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George J. Whitlock, 81, Retired Cumberland Store Owner and Electrician, Dies Sunday

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CARTERSVILLE, May 31 – George J. Whitlock, 81, died Sunday, May 29, at Morven, his family's ancestral home, after a long illness. Mr. Whitlock was an electrician and former major owner and partner of Flippen's Store in Cumberland C.H.

Mr. Whitlock was born August 29, 1912 at "Morven", a son of Edward Thomas Whitlock and Mary Eliza Bogert Whitlock. He was educated at St. Christopher's School in Richmond, Fork Union Military Academy, Virginia Tech and Bliss Electrical College in Washington, DC.

He began his career in Greensboro, NC, as a self-employed electrical contractor. During World War II he worked for Dupont in Richmond and for the U.S. Navy in the Norfolk shipyard.

Returning to Cumberland County after the war, Mr. Whitlock joined J. R. Godsey & Company before buying a major interest in Flippen's Store at Cumberland C.H. He was widely known throughout this area for his many services as an electrician as well as the many favors he extended during his ownership of Flippen's Store. He retired in 1979 and sold his interest in the store.

For more than 50 years, Mr. Whitlock was a member of Cumberland Masonic Lodge AF&AM. He was a member of the Cartersville Fire Department, the Cumberland Rescue Squad, and the Cartersville Ruritan Club.

For many years, Mr. Whitlock was a deacon of Fitzgerald Baptist Church in Cumberland. He later was a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Cartersville.

He is survived by his wife, Lucia Kellett Jones Whitlock; two daughters, Frances W. Kay of Richmond and Margaret W. Mortimer of Washington, DC; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a niece and a nephew. His first wife, the former Robbie Gay Smith of Cumberland, died in 1979.

Remains rest at the Norman Funeral Home, Goochland, where family will receive friends Tuesday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, at St. James Episcopal Church, Cartersville, with interment in Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. James Episcopal Church Memorial Fund or the Cumberland Rescue Squad, or the Cartersville Rescue Squad.