



## Mr. Michael "Mickey" James Whitaker

March 4, 1956 - July 9, 2023

Mr. Michael "Mickey" James Whitaker, 67, transitioned to his heavenly home at 11:12 am on Sunday, July 9, 2023 in Elmwood, IL.

Michael, affectionally known as Mickey, was born on March 4, 1956 in Peoria, IL to Lionel Whitaker, Sr. and Ella (Bynum) Butler. He married the love of his life, Dianne Davis, in Peoria, IL on September 11, 2009.

Mickey was educated in Peoria District 150 and was a 1974 graduate of Peoria Manual High School. He matriculated to Eureka College, then later honorably served his country in the US Marine Corps.

Mickey was called the hardest working man on the planet by family and friends. He always had a project he was either completing or in progress.

Mickey had a long career at Peoria Water Company, retiring after 28 years of service in 2018 as a Foreman. He worked at his father's company, Whitaker and Sons Construction, Inc. for many years and enjoyed DIY home remodeling projects. Mickey had a passion for serving the community especially working with kids. He was a basketball referee for ISHA for the past two seasons. Mickey was a faithful member of St. Paul Peoria Church where he sang with the "Men of Praise" Choir. In his free time, he enjoyed playing basketball and fishing. Mickey never met a stranger and will be missed by a host of family and friends.

Mickey leaves to cherish his most precious memories, his wife of 13 years, Dianne Whitaker; stepmother, Shirley Whitaker; one brother, Lionel Whitaker, Jr. all of Peoria, IL; four sisters, Deborah Whitaker of Villa Rica, GA,

Rosemary Whitaker-Hughes, Kathy Whitaker and Penelope "Penny" Whitaker all of Peoria, IL; a special nephews, Kenneth Whitaker of Atlanta, GA, Brandun Hughes of Easton, MI and Lloyd Hughes, II of Peoria, IL and a host of family and friends who loved him. He is preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at St. Paul Baptist Church, with a one-hour visitation prior beginning at 10:00 am. Pastor Deveraux Hubbard, will officiate. Mickey will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery with US Marine Corps Military Honors. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Peoria  
114 W. Forrest Hill Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61604

## Celebration of Life

JUL 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Peoria, IL 61604

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Michael "Mickey" James Whitaker*



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**Simons Mortuary** - July 18, 2023 at 06:11 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - July 17, 2023 at 02:50 PM

AB

*Imma miss you cuz..you was a good man and a fun cuz..sad that I didn't see you once again.❤️*

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**APRIL L BYNUM** - July 18, 2023 at 12:08 PM

DT

“ Just finding out about your loss, praying that the Lord will keep and strengthen you during this time, our mothers (Mrs. Ella Butler and Carolyn Trammell) were best friends and our family's close....Donald E. Trammell

Donald Trammell - August 30, 2023 at 04:27 AM



“ 4 files added to the album Funeral Program



Simons Mortuary - July 19, 2023 at 02:51 PM

SG

“ Hello Rose for clarity, I went to high school with you. The previous condolence is from Sherri (Burns) Green.



Sherri (Burns) Green - July 19, 2023 at 12:24 PM

SG

“ Hello Rose and family, I am sorrow to hear the loss of your loved one. He has his wings and has graduated to eternal life. I will keep your family in my prayers!



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**Sherri (Burns) Green** - July 19, 2023 at 12:13 PM

EL

“ My sincere condolence to Dianne Whittaker, my childhood friend and the rest of the family. My the love and Strength of God guide you day by day. My thoughts and prayer are with you.

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**Ella Lee** - July 18, 2023 at 09:25 PM

TP

“ My God it's been along time since we were all growing up on Johnson St.! We were growing up you were already gone but, when you came it was really fun. When Nate told me a few weeks ago you helped him cut grass down at granny's I praise God for sending you and your sister to help him. Thank you...you'll be missed around here but God will send somebody else to help...I really appreciate your help. Wish I had gotten a chance to see you again to say it to you myself but God remembers all we do.. rest easy!!!

