



## Clarence Raymond Whittington Jr.

July 1, 1934 - January 20, 2019

Clarence Raymond "Ray" Whittington Jr., 84, passed away at home on Sunday, January 20, 2019.

Born July 1, 1934 in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late Clarence Raymond Whittington Sr. and Frances Burch Whittington. Ray was raised in Dunkirk, Maryland, and was a graduate of Calvert High School. After graduating, he enlisted in the U. S. Army and served from 1952 -1955. In July 1955, he married his high school sweetheart Esther Clark "Clarkie" Hardesty. She passed away in 1975. In 1976, he married Helene J. "Sue" King, and they enjoyed nearly 43 years of marriage together. He was self-employed with Ray Whittington's Grocery, Montgomery Ward Catalog Agency, Ray's TV & Appliance. He was also a Bus Contractor of 41 years with Calvert County Public Schools.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, was an avid reader, enjoyed playing golf, baseball, and going to Baltimore Orioles games. Ray also enjoyed waterfowl hunting, gardening, and traveling in their RV with friends and family.

In addition to his parents and his first wife Clarkie, he was preceded in death by his step-mother Jane Owens Whittington; brother Francis Edward Whittington; his sister Barbara Whittington Simard; infant brother William Whittington; great grandson Harvey A. Burgess.

In addition to his wife Sue, Ray is survived by his children Helene Simpson (Edward), Kathleen Burgess (David), Beth Clarrae Whittington Crawford, Kenneth B. King, and Amy-Lu B. Whittington Clark (Harry); grandchildren Bradley A. Burgess (Karen), Benjamin E. Simpson, Rachael L. Clark, Daniel D. Burgess (Marie), Julianne N. Simpson, Jeffrey Whittington Lloyd, and Kyle H. Lloyd; great grandchildren Hudson B. Burgess, Henry Clarence Burgess, Cameron Friel, and Sophia E. Burgess; siblings Janet E. Whittington Kuhlman, Brenda J. Whittington Mulcahy, Joseph L. Whittington (Cindy) and Douglas O. Whittington (Lynne).

A visitation will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 from 5PM to 8PM at Raymond Funeral Service, P.A., 5635 Washington Avenue La Plata, Maryland 20646.

Mass will be offered on Friday, February 1, 2019 at 10AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 208 St. Mary's Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646. Interment to follow at Southern Memorial Gardens in Dunkirk, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Charles County, 2505 Davis Road, Waldorf, Maryland 20603.

# Cemetery Details

## Southern Memorial Gardens

10155 Ward Road  
Dunkirk, MD 20754

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **31**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service  
5635 Washington Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646  
(301) 934-2920  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Clarence Raymond Whittington Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Clarence Raymond Whittington Jr.*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Dear Helene and Family*

*So sorry for your lost. Please accept our sincere sympathy.*

*Dee and Larry Koppe*

**Dolores Koppe** - January 31, 2019 at 06:28 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Clarence Raymond Whittington Jr..*



January 31, 2019 at 12:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clarence Raymond Whittington Jr..



January 31, 2019 at 06:50 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clarence Raymond Whittington Jr..



January 30, 2019 at 09:05 PM



“ Lisa & Tom Woodall, Sr & family purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Clarence Raymond Whittington Jr..



**Lisa & Tom Woodall, Sr & family** - January 30, 2019 at 07:17 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Clarence Raymond Whittington Jr..



January 30, 2019 at 02:15 PM

SF

“ Scott Bowen & Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Clarence Raymond Whittington Jr..



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**Scott Bowen & Family** - January 30, 2019 at 01:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clarence Raymond Whittington Jr..



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January 30, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Clarence Raymond Whittington Jr..



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January 30, 2019 at 11:23 AM

PF

“ Pauline, Pat & Frank purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Clarence Raymond Whittington Jr..



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**Pauline, Pat & Frank** - January 29, 2019 at 03:07 PM

EF

“ *ELRO Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Clarence Raymond Whittington Jr..*



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**ELRO Family** - January 29, 2019 at 12:50 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clarence Raymond Whittington Jr..*



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January 28, 2019 at 10:17 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Clarence Raymond Whittington Jr..*



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January 28, 2019 at 07:41 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Clarence Raymond Whittington Jr..*



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January 26, 2019 at 07:49 PM

BP

“ Dear Sue and family. So sorry to hear about Ray. I have very fond memories of working at Montgomery Wards and all the fun times we had. I will always remember some of the pranks he pulled on me. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

*Beth Windes Pickett*

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**BETH Windes Pickett** - January 23, 2019 at 08:15 PM

DK

“ Dear Helene and Family. So sorry for the loss of your father. Our deepest condolences. May the wonderful memories you and your family had with him help you through this time and the days to come...



*Dee and Larry Koppe*

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**Dolores Koppe** - January 23, 2019 at 07:52 PM



“ Well Glory to God!! He's in the arms of Jesus!! I understand the pain the living are experiencing but there is no comparison to the joy Bro. Ray is having. My family, Harold and Eileen Matteson shares unforgettable fun memories that they now are remembering together in Heaven. I will be praying for your family's peace. Love and Hugs dear friends. Marilyn Matteson Biesel

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**Marilyn Biesel** - January 23, 2019 at 06:29 PM

CC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Ray. My name is Connie Bowen Cosgrove and a classmate to Larry. We lived on Stoakley Road and when my brother and I were teenagers we used to walk to Ray's store when Mom needed a few groceries like bread and milk. Of course we always had to get a snack also. As I grew into an adult I shopped at Ray's store many times. Can remember so many stories about him and Joe Sutton.

*Please know that the family is in my prayers. Connie Cosgrove*

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**Connie Cosgrove** - January 23, 2019 at 04:44 PM

MM

*Connie, I remember some of those stories, because my dad was Joe Sutton. Great times. Now Ray, Dad, Reno Smith and Wayne Hutchins are all up there tormenting St. Peter.*

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**Melissa Sutton Miller** - January 23, 2019 at 06:56 PM

BW

*I'm Buddy Whittington, Ray's brother Eddie's son. I remember that store well, even though I was young. I had my first Chunkie bar there. Uncle Ray did it all. Smoke house, butcher, salted those country hams. I'm glad I got to see that at what I think was a much simpler time. So nice to think back on.*

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**Buddy Whittington** - January 23, 2019 at 07:15 PM

JH

“ Words cannot express the loss of a wonderful man. I spent many many years working for him and Sue at Montgomery Wards, then the appliance store. I loved him with all my heart and I am mourning his passing. He was one of a kind. He kept me laughing with his words. Prayers to the family, I love you all💜

*Janet Hance*

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**Janet Hance** - January 23, 2019 at 03:56 PM

MM

*Sue and family, I am so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. I don't think there was a Day growing up that I didn't know Ray. My dad and Mom Mom worked for him at his grocery store, and then Mom Mom and I worked for Sue and him at Montgomery Wards. What wonderful memories of the great times we had. Sue, I've said it many times: you and Ray were the best bosses I ever had. Rest In Peace, Ray. I will miss your smile and your antics.*

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**Melissa Sutton Miller** - January 23, 2019 at 06:37 PM

SW

*I am so sorry to hear of Rays passing. My heart is heavy. Prayers are extended to you all! Hugs especially to Beth and Amy! I miss you both!*

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**Steve Whitmore** - January 24, 2019 at 11:46 PM

AM

*A kind and gentle man... We are all better for having him in our lives. Rest in peace, Uncle Ray.  
With much love, April (Whittington) & Lou MacKenzie*

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**April MacKenzie** - January 25, 2019 at 01:07 PM