Marine Corps Millitary career with Mr. Charles Whitehurst. Back in 1971 he was my Cammanding officer at Camp Lejuene, NC.....R.I.P. SEMPER-FI*



Joseph R. Turner - June 07, 2016 at 07:39 PM

DH

“ Mr. Leon and family, sorry to hear of the passing of your brother. May God bless each of you during this transition and give you all strength and peace in the days ahead.
In Sympathy & Friendship
Larry & Darceline Harris, Norfolk, Va.
Psalms 23



DDarceline Harris - June 07, 2016 at 07:19 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - June 07, 2016 at 02:22 PM

LP

“ My sincere condolences are extended to Dollise, Lisa, all family and friends of a fantastic man. Charles was special in so many way and he will be missed. May you all find comfort in knowing that your loved one's spirit will always be with you.

Linda Piersawl - June 07, 2016 at 08:14 AM

BM

“ Rest in peace, gentle Charles. I treasure our many conversations throughout the years.
You shared your poetry, love of community, service and friendship with me. Portsmouth has lost a treasured citizen.

Betty McMurrin - June 07, 2016 at 07:54 AM

BK

“ I observed Charles after retirement from a distinguished Marine Corps career come home to Portsmouth and successfully insert himself into the life of the community like few have ever done. He dedicated himself and his considerable personal skills into seeing the life was better for all Portsmouth citizens.

I am saddened by his loss, but proud of his 40 year commitment to Portsmouth. He made many friends and accomplished many goals of significance for his hometown.

His enthusiasms and his personality assured that people from all walks of life would be charmed by him and indeed they were. The people elected him to high office on the local and state level. He served with distinction whenever he was chosen.

There is much to be proud of in the life of this Portsmouth man who rose to meet life's challenges and I am proud to be his friend.

He deserves rest after meeting life's challenges and dying on his 78 birthday this week.

I will never forget him. May he rest in peace.

Bernie Kirsch - June 07, 2016 at 06:55 AM



“ *Mrz Jordan lit a candle in memory of Charles Bernard Whitehurst Sr.*



Mrz Jordan - June 06, 2016 at 09:43 PM



“ *Mrz Jordan lit a candle in memory of Charles Bernard Whitehurst Sr.*



Mrz Jordan - June 06, 2016 at 09:42 PM



“ *Mr. Charles Whitehurst has impacted my life in so many positive ways. His leadership, professionalism and dedication to service are the hallmarks of his existence. He has always encouraged me to be better to great. I thank God for introducing Charles to me as a mentor, friend, support network and colleague. I am honored to celebrate his legacy....James Smith, LT USN Retired.*

James Smith - June 06, 2016 at 07:39 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Bernard Whitehurst Sr..*



June 06, 2016 at 06:26 PM