



Allen Whitley

September 28, 1955 - November 18, 2019

Bobby Allen Whitley Jr.

Sept. 28, 1954-Nov. 18, 2019

Allen Whitley died at age 64 following a short illness.

Allen was a warm and passionate man who loved his family and Jesus Christ above all else. His wife, Lynn, was his high school sweetheart, and their marriage grew even sweeter with time. Together they raised four children, and Allen was always quick to share his kids' successes with anyone who would listen. In his final years, one of Allen's greatest joys was becoming Pop Pop to his two grandsons and granddaughter. He was quick to set aside other obligations in favor of spending time with them.

During Allen's childhood in Birmingham, Alabama, the first question every kid had to answer was "Alabama or Auburn?" Allen passed his love of Alabama football down to his children and grandchildren. Children of his era also debated their favorite rock bands: The Beatles, Elvis Presley or The Rolling Stones. Allen was a fan of all of them, and he shared this enthusiasm with younger generations. Allen loved music and was full of rock 'n' roll trivia. He was particularly a fan of classic rock but he continued to embrace new music throughout his life, and Allen and Lynn enjoyed attending many concerts together.

Allen was born in Birmingham, where he graduated from Huffman High School and attended Jefferson State Junior College. He moved to northeast Florida in 1988 and spent the remainder of his days enjoying the Florida sun.

Allen is survived by his wife of 42 years, Lynn, of St. Augustine; daughters, Carla Jean Whitley of Birmingham and Cheryl Joy (Mark) Miner of St. Augustine; son, Chad Whitley of St. Augustine; grandchildren, Mark, Bennett and Molly Miner, all of St. Augustine; mother, Justine Whitley Lockhart (Pete) of Trussville, Alabama; sister, Linda Whitley (Wendell Burdick) of Irondale, Alabama; brothers, Joe and Glenn Whitley, both of Birmingham; and niece Katie Whitley of Irondale; mother-in-law, Rose Vann of

Birmingham; and sister-in-law, Laura Vann of Birmingham. He was preceded in death by daughter, Cristin Whitley of New York City; father, Bob Whitley of Trussville; father-in-law, Carl Vann of Birmingham; and other relatives.

Allen's memorial service will take place at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 23 at Good News Church's World Golf Village campus in St. Augustine.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Augustine Youth Services or Good News Church. St Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - November 21, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ 49 files added to the album LifeTributes



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - November 21, 2019 at 09:23 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Allen Whitley.



November 20, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Allen Whitley.



November 19, 2019 at 11:51 PM



“ Allen and Lynn offered the kind of enduring friendship that time and distance didn't undermine. This friendship goes back almost fifty years for Allen and longer with Lynn. This sad news of Allen's passing has brought on reflection and some sweet recollections of Allen.

We were young together in the same place. Allen would smile with his whole face and especially when he was with Lynn. They were a really cute couple in high school - Allen was in ROTC and wore his uniform well. I recall attending a military ball with them in our Huffman days.

A few years after graduation, Lynn and Allen honored me when they asked me to stand beside them on their wedding day. Lynn had done the same for me a couple of years earlier.

As adults, I found it easy to admire Allen. His courage in business ventures worked well with Lynn's pragmatism and resourcefulness. They were a fine team. For all the years that I knew Allen, he worked hard to build a good life for his family.

Allen will most certainly be missed by those of us who knew him. Rodney and I are grateful for the wonderful visit last summer with Allen and Lynn.

Allen was a good man who took what life offered and did his best with it.

You are missed by many and I look forward to heaven where there are no "goodbyes".

- Patricia New Taylor

Patricia New Taylor - November 19, 2019 at 10:30 PM



“ Dear Lynn,

Allen's passing is a shock to us as it must have been for some others too. We are so very sorry...We remember Allen as a cheerful, really kindhearted and interesting man who adored his family and, as an extra bonus for us, also loved his music. We haven't got words that won't sound trite and typical, so instead we say how we mourn with you and for you and your family. We remind ourselves daily how our lives are indeed a vapor, so fleeting in God's grand scheme of things, but we are also hopeful because Jesus fixed it so that we will see our loved ones again. God has made that possible! We pray that He will comfort you as only He can...and even though it sounds trite, we are right here in WGV in the beautiful house you helped make possible for us, Please do not hesitate to call on us in the days to come.
Much love, Paula and Phil Holmes

Paula Holmes - November 19, 2019 at 08:33 PM



“ Dear Lynn, I was shocked to read your message. I pray God will give you and the family the peace that only He can give. I will be praying for all of you. In Christ love!!

Carole Dover - November 19, 2019 at 09:15 PM