



Raymond L. "Moose" Whitaker

September 11, 1959 - April 15, 2019

Raymond L. "Moose" Whitaker, 59, of Urbandale died at 3:22 PM Monday, April 15, 2019 at St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

He was born September 11, 1959 in Urbandale the son of Raymond Lee and Juanita Jane (Hafford) Whitaker.

Raymond worked in construction his entire adult life. He enjoyed fishing, watching Survivor on Wednesday nights and hanging out with his best friend Dustin "JugHead" Hubbs.

He is survived by his brothers, Phillip (Angela) Whitaker of Elkton, KY, Donnie (Jeannie) Whitaker of Golconda, Robert (Joann) Whitaker of Urbandale; sister, Jane Whitaker of Urbandale; numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jerry Whitaker; sister, Carolyn Whitaker.

Per Raymond's wishes, cremation was accorded.

Crain Funeral Home in Cairo is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

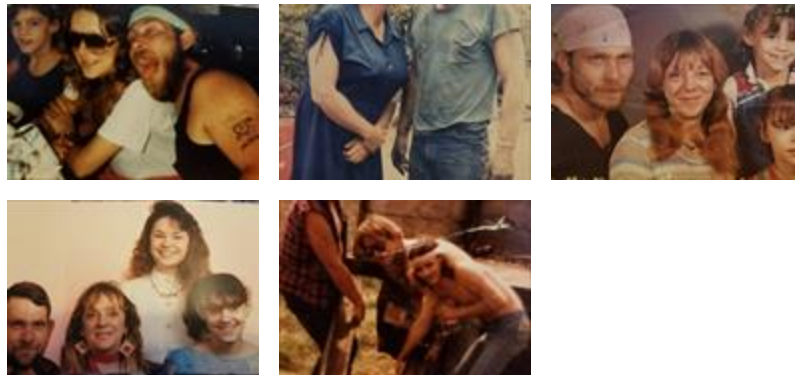


“ *Raymond L. "Moose" Whitaker*

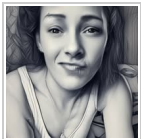
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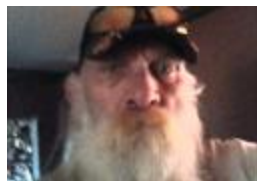
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Bonnie Demster - April 01, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Bonnie Demster - April 01, 2021 at 10:53 AM

CW

“ Uncle Moose Its Not A Day That Goes By That I Dont Think Of You 😞😞😞 I Wish You Was Here To Help Me Through This Storm Im In... Ill Forever Love You #MyForever2ndDad



Carolyn Whitaker - November 10, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ My Dad aka Raymond aka Moose aka Ray aka Leon



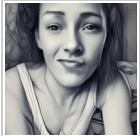
Bonnie Demster - May 06, 2019 at 02:57 AM



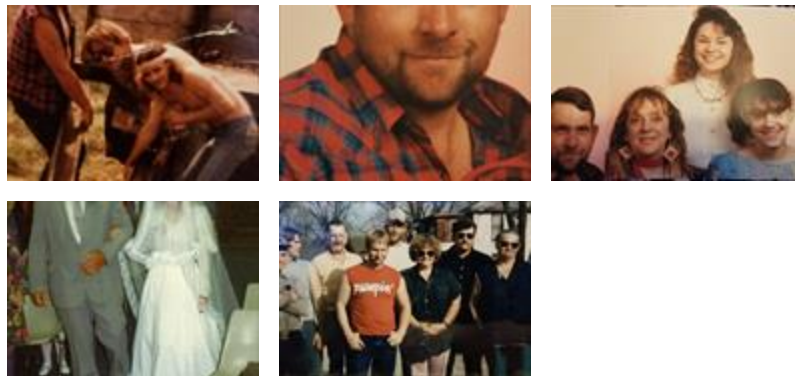
“Dad's are someone to look up to, someone to follow, someone to admire, someone to be proud of & someone to brag about. My Dad simply put was my hero. His character is the foundation of my conscience. He to this day, has always been my moral compass. He was my Dad - I kissed him on his cheek & hugged him goodnight every single night of my childhood. As a little girl, the bestest place to be was sitting on my dad's shoulders or walking beside him in a field or on the river or just riding around. He was my Dad & my Teacher. He taught by offering both good & bad examples by the way he lived his life. In his own unique way, he taught me how to love & how to be just who I am. Dad's teachings – they really were endless. He taught me so many of my firsts. How to drive a manual car, to love old trucks, how to thread a lure, how to cast a fishing rod, how to shoot a shot gun, how to drive a boat, change a tire, how to change my own oil. How to stick up for myself, how to be kind, giving, loving & loyal. He had an awesome way of spelling. I have taken in all these lessons, applied his wisdom & used all of these skills literally & figuratively – throughout my life. They were lessons in life & love, forever burned into my heart. He was my Friend – my Dad knew just how to be there. I measure virtually everything I do with the shadow my dad cast. I was amazed by him. And again & again, I discovered that he had tried to teach me & maybe I hadn't listened, but I had watched. Despite my best efforts, I learned so much from that powerful tough, huge burly man. He told me he was proud of me, proud of the woman I was, proud of the mother I was, and that he loved me. I have not nearly touched the surface of his ongoing influence on my life but I personally acknowledge & accept both the good & the bad, for I am who I am because of him. He made me think & he made me laugh. He did this in his own way. He gave me gifts that are more precious than anything in this world. Moose was my Dad, my Teacher, my Friend, my Superhero, my Strength, my Protector & my Guardian Angel. I always felt so safe with him. I miss him terribly every single day. Thank you, Dad, for being you. Keep watch on me as you always have & may the Peace of the Lord be with you & with us all. I told him that anything good that I've done or will do in my life

