



## Johnny Ray Whitaker

May 28, 1964 - July 15, 2019

Johnny Ray Whitaker, 55, died on July 15, 2019 with his wife at his side, after a battle with cancer.

John was born on May 28, 1964 to John R. Whitaker and Ruby Sue Hall (Mosley) in Louisiana, Missouri. John graduated from Louisiana High School in 1983 and went on to marry Alesia Dove Elliott on August 24, 1985. John was employed with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad in the track maintenance division since 2006. John was a leader and a hard-worker that took pride in his work. On day one of his career with BNSF his brothers gave him the nickname "Boney." John was a 22-year member of the Louisiana Elks Lodge No. 791. He was a member of Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division Local 2621 where he served as President for 9 years and local chairman for 4 years. John was passionate about unions and brotherhood. He planned and held a fish fry annually for all local members. John served as Village of El Dara President and trustee for many years. John was an avid hunter who also enjoyed fishing, playing softball, watching sports, and spending time with his family and friends. He was a big St. Louis Cardinals and Blues fan who celebrated every victory including the 2019 Stanley Cup Champion. He enjoyed spending time outside tending his garden and mushroom hunting. Every fall, he looked forward to picking up pecans from his yard to give to his friends. During the winter, he would wait for a call from the Louisiana Girl Scouts to assist in decorating the town tree for the Winter Wonderland Parade. John would give the shirt off his back to help

anybody. John held many positions of leadership and worked hard but would consider his greatest accomplishment seeing his nieces and nephews succeed. He loved life and enjoyed every minute, down to his last minute. He cherished his wife, family, and time spent with them.

John is survived by his wife of 33 years, Dove; in-laws; Monroe and Sylvia Elliot; Kim (John) Benning; Robin (Jeff) Elmore; all of Louisiana, MO. Parents; Ruby Sue Hall; Clarksville, MO.; John R. (JoAnne) Whitaker, Louisiana, MO.; brothers; LaDon (Jennifer) Whitaker, Booneville, MO.; Scott Whitaker, Clarksville, MO; Michael (Susan) Whitaker, Louisiana, MO.; Steve (Julie) Hall, Kansas.

Beloved nieces and nephews; Tyler Whitaker, Jefflyn Brown, Meghann (Daniel) Harrison, Hannah (Devan) Elmore, Dustin Brown, Brandon Brown, Lucas Whitaker, Johnny Benning, Kelsey Whitaker, and 9-great nieces and nephews.

Close friends; Wayne and Jane Channell, Jeff, Diane, and Amanda Sencenbaugh, and Dave and Trista Stolte.

He is preceded in death by; maternal grandparents; Ray (Alice) Mosley, Jack (Pearl) Dryden. Paternal grandparents; Richard Whitaker, Mildred (Lloyd) Griggs, sister; LaDana Whitaker, great uncle; Donald Whitaker.

Services will be held on July 18, 2019 at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, Missouri. Visitation will be held from 11:00am-2:00pm with funeral services beginning at 2:00pm. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Louisiana, Missouri. Charitable donations may be made in John's memory to the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

Hwy YY at Hwy 79  
Louisiana, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 18. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.  
117 Barnard Dr  
Louisiana, MO 63353  
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## Funeral Service

JUL 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Johnny Ray Whitaker*

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Johnny Ray Whitaker*

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *Janet Elliott lit a candle in memory of Johnny Ray Whitaker*



**Janet Elliott** - July 27, 2019 at 06:41 AM



“ *Dove, you are in our thoughts and prayers. I wish I had words to comfort you at this time, just know that we love you and John. Kenny still talks about the times we canoed on Jack Forks River, such good memories. We will keep you in our prayers. Love you always. Kenny and Lil*

**Kenny & Lil Peabody** - July 18, 2019 at 02:33 PM

DC

“ My condolences to his Mither Sue Hall and his wife and other relatives and friends. God's Blessings to all.



Dianne Collins - July 17, 2019 at 11:23 PM

Tammi  
Ries-  
McPike

“ My deepest sympathy . May God comfort you all.  
I will instill the memories of being neighbors an all the fun games we all played.  
Big hugs Dove.



Tammi Ries-McPike - July 17, 2019 at 10:56 PM

Tammi  
Ries-  
McPike

“ My deepest sympathy to the family . a neighborhood friend . the memories that still get talked about. Big hugs Dove. May God comfort you all . prayers



Tammi Ries-McPike - July 17, 2019 at 10:53 PM

CR

“ I knew John and Dove through working at P&S Electric, in Louisiana. He was so nice and such a hard worker. I thank God I got to know his family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Charlotte Rowell - July 17, 2019 at 01:21 PM

MW

“ John was known by many Folks in his life and in his career on the RR , and will be missed dearly by All that knew him . Rest in Peace Boney with no more pain .. Mike

Mike Western - July 17, 2019 at 09:44 AM

CB

“ I am so sorry to hear this. I Have some great memories of John from back in our high school days in Louisiana. Prayers to all the family.

Carla Black - July 17, 2019 at 09:36 AM

FW

“ Friend Mike Western purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Johnny Ray Whitaker.



Friend Mike Western - July 17, 2019 at 09:31 AM

JR

“ Jerry L Reed lit a candle in memory of Johnny Ray Whitaker



jerry I reed - July 17, 2019 at 08:38 AM

JR

Sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family.

jerry I reed - July 17, 2019 at 08:40 AM

FB

*My condolences to Dove, and the rest of Johnnys family and friends. He will be missed. Freddy*

**Fred Bolton** - July 17, 2019 at 05:03 PM

MC

*I am sorry to hear this. prayers for your family. I have some fond memories of working with John at the old foundry and fishing on the river. R.I.P. Buddy. Mike Cisco*

**Mike Cisco** - July 18, 2019 at 02:49 PM

KF

“ *Karen Funk lit a candle in memory of Johnny Ray Whitaker*



**Karen Funk** - July 17, 2019 at 06:50 AM

CO

“ *Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Johnny Ray Whitaker*



**Cindy Poyser Osborne** - July 17, 2019 at 01:45 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Johnny Ray Whitaker.*



July 16, 2019 at 10:38 PM

TC

“ *The Danielskis, Olivers and Calvins purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Johnny Ray Whitaker.*



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**The Danielskis, Olivers and Calvins** - July 16, 2019 at 10:25 PM

JD

“ *He was a good man. He'll be missed by all that knew him. Love and prayers to all grieving this loss.*

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**Jeffrey Dryden** - July 16, 2019 at 08:57 PM

CS

“ *My sympathies to the Whitaker family. Our prayers are with oyu.*

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**Chris Scholz** - July 16, 2019 at 08:27 PM

KS

“ *Gary an I are so sad to hear about Johnny . We have so many good times we spent together at the shops , on the river, vacation, watching Super Bowls , barbecues , an just visiting . He will be missed . With all our love Kim an Gary*



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**Kim Stoops** - July 16, 2019 at 06:11 PM

WC

“ Wayne & Jane Channell purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Johnny Ray Whitaker.



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**Wayne & Jane Channell** - July 16, 2019 at 03:46 PM