

# Whitehead, Joseph Lamar, Jr. | 1936-2012

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Joseph Lamar Whitehead Jr.

Joseph Lamar Whitehead Jr., 76, of Decatur, a retired electric developer, died Friday, Dec. 7, 2012, in Decatur.

Graveside service was Dec. 8 at Bolivar Cemetery in Denton County with the Rev. Chris Brown officiating.

Pallbearers were Charles Harris, Ron Webb, Donny Dickenson, Clayton Woodruff, Steve Harden and John Dibley. Honorary pallbearer was Robert Stevens.

Joe was born Nov. 10, 1936, in Bolivar to Joseph Lamar and Irene (Salmon) Whitehead. He attended Dallas Baptist College and was owner of Whitehead's TV Repair during the 1970s. He played piano at Greenwood Baptist Church during the 1960s and for Bell Baptist during the 1970s.

Joe's life after retirement was his music and his dogs, Jesse, Lady and Bubba. His love for music inspired him to write a great many gospel and country songs. He spent most of his time in his studio at his keyboard writing songs or recording songs for other musicians. The music played for his service were songs written and recorded by him.

He is survived by his sister, Frances Long of Colleyville; nieces Lynette Childers and husband, Dan, of Oklahoma City and Vicki Curtis and husband, Robert, of Colleyville; four great-nieces; three great-nephews; a host of friends; and his Lady Angels on earth, Mary Harris, Betty Altman and Sherry Dickenson.