George Whitacre was a graduate of Bunker Hill High School and continued his education at Shepherd College where he was a member of the football and track teams. His college career was interrupted by World War II. Upon return from the Army, he earned his degree from Shepherd.

Mr. Whitacre began his teaching career in Virginia and then accepted a position at Martinsburg High where he spent the next 39 years. He taught biology, science, and physical education. Mr. Whitacre also coached football, basketball, track, and baseball. He took a team to the state playoffs when that was a rarity for MHS teams.

Mr. Whitacre served as president of both the Berkeley County Education Association and the Classroom Teacher Association. His passions included hunting, fishing, and farming. Upon retirement from the classroom, he devoted his time to raising Polled Hereford cattle on the family farm.

Generations of Martinsburg High athletes and students benefited from Mr. Whitacre’s dedication and still share many fond memories of him.

Accepting on behalf of the late Mr. Whitacre is his daughter, Priscilla Jackson.