



John R. Whitaker

March 30, 1938 - October 21, 2020

Mr. John R. Whitaker, 82, of Louisiana, MO, passed away on October 21, 2020 at his home in Louisiana, MO. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, October 26, 2020 at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO. The Rev. Cole Branstetter officiating. Burial will be at the Riverview Cemetery in Louisiana, MO. Visitation will be held from 11:00 A.M. until time of service Monday at the funeral home.

John was born on March 30, 1938 in Ralls County, MO to Richard Whitaker and Mildred Carr Whitaker. He was married to Jo Anne Dryden on October 4, 1968 in Louisiana, MO.

He is survived by his wife, Jo Anne Whitaker of the home, 3 sons, LaDon Whitaker (Jennifer) of Booneville, MO, Scott Whitaker of Clarksville, MO, and Mike Whitaker (Susan) of Louisiana, MO, 7 grandchildren, Tyler Whitaker, Lucas Whitaker, Kelsey Whitaker, Ally Hisle, Jefflyn Brown, Dustin Brown, and Brandon Brown, 6 great grandchildren, Bryson Brown, Karson Brown, Landon Brown, Ella Brown, Caliber Schindler, and Madison Pearson, a brother, James Whitaker of Hannibal, MO, very Close friends, Tracey Ray, Jonathan Schindler, and Jerry Green, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Johnny Ray Whitaker, an infant daughter, Ladana Whitaker, a brother, Donald Whitaker, and an infant sister, Susan Whitaker.

John was a graduate of high school in New London, MO. He was employed over the years as an officer with the Louisiana Police Department and a

deputy with Pike County Sheriff's Department. He also worked at Louisiana Plastics and Stark Bros. in Louisiana until his retirement in 2000. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved having cookouts and spending time with his family, and watching old westerns.

Memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation, the American Heart Association, or donor's choice in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

N. B Street
Louisiana, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.
117 Barnard Dr
Louisiana, MO 63353
(573) 754-4800
collierfuneral@att.net

Funeral Service

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John R. Whitaker*

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *John R. Whitaker*

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *Pamela Mallory sent a virtual gift in memory of John R. Whitaker*



Pamela Mallory - October 26, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ *Pamela Mallory lit a candle in memory of John R. Whitaker*



Pamela Mallory - October 26, 2020 at 10:02 PM

CB

“ *Candy Burnett lit a candle in memory of John R. Whitaker*



Candy Burnett - October 25, 2020 at 04:58 PM

BH

“ *Bryce Hubbard purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of John R. Whitaker.*



Bryce Hubbard - October 24, 2020 at 02:22 PM

MC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you*

Mike and Geri Carr



Michael Carr - October 24, 2020 at 12:10 PM

HJ

“ *My thoughts are with you at this time*

Hurley Jordan - October 24, 2020 at 11:41 AM

TR

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Many memories as well as neighbors for many years. 🙏❤️🙏❤️



tammi ries-mcpike - October 24, 2020 at 01:43 AM

KW

“ If you were in his house you were fed, if you were in his life you were loved, if you were in his heart you stayed there forever. He was kinda broad at the shoulder and narrow at the hip but everybody knew you didn't give no lip to big John.

Sad to send this Louisiana fella to the promised land. Love you forever Paw Paw

Kelsey Whitaker - October 23, 2020 at 09:49 PM

MC

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.



Marsha Barr Collins - October 23, 2020 at 08:32 PM

DE

“ Deb & Ed purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John R. Whitaker.



Deb & Ed - October 23, 2020 at 08:21 PM

MG

“ So many Stark Brother's memories I could share! My deepest condolences and sympathy to all those he loved 😭



Michelle Garrison - October 23, 2020 at 05:39 PM

CO

“ Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of John R. Whitaker



Cindy Poyser Osborne - October 22, 2020 at 10:06 PM

JE

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love to all,
Judy (Schulten)Epperson



Judy Epperson - October 22, 2020 at 04:23 PM

LE

“ Love, Judy Schulten Epperson purchased the 8" Angel holding Dove for the family of John R. Whitaker.



Love, Judy Schulten Epperson - October 22, 2020 at 04:18 PM