

SFC (Ret) Thomas Calvin Whaley

March 31, 1940 - March 4, 2005



Funeral for Thomas Calvin Whaley, 64, Lawton, will be at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at Whinery-Huddleston Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Richard Tinker and the Rev. Chris Davis officiating. Mr. Whaley died Friday, March 4, 2005, in Lawton Oklahoma, of a heart attack. Burial will be at Fort Sill National Cemetery.

He was born March 31, 1940, in Washington County, Virginia, to Hattie Rebecca Booher and William David Whaley. He was married to Lola Neal Caudill in Wyndale, Virginia, on June 23, 1964. He entered the United States Army in 1958 and served until 1980, retiring at the rank of Sergeant First Class. He served a tour of duty in the Vietnam War. He began work for Lawton Public Schools in 1980 as the custodian at Edison Elementary School. For the past few years, he worked for the Non-Appropriated Finance at Fort Sill. He was a member of the AARP, the National Rifle Association and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with Three Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Two Overseas Service Bars, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm, Army Commendation Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster, Military Justice "B", Good Conduct Medal Fifth Award, Bronze Medal and the Expert Rifle Award for the M-16. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America Lawton Chapter 751.

Survivors include his wife, Lola, of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law: Tammy and Jeff Carpenter, Cache; Teresa and Daniel Hall, Lawton; five grandchildren: Curtis Richey, Thomas Richey, Robert Richey, Alexis Hall and Daniel Webster Hall III; seven sisters and three brothers-in-law: Laura Jean and Bill Childress; Caroline and Leon Caudill, Jo Mutter, Jennie Jones, Violet Brewer, Dee Dee Cyres, Ola and Paul Denton and Mary Martin; a brother and sister-in-law: Charlie and Betty Whaley; and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters: Mattie and Elizabeth; and two brothers: David and James.

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