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H. Lee Whitacre, 90, of Bowling Green, Ohio died Monday morning, May 5, 2014 at Heritage Corner Health Care Campus, Bowling Green.

He was born October 18, 1923 in Weston, Ohio to the late Harry and Myrtle (Simon) Whitacre.

Lee graduated from Milton Township High School in 1941. He served in the U.S. Army for 3 years as a truck driver with the 82nd Airborne during World War II in England, France and Belgium.

On July 23, 1949 he married Margaret Ann (Mahnen) Whitacre at St. Louis Catholic Church, Custar, Ohio and they shared over 64 years of marriage.

In 1956, Lee founded Whitacre Trucking in Weston, Ohio. Along with his family, he moved the business to Portage, Ohio and grew it to a large Intermodal trucking company. In 2002 he was a founder of RoadLink USA, one of the largest intermodal companies in the country. He was also a lifelong farmer in the Weston area. Lee retired in 2005 at the age of 82.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Ann; five sons, Edward (Brenda) Whitacre, New York, New York; Daniel (Linda) Whitacre, Napoleon, Ohio; Steven Whitacre, Weston, Ohio; Gary (Bonnie) Whitacre, Bowling Green, Ohio; Kenneth (Jodi) Whitacre, Bowling Green, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, Robert Lee (Liza) Whitacre; Jacoby (Megan) Whitacre; Katy (Dan)

Stefanczuk; Jessica Whitacre; Pfc. Eric (Malinda) Whitacre US Army, Okinawa, Japan; Caitlin Bayer; Vincent Whitacre; Avery Whitacre; Alexandra Whitacre; Sarah Whitacre; and 9 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Harry Edward Whitacre.

Funeral services will be held privately for the family. A public Celebration of Life Service for Lee will take place Saturday, May 17th from 3 - 7 p.m. at Nazareth Hall, 21211 W. River Rd, Grand Rapids OH.

The family suggests memorials to St Louis School, Custar OH, or Cherry Street Mission, Toledo.

Arrangements were entrusted to Rodenberger Funeral Home, Deshler, Ohio and online condolences can be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ 20 some odd years ago I started working at Whitacre Trucking in Weston. About 2 weeks into my new job I came to work on fumes because there were no gas stations open at night between Neapolis and Weston. Embarrassed and nervous about how I would make it to a gas station to make it home, I was in panic mode and then Pappy's hand reached across my desk and picked up my car keys, I was on the phone so all I could do was look up and he gave me a wink and walked away. When I got in my car to go home I was shocked, Pappy had one of the guys in the shop take my car to his farm and filled it to the top and would never let me pay for that gas. That was Lee Whitacre. I watched those hands reach out to help many, many people throughout the years, the man had a heart of gold. Rest easy Pap!

Greg Gerity
Lexington S.C.

Greg Gerity - May 16, 2014 at 01:10 AM

HC

“ God Bless the family. Lee will be greatly missed by all the staff. Thank you for entrusting Lee to us.
Heritage Corner Health Care Campus

Heritage Corner Health Care Campus - May 07, 2014 at 02:13 PM

DH

“ God Bless the family at this time. Thank you for being great neighbors
Dan & Bonnie Horner

Dan & Bonnie Horner - May 07, 2014 at 02:12 PM

JR

“ *Lee had the greatest sense of humor & we sure miss the Whitacres in the ole neighborhood. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

John, Holli & Tommy Roller

John, Holli & Tommy Roller - May 07, 2014 at 08:49 AM