



## Eloise Cordell Whitaker

July 29, 1924 - February 9, 2024

Eloise Cordell Whitaker of St. James, Missouri, formerly of Salem, Missouri passed away peacefully on Friday, February 9, 2024 at the St. James Living Center at the age of 99.

Eloise was born in Bunker, Missouri on July 29, 1924 to the late Adam and Jessie (Gaines) Medley. She was united in marriage to Donald Parker Whitaker on July 3, 1942. This union was blessed with a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Whitaker Holmes.

Eloise took on her role as a wife, and later a mother, with great pride; you could find her in the kitchen baking, or many times she was sitting crocheting an afghan, or reading a book, she was an avid reader and collector of books. Eloise also enjoyed being outdoors, she took good care of her lawn and the flower beds they had, but she really enjoyed her vegetable garden; every spring she would plan the garden, buy the seeds, plant the seeds, and anxiously wait for the first ripe tomato of the season. She canned and put in the freezer what she could to feed her family for the winter months and shared the bounty of her labor with friends and family. A member of the Dry Fork Baptist Church, Eloise was very strong in her faith and read the bible until the end. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, and will be lovingly remembered by all that knew her.

Eloise Cordell Whitaker is survived by her grandchildren, David Holmes and wife Lori, of Foley, MO, and Bonny Holmes, of Foley, MO; sister, Bernell

Hogan, of Fulton, MO; 7 great-grandchildren, 14 great-great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family. In addition to her parents Adam and Jessie Medley, Eloise was preceded in death by her husband Donald Whitaker; daughter Elizabeth Ann Whitaker Holmes; brother, Paul Medley JR; sister, Joanne Thompson.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at the Salem Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Pastor Joe Hubbs officiating. Eloise will be laid to rest at Cedar Grove Cemetery where she will be laid to rest next to her beloved Donald. A visitation for family and friends will be held at the Chapel prior to the service from 11 AM until service time at 1PM. For online condolences please visit [www.jamesgahrmortuary.com](http://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
103 West Center  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-3117  
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## Service

FEB 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KK

“ Karen Keane lit a candle in memory of Eloise Cordell Whitaker



Karen Keane - February 13, 2024 at 11:12 AM

BF

“ Bernell Hogan and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eloise Cordell Whitaker.

Bernell Hogan and family - February 12, 2024 at 02:39 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eloise Cordell Whitaker.



February 12, 2024 at 02:39 PM

KF

“ Karen Keane and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Eloise Cordell Whitaker.



Karen Keane and Family - February 11, 2024 at 10:00 PM

JF

“ Julie Hutchinson and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Eloise Cordell Whitaker.



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Julie Hutchinson and family - February 11, 2024 at 03:46 PM

RM

“ Ronald M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eloise Cordell Whitaker.

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Ronald M. - February 10, 2024 at 07:46 PM

DA

“ Dave & Janie Ashwill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eloise Cordell Whitaker.

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Dave & Janie Ashwill - February 09, 2024 at 08:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eloise Cordell Whitaker.



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