



## Harold Keith Whitaker

February 25, 1942 - September 5, 2021

Harold Keith Whitaker passed away on September 5th, 2021, at the age of seventy-nine sadly due to lung complications.

Keith is survived by his children: Phillip and Susan Whitaker of O'Fallon, MO, Michael and Suzanne Whitaker of Troy, MO, Christopher and Brandon Hawkins of Wentzville, MO, and son in-law, Larry Owens of Wentzville, MO; grandchildren: Jessica and Josh Lamotte, Daniel and Anna Whitaker, Melissa and Jeremy Beckwith, Tiffany Whitaker, Thomas Whitaker, Michael Whitaker II, Johnathan Whitaker, Mataya Whitaker, Brylee Hawkins, Rylinn Hawkins and Brynlyn Hawkins; great-grandchildren: Logan Lamotte, Hunter Lamotte, Ivan Lamotte, Dylan Whitaker, Raelynn Whitaker, Autumn Beckwith, Ronni Whitaker, and Ava Beckwith, Bryson Reller, and siblings: Lee Wilcox, Charley Wilcox, Betty Reynolds, Don Whitaker, Sue Howell, Patti Whitaker

Keith was preceded in death by his wife: Joyce Whitaker; father: Harold Whitaker; mother: Virginia Whitaker; stepfather: Stewart Nelson; stepmother: Lilly Whitaker; brothers: Phil Whitaker, Bill Whitaker; Daughter: Cindy Owens; Grandson: Barry Owens.

Keith was born in Salem Missouri, to Harold and Virginia Whitaker on February 25, 1942. On June 9, 1962, he married his loving wife Joyce Whitaker of St. Charles, MO and spent the remaining 57 years together as much in love as they were on that very wedding day.

Keith had a great love for music. In the late 60s he started playing in a band as lead guitar and vocalist and continued through the 70s. He occasionally

would play guitar and sing at family gatherings. He also taught his daughter Cindy the basics and if you got lucky you could catch a duet.

In Keith's 50s, he enjoyed woodworking in his shed crafting and building various furniture pieces for his family including desks, pantries, cabinets, and cribs for each of the first grandchildren.

When he and Joyce moved to Louisiana in 2007 it did not take long for them to find friends they would have for a lifetime. Some of these friends welcomed Keith into their rifle club "Malcom's Marauders" becoming some of the best friends he had. He enjoyed the competitions but sharing a hobby with his best buds was what it really was about for him.

Keith was, and always had been a man of strong Christian values. He raised all the kids with the phrase "If the bible says it then I believe it." You could always count on him to find the verses in the bible that would relate to any faith related questions you would have.

Our hearts will forever ache at the loss of this amazing soul as he has been the teacher of this family. From life values, morals, cars, fishing, building and much more, he instilled the knowledge and virtue that is still in our everyday lives. We will continue to pass down his teachings to all our loved ones in hope to shed a little light on how amazing it was to have Keith Whitaker in your life.

IN MEMORY OF A LIFE SO BEAUTIFULLY LIVED.

A visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 19th, 2021, at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JP

“ Did Keith play in a band called the Desperados back in the mid 70's? IF this is the same person, I also played in that band as a teen. Keith was a great influence on my music career. I also had a crush on his little sister that he didn't allow. ;) Heart felt memories.

James Powers - September 17, 2023 at 09:57 PM



Yes he did!! I heard so many stories

Christopher Hawkins - September 01, 2025 at 08:13 AM



“ Harold Keith Whitaker

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ Harold Keith Whitaker

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM

JG

“ My heart is broken, I just found out that you passed, I will miss you! We had a lot of fun at the phone company but will miss coming to see you when we are boating Louisiana, I'm sure you are happy to be with your Love Joyce Ann, Rest In Peace till we meet again ❤️❤️  
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JoAnn Gililand - November 10, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold Keith Whitaker.*



September 16, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Harold Keith Whitaker.*



September 14, 2021 at 11:18 AM



“ *Keith and Joyce were awesome ! They always checked on our boys and keep an eye out for them my oldest bought his beloved bronco from Keith years ago , and still has it !! They were the best neighbors ! Will truly be missed by our family 💕*

**Debbie Early** - September 13, 2021 at 07:13 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Harold Keith Whitaker.*



September 12, 2021 at 12:55 PM

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“ *Elenora Lobb lit a candle in memory of Harold Keith Whitaker*



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**Elenora Lobb** - September 08, 2021 at 01:56 PM

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“ *Stan And Beth White lit a candle in memory of Harold Keith Whitaker*



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**Stan and Beth White** - September 08, 2021 at 09:38 AM

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“ *Jo Ann Price lit a candle in memory of Harold Keith Whitaker*



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**jo ann price** - September 07, 2021 at 09:10 PM