



William Whitsitt

March 13, 1958 - August 21, 2020

William leaves a legacy of love and integrity with his family and those who knew him. He has left behind wonderful memories of a loving husband, devoted father, friend, and mentor to many. We are grateful for each day that he shared his wit, his wisdom, and his steadfast faith in the Lord.

William Allen Whitsitt was born in Memphis, TN on March 13th, 1958, and was suddenly called home by his Savior on August 21st, 2020. A graduate of Memphis University School, William went on to the University of Mississippi, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. He fell in love with many things special to Oxford: The Gin, Sardis Lake, Kiamie's (especially Mae Helen's cooking), and of course, the Ole Miss Rebels. Known to many as "Willie," he was a fierce and loyal friend who knew how to have a good time and always made sure everyone else did too.

After returning to Memphis, William began a career as a residential contractor that would span over forty years. He was well known for his knowledge, expertise, and creativity. Those who knew him well, however, will also remember him for his headstrong nature and unflinching honesty. It is for these reasons he was well respected in his field and will be missed by many.

A competitor at heart, William found his true calling in life when he began coaching young athletes. Though his title may have been coach, he recognized an opportunity to be much more for his players. To William, every moment was a teaching moment, both on and off the field. His lesson was simple: Play to win, win humbly, and when you lose, do so with grace. In the end, he did what he asked of his team - he left it all on the field.

William enjoyed Friday night lights, family weekends at the lake, and hunting, whether it was for doves, ducks, or a good bargain. Most important to him though was his faith and his family. He lived every day with a servant's heart. The Lord was first, his family was second, and he was always third.

William is survived by his wife of twenty eight years, Patricia, his daughters, Emily Alexander (Allie) and Virginia Allen, and his stepdaughter, Shannon McAteer. He also leaves a sister-in-law, Ren Whitsitt, his brothers-in-law Michael Gunn and Reg Steele, and nieces and nephews: Trey, Bradley, and Coleman Whitsitt, Christopher and Sarah Steele, and Jaren Moore. He is preceded in death by his parents John and Mildred Whitsitt, his brother John Whitsitt Jr., and his sister Virginia (Ginger) Steele.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38119. The family will receive visitors on Thursday, August 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed immediately by a memorial service celebrating his life. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in William's honor to Madonna Learning Center in Germantown, Tennessee.

Cemetery

Memorial Park Cemetery

5668 Poplar Ave

Memphis, TN, 38119

Events

AUG **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 02:00PM

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Memorial Park Funeral Home

5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN, US, 38119

Comments



“ William you were always there when anyone needed you, you will be missed but never forgotten.

Chris Choate - December 13, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ A fine neighbor!

Andrew Pouncey - October 31, 2020 at 11:08 PM



“ William was my youngest son's football coach. He showed him leadership, discipline, and showed in every practice that he cares! He will be missed by our family and hundreds of others lives he touched!

Bob Klesges - August 28, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Whitsitt.



August 28, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ Willie was so generous , he always wanted to do and give to others before himself . I can't believe this ... so saddened by this news . His brother John was my my best friend so back in the day we all spent some time together . William , John and Ginger were amazing people and friends ... I'm totally shocked and saddened they are all gone now . While I did not get to know their children well, they sure were the center and bright spot in our conversations. I can imagine them all together now in heaven making BIG plans and discussing different ways to help others .

REST IN PEACE WILLIE

Steve Pelletier

Steve Pelletier - August 28, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ Shannon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Whitsitt.



Shannon - August 27, 2020 at 07:55 AM



“ To William's family. My heart sank when I heard of his passing. I am sad to have now lost all my Whitsitt cousins. I know he is rejoicing in heaven with his brother, sister and parents and many others. I will continue to pray for your family during this difficult season. May God wrap you all in his unfailing love and give you comfort during this time.

Raymond and Leeann McConnico McNinch

Leeann McNinch - August 26, 2020 at 09:42 PM



“ Coach Whitsitt was loved by many. He had a large impact on many people from his time coaching at St Georges. So glad Kam and his friends had the opportunity to play for him. We will never forget the undefeated 8th grade team. Best to all the family.
Kelly and Kam Prather

Kelly Prather - August 26, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ My Daddy...
The only man who ever loved me.
I will miss you more than you could ever know.
I'm so sorry I didn't get to tell you goodbye...
You're the best person I've ever known.

Shannon - August 26, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Whitsitt.



August 26, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ Hello Whitsitt family - This makes me so sad. I thought the world of your dad! He was always so kind and supportive of me. He taught me everything I know about softball. Sending lots of hugs and love your way. Anne Cook Burruss a.k.a - Ms. Cook :-)

Anne Burruss - August 26, 2020 at 04:48 PM



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Allie Whitsitt - August 26, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Whitsitt.



August 26, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ So many memories of Coach Whitsett! He took care of so many like they were his own. Whether he was on the football field or softball field - he had a way with teenagers. He loved dearly and will be missed so much by many!

Valerie Lindley - August 25, 2020 at 09:52 PM