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Floyd L. Whiteker, owner of Branch Inn

Floyd Lee Whiteker was a well-known member of his community. He owned and operated Branch Inn on Ky. 16 near Alexandria with his wife of 41 years, Ruby Wolfe Whiteker.

"Everybody thought the world of him," said his brother, E.J. Whiteker of Falmouth. "He was always there when you needed him."

Mr. Whiteker, 61, of California, died at 6 p.m. Monday at St.

Luke Hospital East after a long illness.

Mr. Whiteker grew up in Pendleton County near the Harrison County border.

He later moved to the California area where he owned the Branch Inn for 18 years. Mr. Whiteker lived on the premises with his wife and "spent all of his time" working there, his brother said.

Branch Inn is a family tavern where local residents often bring visiting relatives, E.J. Whiteker said.

"It's a country bar," he said, adding that Mrs. Whiteker intends to continue running the business. Mr. Whiteker also was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He served in West Germany during the conflict.

Besides his wife and brother, Mr. Whiteker is survived by

daughters Debra Lee Burchette of Monroe, Ohio, and Patsy Jo Shanks of California; a brother, Melvin Thomas Whiteker of Vandalia, Ohio, and one grandson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Woodhead Funeral Home, Falmouth. Visitation will be there from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Falmouth.