



Jimmy Gale Whittaker

May 10, 1946 - August 19, 2017

Jimmy Gale Whittaker, 71, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Saturday, August 19, 2017 at John Cochran VA Medical Center in St. Louis.

He was born May 10, 1946 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, the son of Aldena W. Whittaker.

He and Alice Riehn were married February 27, 1970 at Southside Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau.

He served in the 20th Helicopter Squadron of the Air Force in Vietnam.

He worked 30 years as a towboat engineer, mostly with Pevely Towing. After retirement, he worked as a courier for local banks.

He was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church where he served as a deacon, a Lifetime Member of VFW Post 3838 and a member of River Valley Wood Carvers. He was also a master gardener.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Whittaker; two daughters, Jennifer (Todd) Stevens and Jessica Whittaker of Cape Girardeau; two stepsons, Albert (Lynn) Koerber of Booneville, Mississippi and Timothy (Colleen) Koerber of Festus, Missouri; four grandchildren, Zachariah Stevens, Jaina and Yoram

Koerber and Vanessa Cuellar.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Aldena W. Gibson.

Friends may call 4:00 to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at Ford & Sons Sprigg St. Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be at at 10:00 am Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at Ford & Sons Sprigg St. Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Frank Burgess officiating. Full military honors will be provided by Missouri Honors Team at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to American Heart Association.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Sprigg St. Chapel
118 S. Sprigg St.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Service

AUG **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BE

“ *Benny lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Gale Whittaker*



Benny - August 23, 2017 at 09:09 AM

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“ *Forever in my heart #Dad Jim!💙 May God grant all of you Peace & keep each of you in His arms of Comfort always! I love you!*



Kellie Prince (JOHNSON) - August 22, 2017 at 03:46 PM

LS

“ *Being at Mr Jim's house and eating Mickey Mouse pancakes is one of my earliest memories. He will always hold a special place in my heart.*



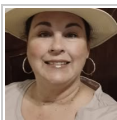
Lizzy Myers Stone - August 21, 2017 at 09:16 PM



Jessica Whittaker

Love this!!

Jessica Whittaker - August 22, 2017 at 06:01 AM



He would have done anything to make you happy. He loved you like one of his own.

Jennifer Stevens - August 22, 2017 at 08:43 AM

PM

“ Jim and Alice introduced my husband Charlie and I. It was the best thing that ever happened to me other than having my children. Jim and Charlie were best friends. I feel I have lost another part of me, but I know how sad this is for Alice and her kids. They are part of my extended family. Couldn't ask for better friends. Love you all always.



pat Mungle - August 21, 2017 at 08:15 PM



Love you

Jessica Whittaker - August 22, 2017 at 06:02 AM

LK

“ Lynn Koerber lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Gale Whittaker



Lynn Koerber - August 21, 2017 at 06:38 PM

LK

Over the years, almost every time we talked on the phone, you would bring up the subject of God, the bible, Jesus.... You were persistent. I was resistant. I finally accepted Jesus at the ripe old age of 51. Since then, almost every time we talked on the phone, I would bring up the subject of God, the bible, Jesus.... Those talks are what I'm going to miss the most.

Lynn Koerber - August 21, 2017 at 06:41 PM



Jessica Whittaker - August 21, 2017 at 07:38 PM



“ Jessica, Chad & I, the Anderson's family send our condolences to you & your family.. I am here if you need to talk.. Love you look lil sis.



Evelyn Anderson - August 21, 2017 at 05:54 PM



Thank you..love you both

Jessica Whittaker - August 21, 2017 at 07:38 PM



“ Love you always ❤️



Jessica Whittaker - August 21, 2017 at 05:02 PM

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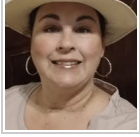
We will miss you always

Susan McFarlin - August 21, 2017 at 06:25 PM

BJ

Benny & I have been blessed to have had The Whittaker's as Neighbors and lifelong Friends .our children grew up together and we have wonderful memories as we shared last night at visitation.. will continue to keep Family in prayers and know we are always just a phone call away..Prayers and Blessings to The entire Family..Benny & Genetha & Family

Benny & Genetha Johnson - August 23, 2017 at 09:06 AM



“ *I love you dad.* ”



Jennifer Stevens - August 21, 2017 at 04:39 PM