



Robert "Bob" Whitaker

January 18, 1940 - December 30, 2021

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He was employed as a cutoff technician at GM Brass for 25 years before retiring. Previously he was employed at Industrial Rubber, Watervliet Paper Mill and Joy's Scrap Yard. After retirement he became a handyman of all trades where he met a lot of new friends. Bob enjoyed fishing and traveling on short trips out of town. Mostly he loved spending time with his family and friends.

Bob will be greatly missed by his family which includes his wife, Barb; his children, Lee (Denise) Whitaker of Coloma, John (Cheryl) Whitaker of Riverside and Lisa (Frank) Nykamp of Watervliet; his mother, Blanchie Whitaker; his grandchildren, Brennan Campbell, Allison (Blake) Freeling, Alecia (Zack) Spear, Sabrina (Sam) Gacnik, Jessica (Jeff) Gearhart, Travis (Sarah) Parrigin, and Erika Nykamp; his numerous great grandchildren; his siblings, Bill (Delcie) Whitaker, Freda (Johnny) Smith, Wanda (Fred) Whitaker, Lois (Lauren) Harris, Donna (Kenneth) Connor, Eula (Gary) Tarantino, Jackie Whitaker, Ramona (Jeff) Griffith; his brother-in-law Leonard (Marsha) Griffith; his numerous nephews and nieces and his cats, Tony and Corey.

He was also preceded in death by his father, by his daughter, Lora, his nephews, Billy Whitaker and Tim Williams, his niece, Debbie Griffith and his brothers-in-law, James Jarvis, Larry and Loren Griffith and sister-in-law Linda Griffith and mother and father in law Lillian and Lee Griffith.

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Cemetery Details

Coloma Cemetery

5900 Coloma Road
Coloma, MI 49038

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
249 East Center Street
Coloma, MI 49038
(269) 468-3181
staff@florin.net

Service Celebrating His Life

JAN 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JAN 5. 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Tracy Griffeth Smith lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Whitaker*



Tracy Griffeth Smith - January 05, 2022 at 12:51 AM



“ *Rest in peace uncle Bob my thoughts and prayers are with the family you will be greatly missed by all who knew you and loved you*

tracy smith

Tracy Griffeth Smith - January 05, 2022 at 12:50 AM



“ *May God bless the entire Family and give us all the strength to deal with such a great loss, wish I could have seen you while I was there last week.*

*Love you Uncle Bob,
Danny Cates*

Danny Cates - January 04, 2022 at 07:58 PM



“ *Danny, Chrissy, Dylan, Jimmy Cates purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Robert "Bob" Whitaker.*



Danny, Chrissy, Dylan, Jimmy Cates - January 04, 2022 at 07:47 PM



“ *Bob was a good neighbor. He would help any of his neighbors when needed. Bob sure was a hard workin man even at his age. He could probably out work a lot of much younger men. I always envied his energy and drive . He loved his garden and was skilled at many things. Rest with Jesus neighbor. Your neighbors Wade & Tina*

Wade Blankenship - January 04, 2022 at 07:37 PM

TF

“ *Terri, Tamra, Casey & Families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert "Bob" Whitaker.*



Terri, Tamra, Casey & Families - January 04, 2022 at 10:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Whitaker.*



January 03, 2022 at 02:34 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Whitaker.*



January 03, 2022 at 10:29 AM



“ *I remember Bob from the neighborhood. It seems like I knew him and his family all my life. He was always there to help my mom when she needed anything. Always brought over fresh vegetables. He was a good man, who loved his family. Always had a big smile and a wave for us when ever we seen him out....He was a blessing to his second wife Barb. As she needed someone and he was there.... Sorry for the loss of this good man... Blessings to the family*
Phyllis Davis McNew

Phyllis Mcnew - January 02, 2022 at 03:00 PM

ES

Deepest sympathy to Barb and the family .May our God wrap his arms around you all giving you comfort and peace with strength during this difficult time
Blessings cousin Ella

Ella Jarvis Stuubelt - January 03, 2022 at 07:38 AM

LN

“ My dad was a good man, had a heart of gold, and would help anyone that crossed his path. I miss him so much and I'm going to keep all our memories together forever. I LOVE YOU DAD. Your daughter, Lisa

Lisa Nykamp - January 02, 2022 at 02:48 PM

TB

Love you Lisa. We wish we could be there with you all.

Tamra Braddock - January 04, 2022 at 10:45 AM

LD

So very sorry for your loss. This is Lillian Demler, Perry's mom. cherish those memories and when you feel sad, look up and smile for he is resting with the Lord, watching and waiting to continue making new memories. So very happy I got to meet you and Frank. Bless you and your family.

Lillian Demler - January 04, 2022 at 11:06 PM