



## Loyal E. Whiteside

May 17, 1923 - March 16, 2021

Loyal E. Whiteside, of Lake Worth, Florida, passed away Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at the age of 97. Born May 17, 1923 in Cooperstown, Pa, Loyal was predeceased by his beloved wife Marilyn, (nee Proffitt) parents, Gladys (Bowers) and Eugene Ambrose Whiteside, his sister Lois Rodgers and her spouse Ira.

A WWII Army Veteran, Loyal attended the Antonelli School of Photography in Philadelphia and maintained a studio in Ridley Park, Pa. After playing active roles in both Rotary and The Grace Bible Fellowship Church, and raising four children Loyal and Marilyn retired to Wildwood, Florida where they enjoyed many happy years with their good friends and neighbors at Continental Country Club. A man of faith, Loyal found a spiritual home at First Baptist Church of Wildwood, and remained active in his church community, and the American Legion until his move to Lake Worth, Florida.

Loyal will be lovingly remembered by his four children, Bill Whiteside and fiancé Karen Ritchie, LeeAnn Lawch and her husband Richard, Leslie Henry, Scott Whiteside and his wife Cathy.

Pap Pap's memory will be cherished by his seven grandchildren Taylor Lawch and his wife Lauren, Hilary Lawch and fiancé Chris, Christian, Ian and Victoria Whiteside, Rebecca Leitstein and husband Sean and great grandson Logan, Abigail Whiteside and husband Blaylor and Rebecca and Abigail's Mother, Brenda Westerman, as well as his favorite niece and nephews Karen Yancer, and Bob and Jim Shores. A military service will be held in Florida National Cemetery in the future. On-line condolences may be shared by visiting [www.bankspagetheus.com](http://www.bankspagetheus.com).

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# Events

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**Florida National Cemetery**

Bushnell, FL, 33513

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**Services will be held at a later date.**

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Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Ave, Bushnell, FL, US, 33513-8914

# Comments

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“ I enjoyed our visits at Embark. Loyal was always ready to share stories of his life. He was a quite a man, very intelligent and "with it" to the end. I visited Loyal on Friday before he fell ill. He was looking forward to the portable oxygen tank so he could ride his scooter to the dining room and eat dinner with his friends. He missed being with them and they missed him, too. Loyal is now in the presence of the Lord he served. I am very happy for him.

**Don Sloan** - March 19 at 05:11 PM

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“ Just wanted to share a few more photos of my mom and Loyal. They made their last years special!



**Ruth Tracey** - March 18 at 10:27 PM

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“ I am Ruth, the daughter of Marion Tracey. My mom met Loyal at their shared independent living facility when she was about 95 or 96. They became great friends and eventually spent every meal together and many hours just visiting and sharing stories. Loyal became very important in my mom’s later years and then important to her children living in FL. He joined in on our Sunday family gatherings. He came to our houses for holidays. We all grew to love him like my mom. My mom had to leave her apartment when she was 98&1/2 after a hospital and rehab stay. My mom’s children made sure Loyal was brought to see my mom at her new facility. They were adorable together! We feel so blessed they met in their final years and shared such a close connection. I spent hours talking to Loyal on the phone and enjoyed great stories! The last time I visited with Loyal was February 2020. This is a great picture of Loyal with us for my mom’s 101st birthday and others of just the two of them together. I will miss him so much.



**Ruth Tracey** - March 18 at 10:05 PM



“ Another funny tidbit! All the years they were together my mom never called him Loyal! It was Lowell and we just stopped correcting and Loyal thought it was cute!

**Ruth** - March 20 at 11:46 AM

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“ My dear Uncle Loyal has always been our hero. We were a small family with one Aunt and Uncle and our four cousins. We’ve shared many wonderful memories during our childhood and much of those wonderful memories were made by our precious Uncle Loyal. One of my favorite things Uncle Loyal used to do was to call our mother his ‘baby sister’. It made me see our mother in a whole different way. His love for his family and friends and especially his Lord was truly an inspiration. He left this world better than he found it and I will always remember him that way. We love you Uncle Loyal!

**Karen Yancer** - March 18 at 05:45 PM