

John Whatley Dies At 74

LEWISVILLE — John Edmond Whatley, a former president of the Denton County School Board, died Monday at Westgate Hospital in Denton. He was 74.

Funeral services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church here with the Rev. Phil Mercer officiating. Burial will be at Old Hall Cemetery.

Mr. Whatley was born Jan. 27, 1901, in Fort Bend County. He married Juanita Saunders in Lewisville in 1933. He began working in a grocery and hardware store at 17 and operated that store until his retirement.

Mr. Whatley was a member of Lewisville First United Methodist Church, the Lewisville Lions Club and Woodmen of the World.

He was elected to the Denton County School Board in 1947, served as vice president for four years and as president for 15 years.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita of Flower Mound; one daughter, Nancy Smith of Flower Mound; two sons, John Whatley of Plano and Don Whatley of Houston; one sister, Mary Hendrickson of Flower Mound; one brother, W. W. Whatley Jr. of Mineola; and six grandchildren.

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