

## Whitley, Marquis Brent 'Mark' | 1946-2018

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Marquis Brent Whitley

Marquis "Mark" Brent Whitley, 71, of Bridgeport, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018. Memorial service is 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 905 S. Church Street, in Decatur. A reception will follow.

Mark was born Dec. 28, 1946, in San Saba to Wanda Lee Badger Whitley and Alfred Ural "Pete" Whitley. He hired out for the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway in August 1965 in Beaumont. Through many mergers and acquisitions, he retired from Burlington Northern Santa Fe in 2006. After retiring, Mark and his wife, Ellen, moved to Wise County.

In 2014, he and Ellen took steps to create an Episcopal presence in Wise County. With the help of Bishop Rayford High Jr., a new church plant was formed and eventually was named the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother Timothy "Tim" Wayne Whitley.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Ellen Lorraine Zimny Whitley; daughters Regina "Gina" Whitley Lynette (Ned Andrew Solomon), Carol Ann Whitley Hickman (Jim), Angela "Angie" Denise Whitley (Jeromy Trask) and Julie Lorraine Whitley (Jay Hill); eight grandchildren; and sister Cynthia "Cindy" June Whitley Tochtermann (Jerry).

Memorial donations may be made to a favorite charity or to the church building fund.

Checks should be payable to Wise Congregation Inc., P.O. Box 21, Decatur, TX 76234.