

Rufus Edward Whittle, 68, Hermitage, died Monday, June 25.

Whittle was retired from Textron. He loved fishing and tinkering in the shop. Mr. Whittle was the son of the late, James Arthur and Ina Louise Smith Whittle. He was also preceded in death by his siblings, Eugene Whittle, John Robert Whittle and Gloria White.

He is survived by: wife of 46 years, Della Whittle; children, Dwayne E. (Laurie) Whittle and Lisa F. (Donnie) Johnson; brother, James Whittle; sisters, Mary Frances Whittle and Janice Bragg; grandchildren, Justin Whittle, Chase Johnson, Brittney Whittle, Kaitlyn Whittle, Samantha Johnson and Jared Whittle; great-grandson, Jaxson Whittle.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 28 at Bond Memorial Chapel with Troy Withers officiating. Interment followed at Hermitage Memorial Gardens. Active pallbearers will be J.D. Whittle, Timmy Whittle, Billy Wright, Bo Davis, Jeff Mason, Jim Chapman, Rick Johnson and Randy Johnson.

Visitation was Wednesday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615)773-2663. Obit Line (615)641-2663, www.bondmemorial.com.