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**Toni Pankey** - July 18, 2023 at 03:56 PM



“ *Condolences to the family of Mickey. Mickey and I go way back to Manual High School. He would always greet you with a smile. The last few times we spoke, we were always catching different flights at Hartsville-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta to Peoria. Rest in Peace my Friend.*

*Michael Davis*

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**Michael Davis** - July 18, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ *Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael "Mickey" Whitaker*



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**Karen Ashby** - July 18, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mickey we go way back and I remember how much of a good friend you were to me. When I seen you this mothers day I didn't realize I was saying goodbye, you will always be remembered in my heart*

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**Brenda Tracy** - July 18, 2023 at 12:10 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael "Mickey" James Whitaker.*



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July 17, 2023 at 12:53 PM

MR

“ *Michael & Teresa Watts, Gladys Rivera purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Mr. Michael "Mickey" James Whitaker.*



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**Michael & Teresa Watts, Gladys Rivera** - July 17, 2023 at 10:23 AM

ML

“ *Mickey and I go all the way back to Douglas School...Manual High and Eureka Upward bound. Always a smile...and joke. Grateful to have a number of great memories...Rest on my Friend.*

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**Mark Lampkin** - July 16, 2023 at 11:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael "Mickey" James Whitaker.*



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July 15, 2023 at 11:14 AM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mickey" Whitaker*



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**Mattie Risby** - July 15, 2023 at 11:03 AM

RW

“ *Rena Webster-Horton lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mickey" Whitaker*



Rena Webster-Horton - July 15, 2023 at 12:26 AM

JB

“ *RIH GBNF Mr Michael "Mickie "James Whitaker. You're already missed dearly. We know GOD makes no mistakes so we are praying for your wife , family and all friends. This is a very hard see you later. Rest Easy ,Your Smile shall live on in our lives 4ever 4always.*



Joanie Brown - July 14, 2023 at 08:30 PM

AF

“ *Agnes Ewing - Crooks Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr. Michael "Mickey" James Whitaker.*



Agnes Ewing - Crooks Family - July 14, 2023 at 06:33 PM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael "Mickey" Whitaker*



Mattie Risby - July 14, 2023 at 04:23 PM

PD

“ Pam Dewalt lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mickey" Whitaker



Pam Dewalt - July 13, 2023 at 08:24 PM

KB

“ Dianne just wanted to let you know that Mickey's smiling face and sunny disposition will truly be missed, my wife Val and I love you and will continue to pray for God's continuing blessings for you and your family

Kenneth Bayliss - July 13, 2023 at 07:07 PM

PE

“ Phillip E.Hickman lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mickey" Whitaker



Phillip E.Hickman - July 13, 2023 at 08:05 AM

VB

“ Mickey, no-one can fill your shoes, but Kenny & I will do our best to address Dianne's need's whenever possible.



VAL BAYLISS - July 12, 2023 at 09:05 PM

KB

“ Will definitely miss my birthday twin- same day and year

KENNY BAYLISS - July 12, 2023 at 08:53 PM

KC

“ Kathea Clark lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mickey" Whitaker



Kathea V Clark - July 12, 2023 at 09:23 AM

DJ

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Mickey. I'm just in total shock, but I know it is not meant to always understand Gods will and plan. I'm truly gonna miss that beautiful smile that lit up a room. Rest In Peace my friend. "Riggs"



Debbie Johnson - July 12, 2023 at 12:07 AM

VM

“ Who would have ever imagined such a tragedy would happen to such a nice man. You made our families smile and have fun at all times; so for sure that smile will be missed at the church and family functions.

To Diane mourn if you must; understand you may never know how and why, but look to hills from whence come our help. Only God can heal the broken places and the lonely days and nights.

*My deepest sympathy coming from a widower of sorrow still.*

*May God bless and comfort you!*

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VMJD - July 11, 2023 at 11:38 PM

MS

“ Michelle Sledge-Bevemcy lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mickey" Whitaker



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Michelle Sledge-Bevemcy - July 11, 2023 at 06:20 PM

CK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the families  
RIP MICKEY, so hard to believe this , from Mr  
& Mrs Guy Jackson



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Charla King-Jackson - July 11, 2023 at 06:20 PM

BB

“ TO DIANE ,DEBBIE ,KATHY AND FAMILY SO SADDEN BY THE LOSS OF OUR LOVED ONE, HE WILL BE MISSED, ALWAYS LENDING A HELPING HAND TO THOSE IN NEED, GOD BE WITH YOU MY NEPHEW PRAYER FOR ALL. LOVE AUNT BARBARA (AUNTIE)

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**BARBARA BEASLEY** - July 11, 2023 at 03:56 PM

