



## Robert Joseph Whiteaker

December 14, 2005 - June 19, 2026

Robert Joseph Whiteaker, "R.J.," age 20, passed away on June 19, 2026. He was born on December 14, 2005 in Port Charlotte, FL, the beloved son of Amanda (Kinsolving) Stewart and Steven Whiteaker.

RJ went to school at Charlotte High School and previously Punta Gorda Middle School and East Elementary. He attended Destiny Church with his mother and step-father, and participated in youth group, events, and trips where he impacted many lives. Those who love him find comfort in knowing that he is now in the loving presence of God.

RJ enjoyed fishing, skateboarding, gaming, going to concerts, spending time with Rocco, Caden, Trevor, and the many other friends he had. He loved his cat, Gir, baking with his mom, exploring abandoned buildings, time at the beach, and always making people laugh. RJ was uniquely and unapologetically himself.

He is survived by his loving mother, Amanda A. Stewart and step-father, James R. Stewart; his step-sisters, Jamey Stewart and Hope Inman; his maternal grandparents, Joseph and Jodi Buonpastore (with whom he shared a special bond), his maternal aunt and uncle, Steven and Deven Parr, and their children, Wade and Bailey Parr and maternal aunt, Erika Buonpastore and her children, Jarika, Kingsley, and Kennady. He is also survived by his

father, Steven M. Whiteaker; paternal grandmother, Stacey Parker; paternal uncle and aunt, Ryan and Renee and their children; along with countless cousins, aunts, uncles, and extended family members who loved him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Robert "Boogie" Whiteaker.

Though his time here was far too short, the impact he made in the lives of those who knew him and loved him was profound. More than anything, RJ loved his family, and his family loved him beyond measure. He was deeply cherished not only by his family, but also by his friends, classmates, neighbors, church family, co-workers, and everyone fortunate enough to know him. RJ was pure light and joy. His presence filled rooms with laughter and love. The impact he made during his life will continue through the years to come. His laughter, kindness, and love for family and friends will remain in the hearts of all who were blessed to know him.

A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Destiny Church in St. Augustine, Florida, with a reception to follow at the church.

Flowers are encouraged to be sent to St. Johns Family Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation [https://www2.breakthrought1d.org/site/Donation2?2376.donation=form1&df\\_id=2376&mfc\\_pref=T](https://www2.breakthrought1d.org/site/Donation2?2376.donation=form1&df_id=2376&mfc_pref=T).

# Upcoming Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Destiny Church

1485 US 1

Saint Augustine, FL 32084