ALWAYS has a piece of him in it & that's how I keep him alive in my life. I re-read his words to me all the time. I really, really loved being Moose's daughter. Go hug your Dad.. Hug ALL your loved ones. Tell them ALL you love them. Time waits for no one Today's a gift, Yesterday was history, Tomorrow's a mystery.

Bonnie Demster - May 06, 2019 at 02:48 AM



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Bonnie Demster - May 06, 2019 at 02:48 AM



“ Kayla McCain sent a virtual gift in memory of Raymond L. "Moose" Whitaker



kayla mccain - April 22, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ *My brother, my friend, my shaman..so many places and spots in my life where filld by you . More than you know. You and your brothers showed me more about this life than my own blood..you never turned me away..I was never too high to be around.. you always looked out even when times was hard.. your kind but tuff advice always on my mind. Even if you didn't know that.. please say hi to Whitt. I miss him alot too.. thank you for being one hell of a good friend ..you will be sorely missed.. the impression you made on my life will remain with me brother till I dont draw breath.. words can't even describe it but you know my heart and that will have to do...till the wheels fall off brother..*

Neil Wissinger - April 21, 2019 at 07:14 AM

JM

May Moose rest in piece. I knew him from years ago when he worked with Joe Sullivan in Cairo. Joe worked for pat Webster plumbing. Joe & I lived together. Moose was a very good man.

Jean MacDonald - April 21, 2019 at 03:50 PM



Wow. I'm so blown away by this. I do what Moose thought of me within himself but I know that he always seemed glad to see me as I him. I miss you already big guy. Who can know what comes next. But whatever it is I am surely hoping to see you My Brother Moose. Rest in peace buddy.

Chris Carpenter - April 22, 2019 at 07:19 AM



“ *Ashley Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Raymond L. "Moose" Whitaker*



Ashley Reynolds - April 21, 2019 at 01:42 AM

CB

“ So sorry for your loss



Crystal Baker - April 19, 2019 at 03:01 PM

BW

“ *Moose, miss you and our talks brother. Say hello to Angie and give her my love. Tell Dad I love and miss him to. Fly high yall, until we meet again*

Bill Williams - April 19, 2019 at 06:38 AM

AN

“ *God Bless you Moose.. you were one of a kind and made this old world a much better place by being in it.*

You were a blessing to everyone who knew you.

Thank You for all of the love and life lessons you taught me.

I will treasure the memories I have of you always.

Please give Whit..Carolyn & Toby a great big hug for me.

Prayers & Blessings on the entire Whitaker family..

Peace be with you all. †



Andrea - April 18, 2019 at 10:02 PM

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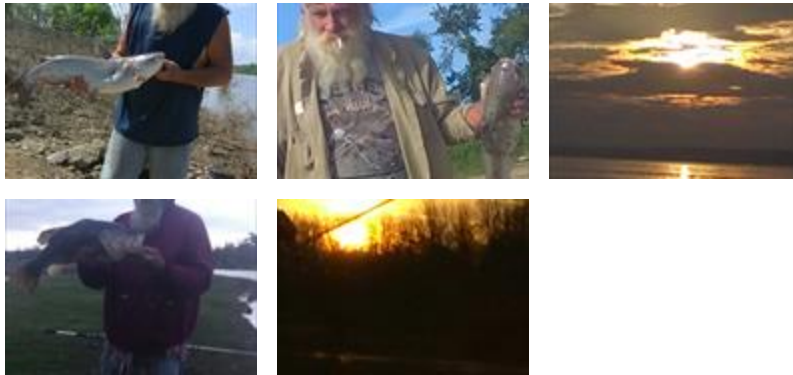
“ R.I.P. Buddy... U will be missed by so many.
💔 Me and Jess will miss u.



Christy - April 18, 2019 at 09:52 PM

Joann Whitaker

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Joann Whitaker - April 18, 2019 at 05:03 PM

Joann Whitaker

“ Bob and Moose fishing trips



Joann Whitaker - April 18, 2019 at 04:55 PM

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‡💖(((Great Big Hugs)))💖‡

Andrea - April 19, 2019 at 08:07 AM