TJ

*To Diane I am deeply sadden by the loss of Mickey. WOW...I know that he is with God. I pray that you get through these days ahead knowing he is with The King.*

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**teri joshua** - July 12, 2023 at 03:44 PM

LT

*My deepest sympathy and prayers are with my family during this very difficult time. Know that GOD will see you through. Lori Whitaker Thurman*

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**Lori Whitaker Thurman** - July 14, 2023 at 10:31 AM

PC

“ *To the Family of Mr. Michael J. Whittaker:*

*The pastor and members of the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ would like to extend to you and your entire family our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one.*

*Even though our hearts are saddened, we pray that the Lord will comfort you and bless you with endearing memories that you will always treasure.*

*He is with you even in this time of sorrow too deep for words.*

*God be with you,*

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**Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ** - July 11, 2023 at 10:31 AM

R)

“ *Wow ! Wow ! Wow ... Is all I can say this hit hard stroll through my post too see my Brother / friend on my news feed on Facebook. We go way back since 1981 in the Warner. Ms. Bette Scott and family. So sorry for your loss and too my dear friend Penny Whittaker and family and friends. He will truly be missed. Prayer's and comfort and peace / condolences ... Much love Roslyn / Vivian*



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**Roslyn Harris ( Bond )** - July 11, 2023 at 09:52 AM

RA

“ Renee Adell lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mickey" Whitaker



Renee Adell - July 11, 2023 at 07:31 AM

SA

“ Mickey, you were always my favorite. No matter how much of a hard time you gave me. You were literally in my job at least 3 times a wk. I'm gonna miss you threatening to beat me up in the parking lot when I got off! Lol You always made me laugh. I can't even believe I'm typing this. Praying for strength for your wife and family. You will truly be missed.

Shannon Collins from Aldi - July 11, 2023 at 02:52 AM

SW

“ Sonya Wade lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mickey" Whitaker



Sonya Wade - July 10, 2023 at 11:37 PM

VH

“ "Mickey" you will be sorely missed!! Seeing your pic brought back some happy times in the old Warner Homes...R.I.P friend 🙏, Vickie

Vickie Harris - July 10, 2023 at 09:30 PM

TJ

*The last time I saw you me you and Toby was playing Pinocchol and I had a hand that only comes around once in a life time. I forgot to dis 3 cards and was set. Man you and Toby laughed at me so much yall made me cry. I was freshly taught and felt like I shoul da been given a break. I will never forget that day ever. A month later you took me to the Airport and I came home. It's been a long time. However, I ask Toby about you when we talk. I am 🤔 shocked and sad. Toby barely held his composure while he told me the sad news. I thank God he gave his life to God and was saved. May God help you all get pass the pain of his passing.*

teri joshua - July 12, 2023 at 03:52 PM

CE

“ Curtis Deborah Easley lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mickey" Whitaker



Curtis & Deborah Easley - July 10, 2023 at 09:19 PM

QB

“ Quinn Bailey lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mickey" Whitaker



Quinn Bailey - July 10, 2023 at 08:58 PM

DF

“ Deborah Faggett lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mickey" Whitaker



Deborah Faggett - July 10, 2023 at 07:24 PM

BF

*Will miss that great smile.*

**Brent Foster** - July 14, 2023 at 02:47 AM

AF

“ *Anita and Family lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mickey" Whitaker*



**Anita Crooks and Family** - July 10, 2023 at 07:07 PM

JW

“ *Prayers and condolences to the family!* 🙏

**Janell Walker** - July 10, 2023 at 06:53 PM

JH

*Jeffrey Hopkins..... I miss you already big cuz and I will always remember and miss the most is when you use to come to my house in your work truck and mess with her and say ,, I'm sorry auntie I'm here to cut your water off and you could never hold your laugh back then she knew you was kidding around.... But you will be missed always big cuz*

**Jeffrey Hopkins** - July 18, 2023 at 02:00 PM

MD

*Dianne We are keeping you in prayer on a continuous basis, because we miss Mickey so much as he was like a brother to us. Mickey loved everyone and did a lot of work to help us on an ongoing basis. We will miss his smile and the Lord has gained a angel in the heaven. Be Blessed and Safe Melvin and Marjorie Kay Douglas*

**Marjorie K. Douglas** - August 07, 2023 at 11:16 AM